

Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
October 25, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office, with Secretary Utleby present.

Members present: Mr. Cochrane, Ms. Tracy, Mr. Moritz, Mr. Kent, Ms. Pratt, and Mr. Hansen.

Absent: Ms. Shimkat.

Others present: Superintendent Joel, Executive Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Elementary Education Anderson, Director of Secondary Education Doebel, Director of Buildings and Grounds Utleby, Director of Communications Lane, Director of Human Resources Whitmore, Director of Special Education Stangeland, one mass media representative, and 24 other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Tracy, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hansen, seconded by Moritz, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of minutes of the October 11, 2021, Regular Meeting; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) approval of open enrollment requests from Daniel & Amanda Gascho, for Cayden Gascho, requests open enrollment from the Humboldt Community School District to the Ft. Dodge, Community School District for the 2021-2022 school year; and Kyle Whittington, for Waylon Whittington, requests open enrollment from the Southeast Webster Grand Community School District to the Ft. Dodge, Community School District for the 2021-2022 school year; 3.4) approval of contracts – none submitted; 3.5) approval of fundraising requests from Feelhaver Booster Club; Senior Class; and FDSH Girls' Swimming; 3.6) approval of gifts received – none submitted; 3.7) facility fee waivers – none submitted; and 3.8) allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant, equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Recognitions/Awards

None.

Communication/Announcements

None.

Public Hearing

6:01 p.m. – President Cochrane called for a public hearing on the Annual Asbestos Information Meeting. There were no written or oral comments from the public. President Cochrane closed the hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

The Board of Education reviewed the first reading of Board Policies and Procedures: 111 Assistance Animals, 204.4 Closed Sessions, 204.5 Organization of the Board of Directors, 204.11 Board Meeting Agenda, 204.15 Exempt Meetings, 304.1 Communication Channels, 400.13 Employee Complaints, 502.10 Student Complaints and Grievances, and 603.3A Insufficient Classroom Space. The second reading will be held on November 8, 2021.

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Pratt, to approve the Chapter 12 Exemption Request for Secondary Physical Education Requirements for 2022-2023. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Kent, seconded by Moritz, to accept the monthly financial reports for September 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Dr. Joel reported that the Certified Enrollment has been certified and enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is 3,658.78 students, which is down 15.79 students from the 2020-2021 school year. Board members asked questions and shared in the discussion.

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Kent, to approve the 2021-2022 Early Retirement Incentive Offering. For those full-time staff members who qualify the incentive will include accumulated sick day compensation to be paid into a non-elective 403(b) account. Deadline for submitting applications for early retirement is December 10, 2021. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) Red Ribbon Week is being celebrated at all elementary buildings; 2) congratulations to all fall sports and activities participants; and 3) the second board meeting in November will be held at the Middle School Auditorium for recognition of fall activities and athletics.

Board Updates: Board member Pratt shared information from the Iowa Talented and Gifted Association.

Adjournment

Moved by Tracy, seconded by Moritz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Adriana Utley
Board Secretary

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