

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Board President Mark Knuth called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room, District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Present were President Mark Knuth, Vice-President Chad Vaske, Board members John Lembezeder, Jessica Pape, Mark Tilson, and Superintendent Rick Colpitts.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed 5-0.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

1. Minutes of June 20, 2016 regular meeting. Motion by Pape, second by Vaske to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Bills and Claims for June. Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

1. Superintendent's Report: 1) WDCSD administrators and instructional coaches did a fantastic job presenting at the KPEC Conference sponsored by Keystone AEA; 2) Superintendent Colpitts spoke at the Junior Achievement (JA) Hall of Fame Banquet; Mr. Colpitts serves as a JA Board member and instructor; 3) Mr. Colpitts read to students participating in the St. Mark's Summer Enrichment program at Dyersville Elementary; the session was video-taped and viewable on Facebook.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

1. Financial Reports of District
2. Personnel
 - a. Resignations
 1. Olin Skattum, Asst. Jr. High Girls' Track, CHS
 - b. Employment
 1. Nicholas Elsinger, Asst. Varsity Girls' Track, WDHS, \$2,978.00
 2. Brett Firzlaff, Boys' 7th Grade Basketball, DMIS, \$2,382.40
 3. Kelsey Harms, .8 FTE Pre-K Teacher, CES, \$27,605.76
 4. Bethany Storm, Special Education Teacher, DMIS, \$34,507.20
 5. Hunter Westhoff, Asst. Boys' Middle School Track, DMIS, \$1,191.20
 6. Hunter Westhoff, Asst. 7th Grade Football, DMIS, \$1,786.80
 7. Mandi White, Freshmen Volleyball, WDHS, \$2,382.40
3. Out of State Travel 0- None
4. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings - None
5. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests - None
6. Resolutions – None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approve four 2017 IASB Legislative Action Priorities: Motion by Tilson, second by Pape to approve the following four 2017 IASB legislative priorities. Motion passed 5-0.
 - a. **School Funding Policy (Resolution 20)** Supports a school foundation formula that:
 - Provides adequate and timely funding;
 - Provides a funding mechanism for transportation costs that reduces the pressure on the general fund and addresses inequities between school districts;
 - Includes factors based on changes in demographics including socio-economic status, remedial programming, and enrollment challenges;
 - Equalizes per pupil funding;
 - Incorporates categorical funding in the formula within three years; and
 - Includes a mix of property taxes and state aid
 - b. **Standards and Accountability (Resolution 2)** Supports continued progress in the development of rigorous content standards and benchmarks that reflect the real-world knowledge and skills students need to graduate from high school prepared for college or to enter the workforce, including the following state actions:
 - Provide and fund technical assistance to help school districts fully implement the Iowa Core Content Standards which define what students should know and be able to do in math, science, English language arts, social studies, and 21st Century skills in areas such as financial and technological literacy.
 - Adopt high-quality summative and formative assessments, aligned to the skills students should know and be able to do to succeed globally and locally.
 - Support research based professional development that provides educators with training, support and time to work together so that they can successfully teach a rigorous curriculum to all students. Ensure that curriculum decisions about how to teach remain in the hands of local schools and teachers.
 - Include and fund all the components of successful standards systems: assessments aligned to high expectations, improved and aligned instruction and quality professional development.
 - c. **State Penny (Resolution 28)** Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions. Supports repeal of the Dec. 31, 2029 sunset.
 - d. **Teacher Leadership and Development (Resolution 13)** Supports research-based programs and funding to develop strong instructional leadership including:
 - teacher leadership and development
 - beginning teacher mentoring programs
 - quality professional development programs.
2. Approve Bakery Bids: Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to award the bid for bakery products to Bimbo Bakeries USA for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Approve Dairy Bids: Motion by Pape, second by Lembezeder to award the bid for dairy products to Anderson Erickson for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Appoint Board Secretary: Motion by Pape, second by Tilson to appoint Jeni Schindler Board Secretary for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Appoint Board Treasurer: Motion by Vaske, second by Lembezeder to appoint Mark Frasher Board Treasurer for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Approve amendment to Superintendent contract language: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Vaske to approve amendment to Superintendent's contract language making it a rolling contract. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Approve Resolution declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the School District for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects: Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to approve the following resolution declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the School District for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects. Business Manager Mark Frasher explained that because the District plans to expend funds prior to receiving the proceeds of the Bonds, an explanation is necessary on reimbursement restrictions established by Internal Revenue Service regulations. Reimbursement is limited to expenditures made within sixty (60) days prior to this Board action. Roll call vote: Knuth-yes, Vaske-yes, Lembezeder-yes, Pape-yes, Tilson-yes. Motion passed 5-0.

WHEREAS, the School District anticipates making cash expenditures for one or more capital improvement projects generally described below (each of which shall hereinafter be referred to as a "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the School District reasonably expects to issue debt to reimburse the costs of a Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is consistent with the School District's budgetary and financial circumstances to issue this declaration of official intent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Resolution be and does hereby serve as a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

Section 2. That it is reasonably expected that capital expenditures will be made in respect of the following Projects, from time to time and in such amounts as this Board determines to be necessary or desirable under the circumstances then and there existing.

Section 3. That the School District reasonably expects to reimburse all or a portion of the following expenditures with the proceeds of bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued or incurred by the School District in the future.

Section 4. That the total estimated costs of the Projects, the maximum principal amount of the bonds, notes or other indebtedness to be issued for the foregoing Projects and the estimated dates of completion of the Projects are reasonably expected to be as follows:

| Project: | Fund from which original expenditures are to be advanced: | Total Estimated Cost: | Amount of Borrowing Anticipated: | Estimated Date of Completion: |
|---|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Peosta Elementary School Addition and Remodel; and Cascade Elementary School Addition and Remodel | Capital Projects Fund | \$7,000,000 | \$7,000,000 | December, 2017 |

Section 5. That the School District reasonably expects to reimburse the above-mentioned Project costs not later than the later of eighteen months after the capital expenditures are paid or eighteen months after the property is placed in service.

Section 6. That this Resolution be maintained by the Secretary of the Board of Directors in an Official Intent File maintained in the office of the Secretary and available at all times for public inspection, subject to such revisions as may be necessary.

8. Approve amendment to Health Reimbursement Arrangement plan for retirees: Motion by Vaske, second by Pape to approve amendment to Health Reimbursement Arrangement plan for retirees as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Lembezeder, second by Tilson to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. on July 11, 2016.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Date

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education

Date