

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes
Organizational Meeting
September 8, 2014 – 6:57 p.m.

Call to Order:

Jeni Schindler Board Secretary/President pro-tem, called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present were Jeanne Coppola, Mark Knuth, Mark Tilson, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

New Business:

- 1) Appointment of Board member to fill Mr. McAndrew's term: Nominations for appointment of a Board member to fill Gary McAndrew's term were called for by Jeni Schindler. Chad Vaske nominated John Lembezeder to fill the Board vacancy with a second by Mark Knuth. No other nominations were made. All Board members voted in favor and John Lembezeder was appointed to the Board.
- 2) The Board Secretary will administer the oath to new member: The oath of office was administered to Board member John Lembezeder by Board Secretary Jeni Schindler.
- 3) Election of a President of the Board: Nominations for the position of President of the Board were called for by Jeni Schindler. Chad Vaske nominated Mark Knuth to be President of the Board. No other nominations were received. All Board members voted in favor and Mark Knuth was declared winner. The Oath of Office was administered by Board Secretary Jeni Schindler and Mark Knuth assumed the chair as President.
- 4) Election of Vice-President of the Board: Nominations for the position of Vice-President of the Board were called for by President Knuth. Jeanne Coppola nominated Chad Vaske to be Vice-President of the Board. No other nominations were received. All Board members voted in favor and Chad Vaske was declared winner. The Oath of Office was administered by President Knuth and Chad Vaske assumed the office of Vice-President of the Board.
- 5) Appointment of Committee Members: The following Committee appointments were announced.
 - a) Facility – Mark Knuth and Chad Vaske
 - b) Policy – John Lembezeder and Mark Tilson
 - c) Legislative - Jeanne Coppola
 - d) School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) – John Lembezeder and Chad Vaske
 - e) Dubuque County Conference Board – Mark Tilson
 - f) Jones County Conference Board – Mark Knuth
 - g) IASB Delegate Assembly – Mark Tilson
- 6) Set Board visits to buildings for first semester: The schedule for visits to the school buildings was adopted as presented.
- 7) Approve Title 1 Application: Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to approve the 2014-2015 Title 1 Reading Application to the Department of Education. Motion passed 5-0.
- 8) Set dates and times for Board meetings and work sessions: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to maintain the current meeting schedule of the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for Regular Board meetings and the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for work sessions as needed. Motion passed 5-0.
- 9) Board action to authorize the execution of the Deed by the President and Secretary to clear up a title defect to property of which the District claims no interest. Motion by Tilson, second by Vaske to authorize the execution of a Quit Claim Deed to Cecil and Jeannette Knuth for \$1 for property on which a County schoolhouse once stood. Motion passed 5-0.

- 10) Approve Purchase of Land Adjacent to Cascade Elementary: Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to purchase .36 acres of land located southeast of the front of Cascade Elementary on Harrison Street in Cascade from Beecher Management Corp. for \$17,500. Motion passed 5-0.
- 11) Approve Purchase of Land Adjacent to Cascade Elementary: Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to purchase .26 acres of land directly west of Cascade Elementary from Mark Hughes for \$60,000 with \$7,500 in escrow for removing structures from the property. Future use of the land to be for staff parking. Motion passed 5-0.
- 12) Closed Session: Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) Superintendent Evaluation: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Roll call vote: Coppola-yes; Knuth-yes; Lembezeder-yes; Tilson-yes; Vaske-yes. Motion passed 5-0. The Board entered into closed session at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 8:11 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion by Tilson, second by Lembezeder to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on September 8, 2014.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Mark Knuth
President, Board of Education