

**WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
Regular Meeting  
April 9, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:**

Board President Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence and reading of the District Vision Statement and Goals.

**Roll Call:**

Present were President Bob McCabe, Vice-President Jeanne Coppola, Mark Knuth, Gary McAndrew, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The following changes to the Agenda were announced:

Consent Agenda:

Employment:

7. Josie Kennicott – Sophomore Softball Coach –WDHS - \$2,179.20

Donations:

From Peosta Elementary Parent Group: Outdoor Classroom/Pavilion. Estimated value \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to approve the Agenda with the noted changes.

Motion passed 5-0.

**Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:**

Open Forum: No comments were received from the public.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

- a. March 12, 2012 regular session. Motion by Knuth, second by McAndrew to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for the month of March: Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

**Reports:**

Principals Reports: Reading and Math goals at the Cascade and Bernard schools were met. Student lead conferences will be studied for use at Cascade/Bernard. Lock down drills at the schools is under way. Parent teacher conference attendance is up. DMS play production was deemed a success. Farley elementary carnival is planned for April 19<sup>th</sup>. End of school year activities are being planned. Drexler MS grades 7 & 8 will be going to the House Concept (teachers share the same students) of teacher assignments for next year.

Cascade/Bernard Elementary Building Highlights: Jane Boffeli, Cascade Elementary instructor provided the Board an overview of the 1<sup>st</sup> year implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Program (PBIS) at the Cascade/Bernard schools. Topics included – main purpose of program, teaching and learning, staff training, expectations, activities, student perspective, corrective consequences and responses to intervention.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Corkery advised the Board that at the May School Board meeting he will be presenting a change to the attendance boundary for the Cascade and Bernard elementary schools. He noted that attendance waivers, class sizes, parent concerns, transportation issues along with other practical considerations are reasons for considering a change in the line. The district's new plan on a page and scorecard will be presented at the May meeting. Dr. Jay Marino will be returning to the District to meet with building leadership teams to strengthen and enhance the District's Continuous Improvement Program. Special thanks to the important role that the Our Future Now committee had in the successful passage of the 04-03-2012 Bond and PPEL vote. The Board Facility Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss the planning and coordination needed for the approved building projects including committee duties, project manager issues and public input.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted changes. Motion passed 5-0. Superintendent Corkery offered a special thanks to Principal Brouwer for the great job that she has done at the Drexler MS. He also thanked the Peosta parent group for their outdoor pavilion donation. Board member Coppola expressed a special thank you to the retiring teachers for their many years of service to the District.

- a. Financial Reports of District
- b. Personnel
  1. Resignations
    - a) Molly Bolibaugh – Varsity Softball Asst. Co-Coach - CHS
    - b) Pam Christensen-Goffinet – Elem. TAG Teacher - District
    - c) Shaun Marden – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher - DMIS
    - d) Gregg Marolf – Instrumental Music Teacher – DMIS
    - e) Gregg Marolf – Asst. MS Band – DMIS
    - f) Gregg Marolf – Summer Band – DMIS
    - g) Amber Meyer – Varsity Softball Asst. Co-Coach – CHS
    - h) Janelle Brouwer – Principal - Drexler Middle School
  2. Employment
    - a) Molly Bolibaugh – Varsity Softball Asst. Coach – CHS \$2,179.20
    - b) Dan Doyle – Middle School Boys Asst. Track – DMIS \$1,089.60
    - c) Mike Merritt – Girls Golf Coach – CHS \$2,724.00
    - d) Amber Meyer – Sophomore Softball Coach – CHS \$2,179.20
    - e) Heather Scott – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach – CHS \$2,179.20
    - f) Ken Weber – Varsity Softball Coach – CHS \$3,813.60
    - g) Josie Kennicott – Sophomore Softball Coach –WDHS - \$2,179.20
- c. Out of State Travel  
No Requests
- d. Policy Revisions 1st and 2nd Readings: Under New Business
- e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests  
From Peosta Elementary Parent Group: Outdoor Classroom/Pavilion.  
Estimated value \$8,000 to \$10,000.
- f. Resolutions: None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a. Public Hearing on Amendment to 2011-12 Budget: Motion by Knuth, second by McAndrew to open the public hearing on the amendment to the 2011-12 Budget. Motion passed 5-0. No comments written or verbal were made for or against the amendment. Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to adopt the following amendment to the District’s 2011-12 Budget. Motion passed 5-0.

2011-12 Budget Amendment			
Area	From	To	Reasons
<b>Instruction</b>			
<b>Support Services</b>	9,378,287	9,916,565	Dyersville & Drexler Library & Technology
<b>Non-Instructional Programs</b>	\$1,679,823	\$1,796,638	Recoding of Food Service Custodial/Clerical
<b>Construction, Debt &amp; AEA</b>	\$5,707,818	\$6,682,563	Timing of construction projects
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,765,928</b>	<b>\$18,395,766</b>	

- b. Public Hearing on 2012-13 Budget: Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to open the public hearing on the 2012-13 Budget. Motion passed 5-0. No comments written or verbal were made for or against the proposed budget. Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to adopt the following budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Motion passed 5-0.

2012-13 Budget	
*Instruction	\$21,544,789
*Total Support Services	\$10,152,626
*Non-Instructional Programs	\$1,881,712
*Total Other Expenditures	\$3,866,142
Total Expenditures	\$37,445,269

- c. First Reading Board Policies #603.5 – 607.1: Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to approve the first reading of policies #603.5 – 607.1. Motion passed 5-0.
- d. First Reading 505.5 Graduation Requirements: Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to approve the first reading of 505.5 graduation requirements. Motion passed 5-0.
- e. Receive and Approve Abstract of Election Results. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to receive and approve the following Abstract of Election Results from the April 3, 2012 Bond Issue/PPEL vote from the Members of the County Board of Supervisor’s and ex-officio County Board of Canvassers for Dubuque County, Motion passed 5-0.

**Bond Issue:**

Shall the Board of Directors of the Western Dubuque County Community School District in the Counties of Dubuque, Clayton, Delaware, Jackson and Jones, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16,500,000 - funds will be used for technology upgrades District-Wide and to build additions to, remodel, improve, repair, furnish and equip the following buildings and sites: Cascade Jr./Sr. High School, Cascade Elementary, Drexler Middle /Intermediate School, Peosta Elementary and Western Dubuque High School?

Voting Yes: 2,895 votes

Voting No: 1,280 votes

Total Votes: 4,175 votes

The public measure was declared to be ADOPTED

**Physical Plant & Equipment Levy:**

Shall the Board of Directors of the Western Dubuque County Community School District, in the Counties of Dubuque, Clayton, Delaware, Jackson and Jones, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy an annual physical plant and equipment levy upon all taxable property in said School District, said levy not to exceed \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in any one school year, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the levy to be made for collection in the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2012, the money received from the levy shall be expended only for those purposes now or hereafter authorized by Iowa Code Chapter 298?

Voting Yes: 2,715 votes

Voting No: 1,431 votes

Total Votes: 4,146 votes

The public measure was declared to be ADOPTED

- f. Resolution Adopting the Director District Boundaries per 2010 Census: Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to table action on the Resolution. Motion passed 5-0.
- g. Closed Session – Negotiations: Motion by McAndrew second by Knuth to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 20.17(3) Collective Bargaining – Strategy Session. Roll call vote. McCabe – yes, Coppola – yes, Knuth –yes, McAndrew – yes and Vaske – yes. Motion passed 5-0. The Board entered into closed session at 7:45 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 8:25 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on April 9, 2012.

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David A. Wegmann  
Board Secretary

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Robert McCabe  
President, Board of Education