

Dunkerton Community School
August 10, 2022
Regular Board Meeting 6:30p.m.
ICN/Board Room

Directors: President-Kirby Marquart, Vice President-Lyle McIntosh, Elizabeth Downs, Dan Knebel, Chad Wolfensperger, Superintendent-B.J. Meaney

Guests: Jacob Bauer-Align Architecture & Planning, Alex Matheson-MODUS, Patty Foster-Elementary Principal, Kory Kelchen-Secondary Principal/AD

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Kirby Marquart.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried: 5-0.

President Kirby Marquart requested Administrators reports.

Superintendent: BJ Meaney presented a written report; shared a few legal updates to include all OE deadlines have been removed with NEW billings based on per diem basis during the school year. Student athletes are still ineligible for 90 days unless previous exceptions are met. Shared Financial Indicator Report: cash status of the District is strong going into the new year. A few other items will be discussed later in this meeting.

Secondary Principal Kory Kelchen shared a written report: still looking to fill two (2) paraeducator and a few open coaching positions before school starts. We are transitioning from the National Honor Society to the "Raider Honors Club". Set criteria (similar to NHS) must be met to stay in the club. Fall sports are underway; will discuss open coaching positions & baseball/softball project later in meeting.

Elementary Principal Patty Foster shared a written report and expressed staff excitement for the new school year. Finishing up the Jumpstart Reading program this week; THANK YOU to our dedicated staff for making this week successful. Numerous educational teams have met or will meet this next week for trainings to start the year off great. FY22 elementary student numbers ended at 159 last year; 173 K-5 students have registered so far this FY23 year; 188 including 4 yr. old preschoolers.

President Marquart requested update on buildings and grounds:

Still waiting on concrete bids for the bus barn floor from Miller Construction & Concrete. Jacob Bauer (Align) & Alex Matheson (Modus) shared results of the Elem HVAC BID opening held June 28th. BIDS came back much higher than expected with a low bid submitted by Peters Construction at \$1,144,441.00. Both companies visited with Peters Construction to discuss costing and options available to cut costs, Following lengthy discussion, motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh have architects/engineers follow up with options discussed to significantly lower cost and re-bid the project as soon as possible. Motion carried 5-0.

Service Roofing is here, hoping to finish up the roofing project this next week. Grinding of all tree stumps will take place this weekend. Neither Jeff nor Patty have found a concrete contractor to get the playground steps completed before school starts. Following discussion, Directors agreed to ask Jeff to demo the current steps if possible and build temporary wooden steps/railings until concrete schedules open up. AD Kory Kelchen shared updated details with the softball/baseball

field project. Numerous bid options/designs were presented to help solve our serious field drainage problems. Work needs to start this fall to have the complex ready for FY23 spring season. Following lengthy discussion, a motion was made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve Option 1-quotes as submitted by Cory Best-tiling, Ogden Turf-rebuild field surfaces/tile drainage; Beacon-backstop walls/netting, Green Image-irrigation with a total cost of approximately \$148,000. District will cover \$140,000 using Capital Project (State Penny) Funds and the remaining \$10,000 cost provided by Athletic Boosters and community donors. Motion carried: 5-0.

The Board Secretary shared a few brief notes from MidAmerican energy regarding recent high energy costs. The District AC system has been running non-stop since May for various indoor projects, summer school, camps, waxing of facilities and increased "summer rates" have all contributed to higher energy costs.

Superintendent Meaney shared a written report sent out by the Iowa Dept. of Education to include guidance on a summary of changes for Iowa schools approved by Legislators this past session. Directors can contact the Superintendent should they have specific questions with any of the updates or new policies.

Kirby Marquart shared four (4) 2022-23 Open Enrollment applications for Ethan Miller (K), Ella Miller (3rd), Andrea Miller (5th) & Alexia Miller (5th) from Dunkerton CSD to Jesup CSD.

Superintendent BJ Meaney presented the final District cost for the previously approved new AG Instructor services shared with Denver CSD. Dunkertons 25% share of the FTE contract will cost \$25,382.81 for FY23 school year.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve the resignation of Ms. Cassie Ellsworth as MS/HS Special Education Para-educator. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Downs to approve the resignation of Mr. Dalton Burch as Strength & Conditioning Coach. Motion carried: 5-0.

Directors considered the Maintenance Director's request to hire an additional part-time custodial worker to assist with cleaning during evening indoor activity events. Directors agreed to create internal posting for all staff to consider this option for "limited" additional work hours.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Wolfensperger to approve the hiring of Mr. Jason Bedard as JH Football Coach for the upcoming 2022 fall season. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve as presented the FY23 Head Start Agreement with Tri-County Child & Family Development Council. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the FY23 IXL Online License Subscription Agreement for 300 K-8 students at a cost of \$5,600. Motion carried: 5-0.

Following receipt of the Dunkerton Children Learning Center "notice of closure" letter, motion made by Downs, second by Wolfensperger to discontinue the current lease agreement on August 31, 2022. Elementary Principal Patty Foster will contact the current director to determine time needed to remove property from the school facility with current rent adjusted to include renting one room for storage until property is sold/removed from the building. Dunkerton CSD Board of Directors will determine a new rental rate for this one room at their September 14th meeting. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the three (3) year: 2022-2025 GoGuardian Chromebook Management Agreement & total costing option at \$27,450.00; \$9,150.00/year. Motion carried: 5-0.

No guests currently in attendance. No written comments received.

FYI-"Welcome Back to School" schedule was shared with Directors. All are invited to attend events as their work schedules allow.

Next Board meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Downs to adjourn at 8:08 pm; "all in favor"? by Marquart. Motion carried: 5-0.

Kirby Marquart, President

Amy Morley, Board Secretary

* These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next board meeting.