

Dunkerton Community School
September 14, 2022
Regular Board Meeting 6:30p.m.
ICN/Board Room

Directors: President-Kirby Marquart, Vice President-Lyle McIntosh, Elizabeth Downs-6:34pm, Dan Knebel-6:33pm, Chad Wolfensperger, Superintendent-B.J. Meaney

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Kirby Marquart.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 3-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried: 3-0.

President Kirby Marquart requested Administrators reports.

Superintendent: BJ Meaney presented a written report: held conversation with local Sheriff's Dept regarding recent staff Active Shooter training; working with Kory Kelchen on potential updates to District weight room; spoke with Architects about new HVAC/Air System proposal in Elem.

building—they will present later during this meeting; shared **1st day enrollment numbers** for each grade PK-12. Will share recommended Policy Primer updates during New Business; Admin Team would like to propose hourly Substitute staff pay increase and Federal/State guidelines tell us we need to adjust our minimum cost for Adult lunch to \$4.15/meal; Jeff has reworked elem playground steps until contractor can complete replacement of these steps; will need Board to review/approve resolution to use PPEL funds to cover cost of Athletic Safety equipment. The District school nurse's contract has been adjusted to meet hours needed by the District.

Secondary Principal Kory Kelchen shared his MS/HS highlights for the month: staff & students are settling in for the new school year; October 10th our staff will travel to Denver for collaborative PD presentation by Brooks Harper; all Fall activities/team sports up and running; continue to work with local vendors regarding Bsb/Sb field project; hope to fill a few open activity positions tonight.

Elementary Principal Patty Foster shared a written report: students & staff are off to "great start"; Fall reading & SEL assessments have started; Learning Walks will begin in October & Student Solutions team will meet this week. The Dunkerton Learning Center would like to rent one classroom for storage through June 2023. More discussion to follow under Old Business.:

President Kirby Marquart requested update on buildings and grounds:

District office is still waiting on a concrete bid for the bus barn floor from Miller Construction & Concrete. District received a new quote from Cedar Valley Handyman, LLC. to replace the elementary playground steps. Following discussion, Directors tabled final decision for Oct. meeting & asked Admin Team to seek additional quotes from Lister & Trueg contractors. AD Kory Kelchen shared a few updated details with the softball/baseball field project. May need to wait for FB season to end before work starts—Kory will check will contractors.

Following a brief discussion, directors agreed not to charge rent for DCLC classroom storage if ALL their property can be moved into one classroom within the next 30 days.

Superintendent Meaney shared Open Enrollment numbers for the month. Motion made by Knebel, second by Downs to approve eight OE applications into the Dunkerton CSD from Waterloo and two requests for OE out to Cedar Falls CSD. Motion carried: 5-0.

Superintendent BJ Meaney stated not much Educational news during this Legislative session. Will share the recommended IASB Policy Primer update information under New Business.

Mr. Marquart turned the floor over to Jacob Bauer (Align) & Alex Matheson (Modus). Both companies have met with MEP Subcontractors & Peter's Construction to explore options for reducing HVAC project costs. A written report was presented with various options, including a recommendation to use "add alternate proposals" as a way to control pricing costs on various portions of the contracted work and manage timelines. At this time, both companies believe the project costs can be reduced to approximately \$680,000. Company representatives will draft documents to REBID Project with Summer 2023 as projected start time. Necessary equipment/supplies can be ordered as soon as the bidding process is complete to make sure materials are available for the start of the project.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to move forward with Re-bidding process for new Elem HVAC/Air System Project as presented as soon as possible. Motion carried: 5-0.

Following brief discussion, motion was made by Downs, second by Wolfensperger to approve the Admin team recommendations to increase hourly substitute staff pay to \$9.25/hour. Motion carried: 5-0.

BJ Meaney shared IASB recommended Policy Primer updates. This is the first reading of Policies shared in the September Board file. Directors are asked to review for second & final reading prior to the October 12 meeting.

Mr. Kelchen shared proposals/photos for a potential Athletic weight room project. Following discussion, Directors requested Admin seek out additional lower cost options and present at the October meeting.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve the hiring of Ms. Vanessa Cone as MS/HS Special Education Para-educator at \$10.00/hour. Motion carried: 4-0; Downs- abstain.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve lane movement/updated contracts for four certified teachers: Adam Bolts, Karin Bloomquist, Bryce Rigdon & Amber Schmitt based on the current salary scale. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Downs, second by Wolfensperger to approve the hiring of Ms. Jennifer Billmeyer as JH Girls Basketball Coach for the 2022-23 school year at Group II: Step II-\$1,255. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the hiring of Cathy Mills as Speech Advisor for the 2022-23 school year at Group 3: Step II-\$1,726.00. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Downs, second by McIntosh to approve the hiring of Mr. Bryce Rigdon as Strength & Conditioning Coach for the 2022-23 school year at Group VIII- \$10,250. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the shared Musical Advisor contract at .5 each for Mr. Brandon Sipe & Ms. Madeleine Marsh at Group II:Base- \$581.00 each contract. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Downs, second by Knebel to approve the resignation of Mr. Brad Turpen as Head Softball Coach effective immediately. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Downs, second by McIntosh to approve the resignation of Ms. Britney Opheim as Assistant Softball Coach effective immediately. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve as presented the FY23 LIED Center Service

Agreement with Waverly-Shellrock CSD. Motion carried: 5-0.

President Marquart “thanked” Mrs. Jill Wurzer for her attendance. No written or additional comments received.

FYI- Following brief discussion, Directors agreed to set October 12, 2022 as the date for a Notice of Public Hearing to approve a resolution to expend funds from District’s Flexibility Account.

Next Board meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Downs to adjourn at 7:43 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.