

Dunkerton Community School  
December 7, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting 6:00p.m.  
ICN/Board Room  
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Directors: President-Kirby Marquart, Vice President-Lyle McIntosh, Dan Knebel, Chad Wolfensperger, Superintendent-B.J. Meaney Absent: Elizabeth Downs  
Guests: Patty Foster-Elementary Principal, Kory Kelchen-Secondary Principal/AD  
Virtual guests: Renae Brandle, Natalie Crawford, Dan Cutsforth, Dori Gorman, Sara McIntosh, Ronda Rathe, Halie Sorenson, Jill Wurzer

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Kirby Marquart.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried: 4-0.

President Kirby Marquart requested Administrators reports.

Superintendent BJ Meaney presented a written report: work continuing with FY23 District financial updates/line item budgets; District FY22 Audit starts Dec 13th & 14th; District attorney's office shared concerns with language included on proposed HVAC contract-more information coming shortly; Superintendent will be traveling with family to Ireland next Spring-final details/plans still forthcoming.

Secondary Principal Kory Kelchen shared a written report: "Thank you again MS/HS staff for covering classes during staff absences"; Great response/feedback with SIAC-POG surveys; Basketball season underway; sports complex field project continues; met with Athletic Boosters regarding outdoor track project.

Elementary Principal Patty Foster shared a written report: December PD focus is with writing standards, team collaboration around math assessments-workshop; Work continues with 7 Mindsets and Social-Emotional Competency teachers can use to understand/assist students with their needs; Elementary Winter Concert was held Dec 5th. Staff held discussion during PD regarding student concert etiquette and adjustments to be made for the spring concert; winter assessments will begin in mid-January.

President Marquart requested update on buildings and grounds:

Poles for field backstops/netting are in-approximate cost is \$14,000-sod will be laid this next spring prior to Sb/Bsb season. Receipt of NEW student weight room equipment is about 6 months out. Movement of the current inventory can be scheduled with installation of new items completed once received in April. More information related to the Fitness Center and Preschool classroom proposals will be discussed under New Business.

No Open Enrollment applications to share this month.

Superintendent Meaney shared brief Legislative information regarding the IHSAA proposal to revise/create NEW Divisions/Classes for Iowa School District Athletic programs. Will need to watch for more information once plans are finalized & released.

President Marquart requested an update on the Iowa NLGRP renewal proposal for FY 2023-24. Bd. Secretary shared information received today from representative Athena Simpson with Wood River Energy. Natural Gas rates showing slight changes; an approx. \$5,000 difference from previous quoted rate. Secretary Amy Morley will gather more details over the next few days.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to accept the resignation of Mrs. Amy Morley as School Business Official & Board Secretary at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve the employee position transfer of Sherry Lehman (kitchen worker) to Preschool Para-educator position effective immediately. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve the hiring of Mr. Craig Harrison as FY22 Spring & Summer Drivers Education Instructor at \$275/enrolled student. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve the FY2020-21 District Audit as presented; Audit completed by Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C. Motion carried: 4-0.

Superintendent Meaney shared proposals from Modern Builders for both Elementary Preschool Classroom Bond renovations and proposed Fitness Center Project. Following lengthy discussion and review of Preschool Bond quotes, members agreed to move forward with Preschool Bond renovations as much is allowed with the Elem HVAC Project going on in the same area/same time next summer. Some demolition can be completed by in-house staff as Peters Construction moves forward with removal of old HVAC equipment and installation of the new system. The HVAC project starts as soon as students are dismissed for the summer break in 2023. Adjustments to Modern Builders quote can be made based on contract work Directors approve.

Following review of Community Fitness Center options and an approximate starting budget of \$25,000, Directors requested the gathering of additional information for possible removal of an interior wall between two classrooms located in the vacated upper elementary classroom wing. New flooring, paint, restroom updates and possible installation of an exterior door entrance were considered. Members tabled decisions with Fitness Center plans until requested research details can be gathered.

Superintendent Meaney shared a quick first review of 400 Series Board Policy updates. He asked Directors to continue personal review with intent to hold the second/final reading at their next meeting in January.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve FY23 School Calendar adjustments as follows: the Directors agreed to forgive January 2, 2023 as a contract/PD day (Federal Holiday observance) and move the Staff contract/PD day to January 3, 2023. Dunkerton students and staff will return on January 4, 2023 for a regular instructional day. Based on the current number of instructional hours on the FY23 calendar, students will be forgiven hours not attended on January 3, 2023. Motion carried: 4-0.

Superintendent BJ Meaney & the Dunkerton Board of Directors completed a review of District Attendance Center and Course Enrollment Data disaggregated by race, national origin, gender and disability (EQ4). This review took place per code (EQ3) 281-IA 12.1(1) on this date Dec 7, 2023. Community members interested in reviewing this data can visit appropriate Admin. Office to review copies of this information.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve changes to Board Policy 407.4-Early Retirement as follows: change the date for Early Retirement submission requests from March 9- March 31st to January 3, 2023 - January 31, 2023. This will allow more time to recruit/hire staff for any possible FY24 changes. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Knebel to approve resolution to request a Modified Supplemental Amount of \$50,539 for increase in Open Enrollment out students. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to create a Strength & Conditioning Account within the Activity Fund for necessary fundraising revenue/purchases for student weight room facility. Motion carried: 4-0.

No comments by guests or visitors received.

Next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Knebel to adjourn at 6:55 pm; "all in favor" by Marquart. Motion carried: 4-0.

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Kirby Marquart, President

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Amy Morley, Board Secretary

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