

Dunkerton Community School
January 25, 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, Dan Fox-Superintendent East Buchanan, Marty Leary-Modern Builders
Virtual guests: Renae Brandle, Natalie Crawford, Sara McIntosh, Halie Sorenson, Allison Westfall

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

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

President Kirby Marquart requested Administrator reports.

Superintendent BJ Meaney presented a written report: Directors will need to review proposals for remodeling of six (6) Elementary wing classrooms & Weight Room/Fitness Center upgrade recommendations. Marty Leary will share this data later during our meeting; Kory, Amy & I will be working the numbers for upcoming FY24 Budget Workshop in February; disappointing Legislative News for Iowa Public Schools this week-more to come; need to get the upcoming SBO vacancy posted. The Superintendent was contacted by Matt Miehle from Fischels Commercial Group-is the District interested in selling school land within the student parking lot area? No-increased traffic could lower student/traffic safety in that area; Superintendent will be in Ireland March 8th-March 18th; District Budget decisions need to be finalized in March to meet the April certification deadline!

Secondary Principal Kory Kelchen shared a written report: SIAC-POG committee will meet again Jan. 30th; Dunkerton Police Officer Joe Stafford is looking into additional road safety signs/flashing lights in front of the school; FCS program is working on a "Brunch n Crunch" program; still waiting on all-weather track estimates and Athletic Dept. will be auctioning old BKB conference banners at our last home game on Feb. 6th.

Elementary Principal Patty Foster shared a written report: held our 1st PK Advisory Committee meeting this past week; upcoming H.E.R.O training for teachers & paras will be held in February, and we are finishing up our Elem. assessments next week.

President Marquart requested update on buildings and grounds:

Work on the baseball/softball fields are on hold until sod is laid this spring.

Students are actively using the weight room-need to move forward with upgrades-new equipment should be arriving in the next 6 weeks.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve the following Open Enrollment applications: Hannah F. to Waterloo CSD, Mackenzie S. from Wapsie Valley to Dunkerton and in FY24 Gemma W. & Ariana W both from Waterloo to Dunkerton. Motion carried: 4-0.

Superintendent Meaney shared brief Legislative information regarding the Legislative approval & Governor Reynold's signed School Choice (voucher) Bill. This will have a significant impact on funding for Iowa PUBLIC Schools, especially in larger school districts. Public schools are severely underfunded now and this will create additional hardships for Public schools and Iowa taxpayers.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to accept the Early Retirement Application/Resignation of Mr. Virgil Hovden at the end of the 2022-23 contract year. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve the hiring of Ms. Jackie Knebel as Elementary Paraeducator. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve the renewal of the 2023 Summer Rec Coordinator contract for Mr. Steve Wissink. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve the Volunteer Coach Application of Ms. Kayla Tafolla as Track Coach for the 2023 track season. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve the Volunteer Elementary Classroom Application of Ms. Dawn Best. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve the resignation of Ms. Julie Magee as MS/HS Administrative Assistant effective upon the hiring/training of a replacement. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve the posting of a 1.0 FTE School Business Officials position to replace Amy Morley, retiring at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year, June 30, 2023. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve the FY23 Spring/Summer Coaching contracts for returning coaches as presented: Britney Opheim & Eileen Rath for JH Track; Jon Steffen for HS Boys Track, Ayli Voshell for HS Girls Track; Todd Kuntz for HS Golf, Nick Klein & Garrett Ramsey for JH/HS baseball. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to accept the resignation of Mr. Kevin Magee as a Custodian effective February 3, 2023. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to accept the resignation of Ms. Joni Wheeler as Elementary Para-Educator. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve as the hiring of Ms. Joni Wheeler as MS/HS Administrative Assistant effective February 13, 2023. Motion carried: 4-0.

Marty Leary (Modern Builders) shared proposals for both Elementary Preschool Classroom Bond renovations and proposed Weight Room & Fitness Center Project. Following lengthy discussion and review of quotes, motion was made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to remove ceiling and cabinetry quotes from the Elementary proposal to reduce costs/keep costs below minimum state required Bid regulations. Motion carried: 4-0. Modern Builders will present FINAL Proposal for approval at the March meeting. Plan is to move forward with renovations as soon as school is dismissed for the summer.

Mr. Leary proceeded to share quotes for the Weight Room Remodel & relocation of the current Fitness Center to the North Wing of the main school building. Following discussion, costs were reduced by changing from Hydro Grip flooring to installing the same type of flooring currently used in the Fitness Center. Ceiling tiles will be removed, but current lighting fixtures will be used. Biggest change will include creating an 8 foot opening to connect the 2 old classrooms and installing an outside entry door on the north side of the building. This will allow 24 hour access for Fitness Center members. New Weight room equipment will arrive in about 6 weeks, therefore this project needs to move forward quickly in order to meet the necessary relocation timeline. Modern Builders and the District will need to seek outside contractors to assist with completing this project within the next few months. Again, a final proposal will be sent to Administrators for Board review at their February meeting.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve as presented the 2nd & FINAL review of changes to the 400 Series Board Policies. Superintendent Meaney has started & Directors have been asked to continue personal review of proposed updates/changes to the 500 Series Board Policies at the February meeting. Motion carried: 4-0.

Superintendent Meaney shared the Exit Conference information for FY22 District Audit by Nolte, Cornman & Johnson. Segregation of duties was the only written comment the District needs to address & with limited staff and funding, this is difficult to achieve. No action required at this time.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve the Emergency Boiler Repair expenses at cost of \$6,128.77. Motion carried: 4-0.

Secondary Principal Kory Kelchen shared the 1st reading/review of the tentative FY23-24 School Calendar as drafted by the District Calendar Committee. Any requests/recommended changes need to be submitted to Administrators before the final review in February. Copies of the Proposed Calendar can be found in any District office and on the school website.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Knebel to approve the Red Carpet Golf Agreement for the FY23 Team Golf Season. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve the use of the Dunkerton District School "Raider Logo" by **The Store** in Dunkerton, Iowa. Percentage of promotional proceeds will be donated back to the school. Motion carried: 4-0

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve the 2022-23 Special Education Instructional Services Agreement with Waterloo CSD. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion was made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve the SBRC Application/Resolution request for At Risk/Dropout MSA in the amount of \$67,847.00. Motion carried: 4-0.

Following review of Bid quotes/proposals received for the purchase of a New Bus, motion was made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve the quote as submitted by School Bus Sales for a 2024 Blue Bird ALL-American 72 Passenger at a cost of \$135,986.00. Expected delivery is 12-18 months out. Motion carried: 4-0.

Following lengthy discussion regarding difficulty in filling posted "hourly" vacant positions & recent resignations by employees, motion was made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve a \$2.00/hr. increase for all hourly staff and a \$2.00/route increase for Drivers. This wage increase will take effect with the start of the next pay period-February 6-March 5th, 2023 and be reflected in the March 20, 2023 payroll, throughout the remainder of this school year and through the FY 2023-24 school year. The District must remain fiscally sound and no additional hourly wage increase will be discussed or given prior to FY 2024-2025. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to **move into closed session at 7:55 pm per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)**. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to **move out of closed session at 8:18 pm**. Motion carried: 4-0.

Next regular Board meeting is Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Knebel to adjourn at 8:19 pm; "all in favor" by Marquart. Motion carried: 4-0.

Kirby Marquart, President

Amy Morley, Board Secretary

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