

Dunkerton Community School
March 29, 2023
Regular Board Meeting 6:40p.m.
High School Library
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Directors: President-Kirby Marquart, Vice President-Lyle McIntosh, Dan Knebel, Chad Wolfensperger, Elizabeth Downs, Superintendent-B.J. Meaney

Guests: Patty Foster-Elementary Principal, Kory Kelchen-Secondary Principal, Stephanie Abels, Karin Bloomquist, Dan Fox, Mike Hiller, Heather Howland, Sara McIntosh, Allison Westfall, Jill Wurzer

Virtual guests: Karen Bartholomew, Renae Brandle, Hannah Corbin, Natalie Crawford, Jordan Cusick, Dan Cutsforth, Shelby Dolph, Christie Drake, Ashley Fairchild, Milissa Fratzke, Anne Graham, Rachel Hauptly, Amy Henninger, David Henninger, Joseph Knebel, Hannah Knight, Christina Kramer, Todd Kuntz, Leta Magee, Cathy Mills, Micah Monroe, Britney Opheim, Alysia Pratt, Krista Pugh, Ronda Rathe, Becky Reichen, Bryce Rigdon, Rose Scarborough, Amber Schmitt, Linda Schmitt, Andrew Snyder, Justina Snyder, Kelli Snyder, Halie Sorenson, Jenn Toneff, Marci Titera, Stacey Wach, Rylee Warthen, Liz Waskow, Charles Wingate

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 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.

President Kirby Marquart requested a motion to **open the Public Hearing for FY24 District School Budget**. Motion was made by Wolfensperger, second by Downs to **open the public hearing at 6:43 pm**. Motion carried: 5-0. No written or oral comments were received or recorded. Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to **close the Public Hearing at 6:45 pm**. Motion carried: 5-0.

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

President Kirby Marquart requested Administrator reports.

Superintendent BJ Meaney presented a written report: The Dunkerton District needs to make a difficult decision on staffing! Declining enrollment has been a huge issue for many years and the District will overspend by about \$500,000 over the next 2 years. The only way to correct for this trend is by a reduction in staff. The Administrators will continue to meet over the next few days to discuss best staffing options/adjustments needed for the District. Country Builders has submitted the low bid for concrete work needed; more discussion under our Buildings & Grounds item. We are losing **both** our SBO (retirement) and HR employee in FY24. Superintendent requested authority to enter into a sharing agreement with Janesville CSD for both positions. This move will provide Operational Sharing dollars and save money for both Districts. Dunkerton CSD has received official paperwork from The Overland Group to purchase the strip of land next to our bus barn. Directors can discuss more during a later segment of this meeting.

Secondary Principal Kory Kelchen shared a verbal report: MS/HS staff and students have been busy preparing for ISASP testing. Teachers are focusing on ways to improve student "effort" throughout testing periods. Still waiting on options for additional road safety signs/flashing lights in front of the school. As soon as the weather cooperates, sod & backstop netting work will begin on

both softball & baseball fields. Congratulations to our Coaches & Boys BKB team for a great season and team play at the State Bkb Tournament.

Elementary Principal Patty Foster shared a written report: We had a WONDERFUL Literacy Night with our Families-over 100 attendees last evening. Local author Maribeth Boelts was our special guest. We had a "great" turnout for spring parent/teacher conferences-approximately 98% attendance. There are numerous upcoming field trips planned this spring including the annual EWALU adventure on April 14th.

Work has begun on renovations in the new Fitness Center location. Following discussion, motion made by Knebel, second by Downs to approve the low bid submitted by Country Builders for sidewalk work needed around new Fitness Center entry and playground steps at a cost of \$11,225. Capital Projects/SAVE funding will be used for these costs. Motion carried: 5-0. Following discussion, Directors agreed not to move forward with Bus Barn flooring on the south side of the bus barn building.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the sale of a small strip of land measuring 25' by 280' of frontage on S. Canfield St. (total .18 acres) to The Overland Group, LLC at a cost of \$11,500.00. Motion carried: ayes-McIntosh, Downs, Knebel, Marquart. Nay-Wolfensperger (4-1).

No Open Enrollment Applications to review at this time.
No Legislative news to share at this time.

Motion made by Downs, second by McIntosh to approve the Volunteer Track Application of Mr. Dalton Burch for the current 22-23 school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Downs to accept the resignation of Mr. Jeff Kremer as Transportation, Building & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve the hiring of Mr. Mike Timmer as Head of Building & Grounds Maintenance. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the School Business Official/Board Secretary contract update request. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Downs to accept the resignation of Ms. Rachel Holst as Spanish Instructor at the end of this contracted school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve the hiring of Ms. Abby Dulin as Spanish Instructor for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Wolfensperger to approve the hiring of Ms. Pat McIntosh as Asst. Softball Coach for the current 22-23 school year at Group IV, Step 5-\$2,615. Motion carried: 4-0. McIntosh abstained.

Motion made by Downs, second by McIntosh to accept the resignation of Mr. Jordan Cusick as Business Education Instructor at the end of this contracted school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Downs, second by McIntosh to increase Ms. Rachel Hauptly's employee contract to 1 FTE for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve Ms. Hannah Corbin as Secondary Principal for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Knebel to approve the resignation of Ms. Rebecca Reichen as Preschool Paraeducator at the end of this contracted school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Knebel, due to severe shortage of bus drivers and effective immediately, Directors approve an increase for the daily route pay for all bus drivers to \$36/route. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Downs to approve the hiring of Ms. Aunde DeWolf as a Bus Driver. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Downs to approve the FY24 Cooperative Agreement with University of Northern Iowa. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Dunkerton Community Schools, will levy Property tax for the fiscal year 2023-24 for the regular budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14 Code of Iowa. The FY24 Budget is approved as presented at rate of 15.35691. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve the RESOLUTION Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, dated March 13, 2019 approving a Third Amendment to Escrow Agent Agreement, and levying a tax for the fiscal year 2024 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, dated March 13, 2019. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the Third Amendment to Escrow Agent Agreement between UMB and the Dunkerton Community School District as presented. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to approve the FY24 AEA Nutrition Purchasing Agreement. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve a Three Year Agreement (FY 24-26) with Timberline Billing Services for the processing of Medicaid Claims. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Downs to approve the Administrative proposed FY 2022-23 Calendar adjustment as presented. Students/Staff will not need to "make up" instructional hours missed on school day March 6, 2023 for participation at the Boys State Basketball Tournament. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion was made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve \$425,000.00 of proposed employee position reductions and adjustments as presented for the FY 23-24 school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

President Marquart thanked guests for attending and requested comments from visitors and virtual guests. No comments received.

Next Regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. with noted request for all Board meetings to be held in the High School Library.

Motion made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to adjourn at 7:52 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.