

Dunkerton Community School
April 19, 2023
Regular Board Meeting 6:00p.m.
High School Library-Entrance #3
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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, Sara McIntosh, Allison Westfall

Virtual guests: Stephanie Abels, Melissa Christians, Natalie Crawford, Dan Cutsforth, Hannah Knight, Christina Kramer, Todd Kuntz, Leta Magee, Cathy Mills, Micah Monroe, Britney Opheim, Sara McIntosh, Ronda Rathe, Becky Reichen, Bryce Rigdon, Amber Schmitt, Halie Sorenson, Stacey Wach, Rylee Warthen, Jeff Thompson, 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 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 Administrator reports.

Superintendent BJ Meaney presented a written report: The Janesville Board of Directors has approved the Operational Sharing of SBO and HR/Payroll positions for the FY 23-24 School year. All reduction in force notices have been signed/returned-the terms of the separation agreement are in the board packet and Directors will review/determine action later during this meeting.

Secondary Principal Kory Kelchen shared a written report: MS/HS students are taking ISASP tests this week. CONGRATULATIONS to HS Teacher Adam Bolts-he has been selected as a GOLD STAR TEACHER for 2023 and will attend a banquet in May to receive this award. Work continues on SB/Bsb fields-the wet/cold weather has been a factor including cancellations of some Track/Golf events. The District Football group has voted to increase gate admission to \$6 for Varsity FB games and charge \$3 for all JH/JV games starting this Fall 2023. Cost of officiating is one reason-harder to find officials; watch for some FB games to be moved to Thursdays to accommodate this shortage. Graduation is May 14th-Board members who wish to sit on stage need to let Mr. Kelchen know.

Elementary Principal Patty Foster shared a written report: 4th/5th grade students started ISASP testing this week; 3rd graders are at Museum School, will take their tests next week. A BIG THANK YOU to parents, teachers and PTO for supporting a great EWALU trip for our 5th graders last Friday, 14th. End of year assessments start soon and our Elementary Spring Concert will be held May 16th.

Renovation work continues in the new Fitness Center location. New interior doorway & windows have been cut-framed and a new exterior entry door has been installed. We hope to have the new alarm/key fob system hooked up soon and all equipment moved by the end of the month. Still waiting on a few new pieces to arrive. District will publish a sale notice for old weight room equipment sometime this summer.

New sod is to be laid on the ballfields next Monday/Tuesday. Hoping weather does not delay this part of the project again. If turf is not ready for the first few scheduled games in late May,

arrangements can be made with other conference Districts to swap game locations.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Downs to approve the FY23-24 Open Enrollment Application of Raielynn-Ann Zilmer from Waterloo CSD to Dunkerton CSD. Motion carried: 5-0.

Superintendent BJ Meaney briefly shared educational Legislative highlights. Governor Reynolds has signed 3 education bills so far: Educational Vouchers have passed; SSA is set at 3% and a new facility restroom bill. Our Dunkerton CSD facilities currently fulfill all necessary requirements. The District must receive written permission from parents should any additional reasonable privacy accommodations need to be addressed for a student. See Legislative website for specific details

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by McIntosh to approve the Separation Agreement of Ms. Dori Gorman at the end of her current FY 22-23 contract. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the Reduction in Force of Ms. Kala Rose at the end of her current FY 22-23 contract. Motion carried: 5-0. .

Motion made by Knebel, second by Downs to approve the Reduction in Force of Ms. Rylee Warthen at the end of her current FY 22-23 contract. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve the Reduction in Force of Ms. Marci Titera by .2 FTE for her FY 23-24 contract. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the Reduction in Force of Ms. Amber Schmitt at the end of her current FY 22-23 contract. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Wolfensperger to approve the Softball Volunteer Coaching application of Ms Andrea Johnson. Motion carried: 4-0; McIntosh abstained.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to accept the resignation of Ms. Cheyenne Crandall as a paraeducator at the end of this school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Wolfensperger to accept the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Marquart as a Preschool teacher at the end of her FY22-23 contract. Motion carried: 4-0; Marquart abstained.

Motion made by Downs, second by Wolfensperger to accept the resignation of Ms. Karin Bloomquist as Student Senate Advisor at the end of her FY22-23 contract. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Downs to accept the resignation of Ms. Eileen Rath as Raider Honors Club Advisor at the end of her FY22-23 contract. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Downs, second by Wolfensperger to approve up to one hour of Custodial overtime of Mr. Kevin Magee to cover custodial responsibilities as needed/approved by Mike Timmer (Head of Maintenance) Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Downs to approve the FY23-24 Fall Sport Coaching contracts as presented for HS Head Football Coach Jon Steffen & Asst. Coach Lyle McIntosh; JH FB Coaches Bryce Rigdon & Jason Bedard; HS Head Volleyball Coach Brittany Weidman & Asst. Coach Ana Lanphier; JH VB Coaches Britney Opheim & Christina Kramer; Cross Country Coach Ayli Voshell & Fall FB Cheer Coach Karin Bloomquist. Motion carried: 4-0; McIntosh abstained.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the resignation of Mr Derek Hopson as .5 SP-ED Instructor/.5 PE Instructor and Asst. Varsity Basketball Coach at the end of his FY22-23 contracts. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to renew the 3 year Equipment Breakdown Insurance agreement with Specialty Underwriters at a cost of \$24,645/year. These premiums are paid using Management Fund dollars. Motion carried: 5-0.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Knebel, second by McIntosh to purchase the Interactive Touch Pro Athletic records system using a 65" screen. The District will use \$10,000 of PPEL Funds to share costs with donations by the Athletic Boosters and other additional interested donors from the community. System location is still to be determined. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Wolfensperger to approve the 2023 Senior Graduation List as presented with final approval based on completed graduation requirements by each student. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the costs for a National FCCLA Trip to Denver, Colorado. Dunkerton CSD has one student, Lauren Wolfensperger, who has qualified for the National Competition and she and Instructor Rachel Hauptly hope to attend the conference this summer, with permission by the Board of Directors. Motion carried: 4-0; Wolfensperger abstained.

Motion made by McIntosh, second by Downs to approve the FY24 Employee Health Insurance premium rates as set by the IA. Star Schools Consortium & Wellmark BCBS. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Knebel to renew their IA-SB Board membership & Policy Primer Subscription. for the FY24 school year. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion was made by Downs, second by McIntosh to renew a 3 year District school photos agreement with Strawbridge Studios, Inc. for FY 23-24, FY 24-25, FY 25-26. Motion carried: 5-0.

President Marquart thanked guests for attending and requested comments from visitors and virtual guests. Guest Allison Westfall noticed there were no School District reps/guests at the most recent Dunkerton City Council meeting. She presented 2 questions to the Board of Directors/Admin. Team: 1) How does the school plan to reach out to the Mayor, City Council and members of the community regarding ways to promote the City of Dunkerton, the School District, and find ways to increase enrollment and help the City grow? 2) Why doesn't the school District still have a Building & Trades Class to assist with building of homes in the Community? Members responded with a brief history of past engagement/meetings with previous City Council members & Mayor, promoting the District Bond issue to build new facilities & City Housing growth/improvements. With COVID pandemic, District focus has been on bringing school instruction back to normal. District has not had much time to meet with the new Mayor & Council members to establish another formal meeting/connection regarding faster City growth/development. A lower level of student interest and the cost of a Building & Trades Construction program will need to be reviewed before the District can consider offering/restarting the program classes again. President Marquart stated, Board members would look at the summer schedule and try to set up a committee to formally meet with the City Mayor and members of the Council.

Next Regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. in the HS Library via Entrance #3.

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Downs to adjourn at 6:46 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.