

Dunkerton Community School
June 21, 2023
Regular Board Meeting 6:00p.m.
High School Library-Entrance #3
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Directors: President-Kirby Marquart, Dan Knebel, Chad Wolfensperger, Elizabeth Downs, Superintendent-B.J. Meaney

Guests: Patty Foster-Elementary Principal, Dan Fox-Superintendent; East Buchanan CSD

Virtual guests: Hannah Knight

The Organizational Meeting for the New Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Kirby Marquart. Per Iowa Code 279.6, a Notice to fill a Board Vacancy was published with zero (0) petitions filed with the Board Secretary prior to this meeting. No guests present submitted written petitions at the meeting. President Marquart requested approval to appoint Andy Snyder to fill the board seat vacated by Lyle McIntosh.

Motion was made by Downs, second made by Knebel to approve Andy Snyder as appointee to fill the vacant board position. Motion carried: 4-0.

Appointee Andy Snyder was not present at the meeting, but the Board Secretary will make arrangements to officially swear in Mr. Snyder within the next 10 days as required by IA Code 202.2. A tentative date of June 22, 2023 has been set to administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Snyder at a Dunkerton School Office.

Kirby Marquart requested a motion to elect a new Board Vice President by written ballot to fill the position vacated by Lyle McIntosh.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Downs to elect a new Board Vice President. Motion carried: 4-0.

Board Secretary Amy Morley distributed and tallied written votes; 3 votes tallied for Dan Knebel & 1 vote for Elizabeth Downs.

Amy Morley administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Dan Knebel as the new Dunkerton Board of Directors Vice President.

Motion made by Downs, seconded by Knebel to call the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Motion carried: 4-0.

Roll Call: Present-Wolfensperger, Downs, Knebel, Marquart Absent: Snyder

Pledge of Allegiance

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

President Kirby Marquart requested a motion to **open the public hearing** per Iowa Code 297.22(1) for Conveyance of Real Property at 6:08 pm.

Motion made by Knebel, seconded by Downs: Motion carried: 4-0.

President Marquart requested written and verbal comments based on information presented. No written statements received. Director Chad Wolfensperger shared his thoughts on the sale of Real Property to include the following summary: what is the actual "Benefit to the District" by approving this sale? How will a Dollar General Store benefit the students & staff of Dunkerton Schools?

With the current value of land in the state of Iowa, the amount offered for this piece of land in the Resolution is not enough! Biggest concern is for the safety of the students & staff. The increased traffic near the front of the school building could be dangerous for students/staff walking across the main road to the student parking lot-bus barn area. Does understand the needs of the town are

important, but does worry about the safety of everyone in this area, especially during arrival & dismissal periods of the school day.

Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Downs, seconded by Knebel to **close the public hearing at 6:18 pm**. Motion carried: 4-0.

Kirby Marquart called for a motion regarding the Sale of Real Property,

Motion made by Knebel, second by Downs, **NOW therefore, be it Resolved** by the Board of Directors of the Dunkerton Community School District to approve/adopt the proposed Resolution as presented for the Conveyance of Real District Property to the Overland Group, LLC for \$13,000.00 and of other good and valuable consideration. Ayes: Downs, Knebel, Marquart Nays: Wolfensperger

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

President Kirby Marquart requested Administrator reports.

Superintendent BJ Meaney shared a brief verbal report: This is his last Dunkerton CS District Board meeting & he THANKED the Dunkerton Board of Directors for support throughout the year. Stated "a great group to work with". President Kirby Marquart shared his appreciation to Mr. Meaney for ALL his hard work during the past year.

Secondary Principal Kory Kelchen: no report this month-on family vacation this week.

Elementary Principal Patty Foster shared a written report: FAST assessments show an overall 5% increase for our K-5th grade students. Way to go! A great start for our extended year Summer School program. The Elementary TLC team met to begin planning for FY23-24 school year. Preschool numbers for FY23-24 look great. Current enrollment puts us over our ratio/max capacity in each classroom. District will need to consider options to cover the local needs of all parents/students in this age group. Guest Superintendent Dan Fox agreed to meet with Ms. Foster to review staffing plans for providing services for all preschool students in FY24.

Installation of the new elementary HVAC air system & work in the preschool wing classrooms has started. The installation of the new concrete steps down to the elementary playground will start in two weeks.

Renovated Softball & Baseball fields look great. Backstop wall pads have been installed and final field work has been completed.

President Marquart shared two Open Enrollment applications for Lance & Kate Murch from Dunkerton to Denver CSD. No action required.

Superintendent BJ Meaney stated nothing new in Legislative News-their session has closed for the summer. Keep watch for news regarding the "Moms for Liberty "; an organization who advocate against School curriculums & Library Books that mention gender & sexuality issues.

Motion made by Downs, second by Knebel to accept the resignation of Mr. Brandon Sipe as 5th-12th Instrumental Music Instructor & Elementary Vocal Music Teacher at the end of his FY22-23 contract. Motion carried: 4-0.

Motion was made by Knebel, second by Downs to grant the School Business Manager authority to pay all End of Fiscal Year bills. Motion carried: 4-0.

President Marquart thanked guests for attending.

Next Regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 19, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. in the HS Library via Entrance #3.

Motion made by Knebel second by Downs to adjourn at 6:40 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.