

Dunkerton Community School

November 15, 2023

Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

High School Library-Entrance #3

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Directors: President Kirby Marquart, Chad Wolfensperger, Andy Snyder, Dan Knebel. Absent: Elizabeth Downs. Superintendent Dan Fox, AD/Associate Superintendent Kory Kelchen, Elementary Principal, Patty Foster, Secondary Principal, Hannah Corbin, Board Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Zahrt.

Also Present Virtual: Lauren Wolfensperger.

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

Roll Call.

Public Comment: None.

Motion made by Knebel, second by Snyder to approve the agenda; all ayes.

New Business

Motion made by Wolfensperger, second by Snyder to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes, Bill Listing, Financials and Personnel; all ayes.

Community/Program Presentations: None.

Associate Superintendent Kelchen informed the Board that he researched an alternative proposal for the track at a different location that would cost 2.6 million without press box, bleachers and moving the fields. He suggested, and the Board agreed, choosing the previous plan. Grant opportunities are being researched and followed up on.

Secondary Principal Corbin updated the Board on the Phone Policy implemented. She indicated it is going better than expected with minimal complaints from students. Teacher feedback has been positive. She discussed the School Performance Profile. The High School moved up 6 points (56.77), which shifted us from the Acceptable category to Commendable and estimated being in the top 30% of high schools in the state of Iowa. She shared that Sara McIntosh and RHS worked hard making sure the Veterans Assembly went smoothly. Big thank you to Anthony Heasley for stepping up at the last minute to play taps at the assembly. Staff is continuing to work on classroom discipline, structuring of block periods and homeroom lessons. HERO Training coming to close so teachers can start refocusing on social-emotional needs.

Elementary Principal Foster discussed the School Performance Profile. Dunkerton Elementary category rating increased .3% to 60.57 in the Commendable Range with only .03 points away from the High-Performance Category and estimated being in the top 20% of elementary schools in Iowa. Conference Attendance was very well at 98%. Professional Development consisted of digging into stands and report cards. She shared that Lunch with a Loved One was a big success. This was an opportunity for a parent, family member or special guest to come to the school and have lunch and a classroom activity with their student. They had over 160 guests for this special event. Work is continuing on Portrait of a Graduate.

Motioned by Snyder, seconded by Wolfensperger to move that the Board of Directors of the Dunkerton Community School District approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$2,402.77 for special education administrative costs associated with the River Hills Consortium program for the 2024-2025 school year; all ayes.

Motioned by Knebel, seconded by Snyder to move that the Board of Directors of the Dunkerton Community School District approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$1,976.61 for special education administrative costs associated with the Lied Center Consortium program for the 2024-2025 school year; all ayes.

Consider New Phone System for 24-25 school year – Tabled to December 2023 Meeting.

Superintendent Fox review the DCAP (District Career and Academic Plan) with the Board.

Motioned by Wofensperger, seconded by Knebel to approve the Return to Learn Plan for ESSER Funds as presented; all ayes.

Superintendent Fox had 1st Reading of policies 216.2 Board of Directors' Member Development and Training, 401.2 Equal Employment Opportunity, 605.3R1 Reconsideration of Instructional and Library

Materials Regulation, 705.1 Purchasing- Bidding, 705.1R2 Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts, 804.7R1 Radon Mitigation Regulation.

Motioned by Snyder, seconded by Knebel to approve Early Retirement Policy 407.4 for FY 23-24 as presented; all ayes.

Raider Pride: Director Marquart indicated that he is proud of students, staff and administration for their hard work on testing and our performance data. Principal Corbin said the High School Swing Show went smoothly. Good work.

Next Regular Board meeting is Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Snyder, second by Wolfensperger to adjourn at 6:28 pm.; all ayes.