

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Workshop Session

November 26, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

Board President Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present were Bob McCabe, Jeanne Coppola, Mark Knuth, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery. Absent Gary McAndrew. Mr. McAndrew joined the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the Agenda with the addition of a closed meeting to discuss collective bargaining strategy for upcoming meetings with the Western Dubuque Education Association. Motion passed 4-0.

Annual Progress Report:

Dawn Shiro, Director of Instruction provided the Board with a summary review of the District's Annual Progress Report for the 2011-12 school year. In order to satisfy the requirements for reporting annual progress toward state and federal indicators, school districts and non-public schools in Iowa complete an Annual Progress Report (APR) due to the Iowa Department of Education by September 15 each year. This year the reporting date has been pushed back due to new reporting requirements. APRs include information regarding academic proficiency, academic goals, dropouts, graduation rates, attendance rates, and post-secondary data. Ms Shiro reviewed and explained segments of this data with the Board.

The 2011-12 report will have more of an emphasis on growth trends versus the static data that has been shown in previous years. The complete report for the District and individual buildings will be available on the District's Web page.

Continuous Improvement – Building Leadership Teams:

Kelly Simon, Continuous Improvement Coordinator reviewed the status of the District's Continuous Improvement projects. Topics reviewed and explained were as follows.

- Scorecards – District and Building Level. Added transparency and clarity.
- Building Leadership Teams: Purpose, membership, goals, meetings and effectiveness.
- Department level Continuous Improvement: Nutrition, Technology, Transportation and Business Operations.
- System Wide: District Web page provides explanations of terms, goals and use of the collected data.

Closed Session – Iowa Code 20.17(3) Collective Bargaining Strategy Session:

Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 20.17(3) for discussions related to collective bargaining. Roll call vote: McCabe – yes, Coppola – yes, Knuth – yes, McAndrew – yes and McAndrew – yes. Motion passed 4-0. The Board entered into closed session at 6:25 pm and returned to open session at 6:55 pm.

Construction Update:

Superintendent Corkery advised the Board that the Construction Manager, Architects and District Administration will be meeting with the Building Planning Committees on December 5th at the Drexler Middle School in Farley at 6:00 pm. They will review and explain project designs that have been completed based upon input from the committees, stakeholders and administration. Their plan is to finalize the scope of the work and projected costs so as to move forward with the preparation of bid documents. A discussion then ensued on project designs and estimated costs.

Adjournment:

Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm on November 26, 2012.

David A. Wegmann
Board Secretary

Robert McCabe
President, Board of Education