

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Workshop Session

January 16, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

Board President Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present were Bob McCabe, Jeanne Coppola, Mark Knuth, Gary McAndrew, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

Agenda Change:

Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to amend the Agenda to include the Board entering into a closed session per Iowa Code 20.17(3) for purposes of discussing employee collective bargaining proposals received from the Teamsters and the WDEA. Motion passed 5-0.

Board Planning Session to Review and Discuss a Possible Bond Issue and Physical Plant & Equipment Levy Vote:

Superintendent Corkery reviewed a presentation that he made to District staff last week at Cascade HS and Drexler MS. Tentative plans would be to have a ballot issue presented to the voters on April 3, 2012 for a Bond issue and a Physical Plant and Equipment levy for 10 years. The proposals would be paid primarily from sales tax revenues with little or no increase in the property tax rate. Projects would include security, classrooms and office renovations at the high schools, a gymnasium at Cascade HS, an auditorium at WDHS, district-wide technology upgrades; multipurpose rooms at Peosta and Cascade and athletic field upgrades.

The following topics were covered at that presentation.

Previous construction projects; current building and infrastructure needs; PPEL fund needs and projections; methods of funding; PPEL levies used by other Iowa schools; sales tax revenue projections and current obligations against those revenues; use of sales tax revenues and other revenue sources to offset property tax increases; total WD Tax rate compared to other districts and the need for more input.

It was the general consensus of the Board that the objectives and information in the presentation were well laid out. Mr. Corkery indicated that he was rethinking the process for the use and allocation of the funds along with the process for determining the priorities for each building. He plans to revise the presentation for the public input session on the 19th to reflect those changes.

Adjournment:

Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm on January 16, 2012.

Closed Session: Motion by McAndrew, second by Knuth to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 20.17(3) for discussion of collective bargaining issues. Motion passed 5-0. The closed session ended at 6:50 pm.

David A. Wegmann

Robert McCabe

Board Secretary

President, Board of Education