

# WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 11, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

### **Call to Order:**

Board President Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence and the reading of the District Vision Statement and Goals.

### **Roll Call:**

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

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by McAndrew, second by Knuth to approve the Agenda as published. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:**

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

### **Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

- a. February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for the month of February: Motion by McAndrew, second by Coppola to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Reports:**

#### Principal Reports:

Topics discussed were: Spelling Bee awards, athletic and academic awards, FFA Banquet, visiting author – America Reads Day, parent teacher conferences, student lead conferences, TAG – math competition, Friendship Dance – financials, student writing, pizza party – Victory Ford, Response to Intervention Program, mini-dance marathon, DRA Grant requests, FFA awards, Monsanto Grant awards, new assessment program – pilot work at Cascade HS, PreK and Kindergarten registration, Kids Expo, teacher work/presence outside of the classroom, and a successful SIAC meeting.

#### Superintendent Report:

Supt. Corkery reported that initial Prek registrations indicate fewer students than the current year. He does expect that the numbers will increase prior to school starting in the Fall. Due to school cancellations the last day for students will be May 31<sup>st</sup>. Legislative proposals on school starting times, allowable growth for schools and education reform are still unresolved.

#### Cascade/Bernard Elementary Building Highlights:

Jacob Brindle, English instructor at Cascade HS reported on various technology methods that are being used in reading and writing activities with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Cascade Elementary. The students use Google Docs for writing and the documents are reviewed and critiqued by both their fellow classmates and HS English students via Blogging on a password required internet site. Mr. Brindle noted that both student groups have found the processes to be easy to use and very effective in their development of reading and writing skills.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Knuth, second by Coppola to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Motion passed 5-0.

- a. Financial Reports of District
- b. Personnel

1. Resignations
  - a) Molly Bolibaugh – Asst. Varsity Softball Coach – CHS
2. Employment
  - a) Jennifer Maki – High School Musical Director – WDHS  
\$2,357.05
  - b) Justin Smith – Asst. Varsity Tennis Coach – WDHS  
\$2,218.40
- c. Out of State Travel - None
- d. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
- e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Request
  1. DRA Grant Applications
- f. Resolutions
  1. Resolution recognizing National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

II. Old Business: None

III. New Business:

- a. Hearing on 2013-14 Calendar. Superintendent Corkery reviewed two calendar proposals and recommended that the Board approve draft 4 as shown on the District's web site. He noted that most of the input that he received on the proposals was in support of draft 4. Significant dates shown in calendar option 4 are as follows:

August 19<sup>th</sup>: Starting date for grades 1-12

August 21<sup>st</sup>: Starting date for grades Preschool and Kindergarten

December 20<sup>th</sup>: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

January 6<sup>th</sup>: Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Last Day of school for Preschool students

May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Last day of school for all students

Motion by Vaske, second by Coppola to open the public hearing on the proposed 2013-14 school calendar. Motion passed 5-0. No public comments were made for or against the recommended proposal. Written feedback from the Web site indicated strong support for draft 4. Motion by McAndrew, second by Knuth to close the public hearing. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to approve and adopt the 2013-14 school calendar as recommended. Motion passed 5-0.

- b. Publishing of Amendment and Setting of Public Hearing Date for the 2012-13 Amended Budget. Motion by Coppola, second by McAndrew to publish the following amendment to the 2012-13 Budget and to set the public hearing date for April 8, 2013. Motion passed 5-0.

2012-13 Budget Amendment

<u>Area</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Reasons</u>
Instruction	\$21,544,789	\$23,006,776	Added Staff
Support Services	\$10,152,626	\$10,414,643	Added Staff/Software
Non-Instructional Programs	\$1,881,712	\$1,975,000	Increased Food Cost
Construction, Debt & AEA	\$3,866,142	\$5,440,092	Timing of Construction Projects
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,445,269</b>	<b>\$40,836,511</b>	

- c. Publishing of Estimates and Setting of Public Hearing Date for the 2013-14 Budget. Motion by Knuth, second by Vaske to publish the following 2013-14 budget estimates and to set the public hearing date for April 8, 2013. Motion passed 5-0.

Expenses - ALL FUNDS

	Budget 2014	Re-Est. 2013	Actual 2012
<i>*Instruction</i>	\$24,008,674	\$23,006,776	\$21,242,718
Student Support Services	\$1,133,483	\$1,089,888	\$1,060,338
Instructional Staff Support Services	\$940,423	\$904,254	\$978,196
General Administration	\$698,718	\$671,844	\$651,143
School/Building Administration	\$1,878,333	\$1,806,793	\$1,752,323
Business & Central Administration	\$1,126,683	\$1,083,426	\$875,555
Plant Operation and Maintenance	\$2,268,761	\$2,231,084	\$2,125,255
Student Transportation	\$2,750,284	\$2,627,354	\$2,428,323
<i>*Total Support Services</i>	\$10,796,685	\$10,414,643	\$9,871,133
<i>*Noninstructional Programs</i>	\$1,967,338	\$1,891,670	\$1,840,668
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	\$15,102,318	\$2,148,189	\$2,354,476
Debt Service	\$1,332,607	\$1,973,574	\$1,527,400
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	\$1,463,885	\$1,318,329	\$1,265,458
<i>*Total Other Expenditures</i>	\$17,898,810	\$5,440,092	\$5,147,334
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$54,671,507</b>	<b>\$40,753,181</b>	<b>\$38,101,853</b>
Transfers Out	\$2,105,722	\$1,735,997	\$1,461,059
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Uses</b>	<b>\$56,777,229</b>	<b>\$42,489,178</b>	<b>\$39,562,912</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$13,171,867</b>	<b>\$26,654,616</b>	<b>\$10,809,384</b>
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>\$69,949,096</b>	<b>\$69,143,794</b>	<b>\$50,372,296</b>
Proposed Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)	\$13.10133	\$13.07184	\$13.49475

- d. Approve Cooperative Agreements. Motion by McAndrew, second Vaske to approve the Agreements. Motion passed 5-0.
  - 1. Dubuque Senior – Girls Swimming
  - 2. Cascade – Boys/Girls Soccer
- e. First Reading Board Policies 800 and 900 Series. Motion by Vaske, second Coppola to approve the first readings of the 800 and 900 series. Motion passed 5-0.
- f. First Reading Board Policy #406 IPERS. Motion by McAndrew second by Coppola to approve the first reading of policy number 406 IPERS. Motion passed 5-0.
- g. Closed Session: Iowa Code 20.17(3) for discussion of collective bargaining issues. Motion by Coppola, second by Knuth to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 20.17(3) for discussion of collective bargaining issues. Roll Call Vote: McCabe – yes, Coppola – yes, Knuth – yes, McAndrew – yes, Vaske – yes. Motion passed 5-0. The Board entered into closed session at 7:50 pm and returned to open session at 8:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** Motion by McAndrew, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. on March 11, 2013.

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David A. Wegmann  
Board Secretary

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Robert McCabe  
President, Board of Education