

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
July 20, 2015

President Donohue called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present at roll call: Donohue, Prochaska, Ryan, Siegert. Excused: Barton, Beytien. Additional officer of the board present: Lucas.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to enter closed session as permitted by Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Motion carried 4-0. [Time- 4:51 p.m.]

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Prochaska) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Motion carried [Time- 5:07 p.m.]

President Donohue reconvened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Beytien (via telephone), Donohue, Prochaska, Ryan, Siegert. Excused: Barton. Additional officers of the Board present: Lucas, Rheingans. Executives present: Devaney, Kelleher, Kramer.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Ryan) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 8 and the strategic plan update session on June 22, 2015, as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Salutes

- AmeriCorps Partners in Learning Program
- Union Negotiating Teams
- Washington Middle School students who sang the National Anthem at the annual fireworks display over the river

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to suspend the rules of order and go into open forum. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Prochaska) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Siegert) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Mr. Donohue was auditor for the month. Motion carried 5-0.

Marty and Ken Johnson, Straka Johnson Architects, presented the proposed schematic design of Senior High School, which was developed after 11 meetings with the Core Planning Group. Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Ryan) to authorize the Board President to sign the Authorization to Proceed into the Design Development Phase for the Senior High School Renovation Project. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the agreement with the Dubuque Education Association as presented. The salary and benefit increase is 3.08%. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Prochaska) to approve the 2015-16 preschool fees as \$358.00 per month. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Prochaska) to approve the professional services master agreement with IIW, PC for survey, engineering, design and construction-related services for various minor district improvement projects not to exceed \$5,000 per project. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Ryan) to approve the professional services master agreement with WHKS for survey, engineering, design and construction-related services for various minor district improvement projects not to exceed \$5,000 per project. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Ryan) to approve, and authorize the Board President to sign, the resolution regarding contractor's request for partial early release of retained funds for the Hempstead High School Project-Phase 1. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Ryan) to approve Change Order #1 to R & W Restoration, LLC on the Senior Stone Repointing (2015-16) Project in the decreased amount of \$9,450.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Ryan) to approve the Quarterly Budget Report. Mr. Kelleher presented the Quarterly Budget Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the non-bargaining salary and benefits package as presented. Salary/benefit increase = 2.96%. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the superintendent's salary and benefits package as presented. Salary/benefit increase = 2.96% with a \$20,000 annuity (\$10,000 increase). Motion carried 5-0.

President Donohue read a letter of resignation from Director Strelow. The board thanked him for his service. After discussion, it was moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to appoint Otto Krueger as a Director to complete the term vacated by Matt Strelow, effective July 21 – September 14, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

The board received a letter from Representative Isenhart asking the board for its collective determination regarding whether or not the district endorses the efforts of its state elected senators and representatives to seek a special session to increase funding for Iowa's schools for FY 2016. President Donohue indicated that several petitions have been circulating in which several board members have added their signatures. He feels that if this could not be determined during the regular session, he is skeptical that anything different could come out of a special session. With that being said, all members, and Superintendent Rheingans, indicated support for a special session.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2015.

President Donohue declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education