

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
October 12, 2015

President Donohue called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Barton, Beytien, Donohue, Prochaska, Ryan, Siegert, Wittman. Additional officers of the Board present: Lucas, Rheingans. Executives present: Devaney, Kelleher, Kramer.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Kennedy Elementary School students.

Moved (Barton) and seconded (Beytien) to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Beytien) to approve the minutes of the annual/organizational meeting on September 14, 2015, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Salutes

- Sandi Beisker, Mike Cyze, Tricia Pitz - Hempstead High School Open House and Dedication
- Madeline Hilliard, Washington Middle School student –well written letter to Mr. Barton regarding school calendar concerns
- Dr. Tim Martin – ongoing monetary support of Dubuque Senior High School Theater Department
- Elks Lodge #297 – dictionaries to third graders
- Joann Frank, Kelsey Salow and entire food and nutrition services staff as well as Carolyn Scherf from ISU Extension – bringing locally sourced produce into our schools for Farm-to-School month
- Bill Burkhart – thorough inspection of Lincoln School

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to suspend the rules of order and go into open forum. Motion carried 7-0.

Jennifer Beecher, 1818 Avalon

Ms. Beecher is the parent of two students at Hoover School. She asked the board to consider ensuring that a communication be sent to parents regarding changes to the health curriculum.

Madeline Hilliard, 135 Cherokee Drive

Ms. Hilliard read a portion of her letter encouraging the board to reconsider adding a spring break to the school calendar.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Siegert) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Ryan) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Mr. Prochaska was auditor for the month. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Prochaska) to approve a request from the Dubuque Senior High School Alumni Association to begin fundraising for the donation of a Ram sculpture to be placed at Senior High School. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Prochaska) to approve the request from the Dubuque Dream Center for twenty-eight used student desks that are no longer of use to the District. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Ryan) to approve the monthly payment of \$352,914.00 to Hillcrest Family Services for the months of October, November, and December 2015. Motion carried 6-1 with Beytien opposed.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Ryan) to approve the District's fiscal year 2015 request to the Iowa School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative special education balance for the 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$4,370,508.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Barton) to approve the District's fiscal year 2015 request to the Iowa School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative Limited English Proficiency balance for the 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$314,443.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Barton) to approve the 2014-15 Internal Control Policies and Procedures Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Ryan) to approve the Authorization to Proceed with Additional Services for the Senior High School Renovation Project with Straka Johnson Architects, PC in the amount of \$17,500.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Barton) to adopt the following Resolution for Final Acceptance and Closing Final Project Costs for the Public Improvement Contract with R & W Restoration. WHEREAS, on April 13, 2015, Dubuque Community School District entered into a construction contract with R & W Restoration, LLC of East Dubuque, Illinois, "Contractor" for the construction of certain public improvements generally described as the Senior High School Stone Repointing (2015-16) ("Project"); and WHEREAS, on December 8, 2014, Dubuque Community School District entered into a contract with IIW, PC ("Architect") for architectural/engineering design services associated with the above Project; and WHEREAS, on September 23, 2015, Architect filed a certificate with Dubuque Community School District certifying that the contractor had substantially completed the construction of said public improvements in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract and plans and specifications. WHEREAS, the Architect has now submitted subsequent report, change order, bonds and pay application to Dubuque Community School District recommending that the project be accepted by the District as finally complete. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Dubuque Community School District:

Section 1: That said reports and documents of the Architect are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2: That said public improvement is hereby approved and accepted as having been fully completed in accordance with said plans, specifications, and form of contract.

Section 3: That the total contract cost of the improvement yet payable under said contract with R & W Restoration, LLC is hereby determined to be \$6,597.50.

Section 4: That \$6,597.50 of the total contract cost yet paid shall be retained for a period of thirty (30) days following this board's action to finally accept this public improvement project, pursuant to the requirements of Iowa Code § 573.14. If at the end of the thirty-day period, claims are on file as provided the Dubuque Community School District shall continue to retain from the unpaid funds a sum equal to double the total amount of all claims on file. The remaining balance of the unpaid fund, or if no claims are on file, the entire unpaid fund, shall be released and paid to the contractor in accordance with Iowa law. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Beytien) to approve Change Order #1 to Beck Construction Company on the Maintenance Department Storage Building Project in the decreased amount of \$1,500.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Barton) to approve the Fee Proposal from Selser Schaefer Architects for construction document and administration services for the Hempstead and Senior High School Tennis Court Repair Projects in the amount of \$6,200.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Prochaska) to approve the Proposal for Professional Services from IIW, PC for professional design services for the Hoover School Bus/Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$13,920.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the Proposal for Professional Services from IIW, PC for professional design services for the Irving School Bus/Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$27,200.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Kelleher provided a spending authority update. The FY15 unspent balance projected on September 15 is \$2,102,174. The district believed that the FY16 unspent balance would be approximately \$5.9 million without making any budget reductions. To decrease that deficit, the district offered an early retirement incentive and 20% reduction of department and building budgets. The current FY16 projected unspent balance is now at \$3.4 million due to these budget reductions. The district received 1.25% state supplemental aid, which is not sufficient to cover increasing costs, which results in the unspent balance deficit. As a district and community, we must advocate for adequate and timely state funding.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the Title I program plan as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Beytien) to approve the 2015-16 board committee assignments as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Beytien) to approve the School Bus Safety Week Proclamation. President Donohue read the proclamation. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Barton) to approve the Principals Month Proclamation. President Donohue read the proclamation. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to take no further disciplinary action related to students #810095 and #810476 at this time. Motion carried 7-0.

President Donohue declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education