

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
July 17, 2017

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. Excused: Wittman. Additional officers of the board present: Kelleher, Lucas, Rheingans. Executive present: Kramer.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 12, 2017, as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the Instructional Support Levy Vote and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Siegert) and seconded (Beytien) to open the public hearing to allow public comments. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Kelleher provided an overview of the levy, which is set to expire in June 2019. This levy would continue to add about \$1.36 for every \$1,000 in assessed property value. 97 percent of school districts in Iowa have a similar levy. This ballot measure will be added to the school board election on September 12 to save taxpayers the cost of a special election.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Beytien) to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
OF ELECTIONS TO CALL AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT
THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR THE
DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

It was moved by Siegert that the Board of Directors of the Dubuque Community School District adopt the following Resolutions concerning participation in the instructional support program authorized by Iowa law. WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Dubuque Community School District considered the needs of the District for the following ten (10) year period commencing with budget year 2019-2020, which anticipates additional funding to continue the current level of services, and to fund the ongoing programs in the School District; and WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Dubuque Community School District has given consideration to participation in the instructional support program as provided in Iowa Code Sections 257.18 to 257.21, inclusive; and WHEREAS, the Board has published notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the Resolution; and WHEREAS, on the 17th day of July, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., a public hearing was held concerning participation in the instructional support program; and WHEREAS, the Board did set the 17th day of July, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. as the time that it would conduct a public hearing concerning participation in such program and submission of the question of participation to the voters in the School District and the public hearing having been completed, the following Resolution is proposed; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Directors of the Dubuque Community School District (School District) determines that it is consistent with the ten (10) year requirements of the School District to fund the ongoing programs and services of the School District and that it is in the best interest of the School District to participate in an instructional support program as provided for in Iowa Code Sections 257.18 to 257.21, inclusive, and to provide additional funding for a period of ten (10) years commencing in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.
2. That the additional funding for the instructional support program for a budget year shall be determined annually, and shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district costs for the budget year and monies received under Section 257.14 as a budget adjustment for the budget year.

3. That monies received by the School District for the instructional support program may be used for any general fund purpose.
4. That the instructional support program will be funded by instructional support state aid, an instructional support property tax in an amount (after taking into consideration instructional support school aid) not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district cost for the budget year and monies received under Section 257.14 as a budget adjustment in the budget year, to be levied annually upon the taxable property within the School District commencing with the levy for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.
5. An election is called of the qualified electors of the School District in the Counties of Dubuque and Jackson on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, being the date of the school board election, at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District the following question: "Shall the Board of Directors of the Dubuque Community School District in the Counties of Dubuque and Jackson, State of Iowa, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the 2019-2020 budget year, (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) to levy and impose an instructional support tax in an amount (after taking into consideration instructional support state aid) not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district cost for the budget year (including monies received under Section 257.14 as a budget adjustment for the budget year) and be authorized annually, as determined by the Board, to levy an instructional support property tax upon all the taxable property within the School District commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (the rate of property tax per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation to be determined by the Board for each fiscal year), to be used to support any general fund purpose allowed by Iowa law including continuation of all day every day kindergarten, continuation of student class size reduction at primary grade levels, continuation of per pupil budgetary allocations for instructional supplies and upgrading of outdated equipment items used for classrooms, curriculum initiatives, science laboratories, industrial technology printing services and other instructional support programs, it being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to levy a special tax for any one or more of the foregoing purposes."
6. That the precincts and voting places for said election and the hours the polls shall be opened and closed shall be set out in the "Notice of Election" to be prepared, approved and published by the County Commissioner of Elections.
7. That the County Commissioner of Elections shall utilize an electronic voting system pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 52.28 (and regulations thereunder) or paper ballots pursuant to the provision of Iowa Code Section 52.31 (and the regulations hereunder) and the form of ballot to be used shall be substantially in the form set forth in the Notice of Election and as prescribed by Iowa law. The decision on utilization of an electronic system or paper ballots shall be made by the Commissioner of Elections.
8. That the Election Board for the voting precinct or precincts shall be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections, not less than 15 days before the date of said election, a certified copy of which appointment shall be officially placed on file in the office of the Secretary.
9. That Dubuque County, Iowa, being the control county of this School District (by reason of having the greatest amount of assessed taxable valuation of the School District located therein), this election shall be conducted by the Auditor of said County as Commissioner of Elections.
10. That the Commissioner of Elections is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four clear days nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the election, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, as defined by Iowa Code Section 618.3. Such notice shall be prepared by the Commissioner of Elections and shall be in form and substance required by law.
11. That the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa is the legal newspaper as defined above, and is hereby designated to make the publication of the Notice of Election.
12. That the County Commissioner of Elections shall cause to be prepared all such ballots and election registers and other supplies as may be necessary for the proper and legal conduct of said election and the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the School District is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with said Commissioner of Elections and to do and prepare all of the necessary proceedings in order to make said election legal and valid. Motion seconded by Ryan; after due consideration thereof by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution and, the roll being called, the following Directors voted: Aye: Barton, Beytien, Donohue, Prochaska, Ryan, Siegert; Absent: Wittman.

Red Carpet Recognition – the board recognized Nancy Bradley, retiring director of elementary education. Superintendent Rheingans presented her with a framed certificate of recognition.

Board Salutes

- Olivia Cowart – represented the Dubuque American Legion Auxiliary at Girls State and was selected to represent Iowa at Girls Nation
- Seamus Foley – participated in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards, also known as the Jimmys, and being awarded a Special Recognition Scholarship
- Matt Engelken – participated in the Songbook Academy
- Bill Burkhart, Charlie Clasen and staff – Hempstead Renovation Project was recognized by Alliant Energy at its 2017 Energy Summit
- Dubuque Girls Independent League – collaboration in hosting the Hempstead vs Senior softball game under the lights
- Bill & Deb Seiffert, TH Neighbors section celebrating district teachers

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to suspend the rules of order and go into open forum. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Barton) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Mr. Beytien was auditor for the month. Professional Service/Purchase Contracts was removed for discussion. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the Professional Service/Purchase Contracts as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Siegert) to approve Changer Order #7 to Conlon Construction on the Senior High School Renovation Project in the increased amount of \$41,231.88. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the Quarterly Budget Report as presented. Mr. Kelleher presented the report. Motion carried 6-0.

President Donohue declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education