

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Organizational Board Meeting
September 18, 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, Wittman. Additional officers of the board present: Kelleher, Lucas, Rheingans. Executive present: Kramer.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Audubon School students.

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

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 14, 2017, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Red Carpet Recognition

- Lee Kolker, Principal of Hempstead High School, and 9th grade students Alura DSouza, Isabella Foust, Beth Johll, Boris Miller, Alessandra Reynolds, and Justin Seay were present to invite the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary to sign the Class of 2021 “Commitment to Graduate” banner

Board Salutes

- Thank you to Dubuque voters for supporting the Instructional Support Levy (ISL) in last week’s school election
- Class of 2017 for outstanding work on the ACT test
- Anytime, Anywhere Learning Initiative – Coby Culbertson, David Olson, David Moeller, Lee Kolker, Dan Johnson, Megan Lahey, Chip Bishop

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

Paul Kurt, Bellevue

He indicated that he understands that the district cost per student is \$6,100 per year. He asked how much of that allocation is federal dollars? He would like to see local control.

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

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

Heather Gudenkauf, Title I Coordinator, updated the board on Title I for the 2017-18 school year. This program was operated under No Child Left Behind, but is now under Every Student Succeeds Act (new federal legislation). Title I is a federally funded program that supports schools that have a high percentage of low income families. Previously, the district received the entire allocation. Now, the district receives a portion, but the rest of the funding is allocated per pupil, per building. This has caused administration to look at staffing and services offered in those buildings. Funding pays for after school tutoring, updating Title I books, building-based professional development, and staffing. Mae Hingtgen, Behavioral Support Specialist, explained the difference between Home/School Liaison and the newly developed position of School Connection Specialist. Home/School Liaisons’ primary responsibilities include student behavior and fostering connection to school. School Connection Specialists’ primary responsibilities include reading achievement, foster connection to school (student and family), facilitate parent engagement and education, addresses attendance.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Siegert) to approve Changer Order #9 to Conlon Construction on the Senior High School Renovation Project in the increased amount of \$25,994.84. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Ryan) to approve the submission of the request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$4,722,971 (or as determined by the Iowa Department of Education following DE audit review) in Modified Supplemental Amount to provide 100% spending authority for 2017 special education deficit funded through a cash reserve levy. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the submission of the request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$88,480 (or as determined by the Iowa Department of Education following DE audit review) in Modified Supplemental Amount to provide 100% spending authority for 2017 actual ELL program costs funded through a cash reserve levy. Motion carried 7-0.

A recent press release announced the partnership with Dubuque Area Swimmin' Hurricanes (DASH). DASH swimmers will utilize the new pool during non-district times in exchange for \$1 million to cover the cost of expanding the pool's footprint to 75 feet. They are committed to raising the funds needed.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the resolution declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the Dubuque Community School District for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Barton) to receive and file the abstract of votes for the election on September 12, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to approve Participation in the Instructional Support Program Levy After Election resolution. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to outgoing members Craig Beytien and Terra Siegert.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to appoint Joni Lucas, Board Secretary, as the temporary chairperson. Motion carried 7-0.

The 2016-2017 Board of Directors was adjourned. [Recess – 6:20 to 6:28 p.m.]

Ms. Lucas called the organizational meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. with the following members present at roll call: Barton, Bradley, Donohue, Prochaska, Ryan, Sainci, Wittman.

Certificates of Election were presented to newly elected members Nancy Bradley and Anderson Sainci, and re-elected member Jim Prochaska. Ms. Lucas administered the oath of office.

Mr. Donohue nominated Tami Ryan to serve as president. Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Barton) to cast one ballot indicative of the unanimous election of Tami Ryan to the office of president. Motion carried 7-0. Ms. Lucas administered the oath of office to President Ryan. President Ryan now presided over the meeting.

Mr. Prochaska nominated Tom Barton to serve as vice president. Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Prochaska) to cast one ballot indicative of the unanimous election of Tom Barton to the office of vice president. Motion carried 7-0. President Ryan administered the oath of office to Vice President Barton.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Prochaska) to appoint Joni Lucas as Secretary of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0. President Ryan administered the oath of office to Secretary Lucas.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Barton) to appoint Kevin Kelleher as Treasurer of the Board of Education. Motion carried 7-0. President Ryan administered the oath of office to Treasurer Kelleher.

Moved (Barton) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the following banks as depositories for district funds not to exceed \$50 million each: American Trust & Savings Bank, Bankers Trust, Dubuque Bank & Trust, Fidelity Bank & Trust, Premier Bank, and US Bank. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Donohue) to establish the regular meeting of the Board of Education for the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum, and strategic plan meetings the fourth Monday in October, February and June at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Donohue) to name the *Telegraph Herald* as the official publication of record. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Wittman) to name Fuerste, Carew, Juergens and Sudmeier, P.C. as the official legal counsel of record. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Donohue) to authorize the board secretary to cast ballots for Keystone AEA Board of Directors: Sandra Gassman for District 6 and Nancy Bradley for District 7. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education