

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
April 11, 2016

President Donohue called the meeting to order at 5:32 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: Kelleher, Kramer.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 11.

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

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 14, 2016, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Kelleher reviewed the Certified Budget Proposal. Since the budget estimate was published, the governor has signed supplemental state aid in the amount of 2.25% so the actual levy rate will be 14.97 rather than the published rate of 15.23 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. The board will approve the published rate as it will be reduced by the Department of Management. Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the Budget Estimate and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to open the public hearing to allow public comments. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to adopt the Budget Estimate for Fiscal 2016-2017 as published. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Salutes

- HEART Program – Ken Kringle Historic Preservation Award from the Dubuque Historic Preservation Commission for recent work to 2300 Jackson Street
- Angie Breitbach, Karen Hitchcock and Hempstead Green Team, for co-authoring a grant from Black Hills Energy and Alliant Energy to plant 30 trees on the school's campus to increase energy efficiency and beauty
- Business After School Program – 60 students attended sessions at area businesses designed to give them a look into a variety of high-demand career fields

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

Craig Schaefer, Loras College Productions, reported that Loras College has been partnering with the district for four years. They employ two producers who are housed at the Forum. The public access station was named top access station in the country for the second year. In addition to the District-wide Update, they are currently working on safety videos to make sure students and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency and also working with the LEAP program to teach students how to shoot, edit, and produce video.

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

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Ms. Ryan was auditor for the month. The Personnel Report and the Iowa Athletic Field Construction contract were removed for discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Rheingans announced that he is recommending Mr. Jeff Johll to be the next principal at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School. Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Beytien) to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Prochaska does not feel that building activity funds (through fundraising) should have to pay for field improvements, i.e. Senior High School baseball field. Mr. Burkhart reported that he assisted Mr. Brent Cook in obtaining bids for the project. Buildings and Grounds Department committed \$5,000 from the PPEL fund for this project at this time. If the project could be delayed one year, it could be incorporated into the summer project list, whereby the entire project would be paid for with district funds. Senior chose to proceed with the project this year. Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Barton) to approve the contract with Iowa Athletic Field Construction Company for improvements at the Senior High School baseball field. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Ryan) to tentatively approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of total cost for the Senior High School Bus Drop Off Lane Project and set the date, time, and location as May 2, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., at the Forum, 2300 Chaney Road, Dubuque, Iowa, for a hearing thereon and further authorize the advertisement for competitive bids. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Wittman) to adopt the following resolution approving construction contract, certificate of insurance and bonds: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Dubuque Community School District, Dubuque, Iowa: That the construction contract and bonds executed and insurance coverage for the Transportation Department Asphalt Replacement Project, as described in detail in the plans and specifications heretofore approved, and which have been signed by the Contractor be and the same are hereby approved and Board President is authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the District outlined as follows: Contractor: McClain Excavating; Date of contract: April 11, 2016; Bond surety: The Ohio Casualty Insurance Co., \$383,152.00; Date of bond: April 11, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Wittman) to adopt the following resolution approving construction contract, certificate of insurance and bonds: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Dubuque Community School District, Dubuque, Iowa: That the construction contract and bonds executed and insurance coverage for the Hempstead and Senior High School Tennis Court Repair Project, as described in detail in the plans and specifications heretofore approved, and which have been signed by the Contractor be and the same are hereby approved and Board President is authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the District outlined as follows: Contractor: Pro Track and Tennis, Inc.; Date of contract: March 21, 2016; Bond surety: American Contractors Indemnity Company, \$107,950.00; Date of bond: March 24, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Wittman) to adopt the following resolution approving construction contract, certificate of insurance and bonds: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Dubuque Community School District, Dubuque, Iowa: That the construction contract and bonds executed and insurance coverage for the Hoover Elementary School Bus/Parking Lot Project, as described in detail in the plans and specifications heretofore approved, and which have been signed by the Contractor be and the same are hereby approved and Board President is authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the District outlined as follows: Contractor: Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC; Date of contract: April 11, 2016; Bond surety: West Bend Mutual Insurance Co., \$200,133.50; Date of bond: April 11, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Wittman) to adopt the following resolution approving construction contract, certificate of insurance and bonds: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Dubuque Community School District, Dubuque, Iowa: That the construction contract and bonds executed and insurance coverage for the Irving Elementary School Bus/Parking Lot Project, as described in detail in the plans and specifications heretofore approved, and which have been signed by the Contractor be and the same are hereby approved and Board President is authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the District outlined as follows: Contractor: McDermott Excavating; Date of contract: April 11, 2016; Bond surety: Merchants Bonding Company, \$309,900.00; Date of bond: April 11, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Wittman) to adopt the following resolution approving construction contract, certificate of insurance and bonds: Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Dubuque Community School District, Dubuque, Iowa: That the construction contract and bonds executed and insurance coverage for the Eisenhower Elementary School Roof Replacement Project, as described in detail in the plans and specifications heretofore approved, and which have been signed by the Contractor be and the same are hereby approved and Board President is authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the District outlined as follows: Contractor: Giese Roofing Company; Date of contract: April 11, 2016; Bond surety: The Hanover Insurance Company, \$98,880.00; Date of bond: April 11, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the Professional Services Agreement Amendment with Selser Schaefer Architects for the Hempstead High School Athletic Field Improvements Project at an additional cost of \$15,020.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the Agreement with IIW, PC for the Eisenhower Elementary and Jefferson Middle School Roof Repairs Project at a cost of \$15,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Kelleher reported that the district received their 7th Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. He thanked Joan Steffen and Rick Till for their hard work in preparing this document.

Moved (Beytien) and seconded (Barton) to approve the Quarterly Budget Report. Mr. Kelleher presented the Quarterly Budget Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee Report - The Committee heard recommendations on much needed revisions to the School Attendance policy (approved under consent agenda).

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Barton) to consider termination of contract with employee #8929 due to budget reductions. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Barton) and seconded (Ryan) to excuse seniors from making up any snow days in June. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Rheingans indicated that budget plans are being finalized and teachers that will be reduced due to budget reductions will be notified by April 30. He anticipates that ten or less teaching positions will be reduced after attrition and relocation.

President Donohue declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education