

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Work Session

September 21, 2016

President Donohue called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present at roll call: Barton, Beytien, Donohue, Prochaska, Ryan, Siegert. Additional officers of the Board present: Kelleher, Lucas, Rheingans. Other district representatives: Bradley, Burkhart, Burns, Culbertson, Cyze, Hawkins, Horstman, Kramer, Molony, Olson.

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

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Siegert) to approve the professional service/purchase contracts as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Rheingans indicated that the conversation today would be very different if not for the overwhelming support of the extension of the PPEL levy. He thanked the voters of the district for their support.

The board made some minor changes to the Facility Beliefs statements. Model sustainability in facility decisions will move to Fiscal Efficiency and the Sustainability section will be omitted. This will be on the next Facilities/Support Services Committee meeting agenda.

Ms. Wittman arrived at 2:14 p.m.

Capital Projects 2016-2026 was reviewed. The annual commitment to technology was discussed. It may be necessary to increase the \$2.5 million that is currently allocated to technology in this plan. Future Bonding Capacity Options: special education space options - pay rent, purchase non-district owned building and renovate, build an addition to current district-owned building, build a stand-alone building on district property, other. If rent to Hillcrest continues, in FY 19/20 the PPEL fund will no longer be able to sustain this cost and \$500,000 annually will need to be diverted to the sales tax fund. Possible project priorities were discussed. It will be imperative to continue to advocate for the sales tax extension. A new three to four section elementary school on the southwest side of town will likely be necessary. Pool Options – repair of current Hempstead pool (estimated at \$1.43 million in 2012 study), build a district aquatic center attached to one of our current schools (currently \$7 million set aside for this project), contribute \$7 million towards a new aquatic center built in collaboration with another entity or entities. Options will be discussed at Facilities/Support Services meetings.

Replacement Windows at Senior High School – as new windows were installed at Bryant Elementary School due to a generous donation from John and Alice Butler, new windows at Senior were also mentioned. If the district replaced all of the windows (at an approximate cost of \$2.3 million) and if utility prices did not increase, there would be a 177-year payback. If utilities increased 4%, the payback would be 110 years. Since this does not seem to be feasible, the district would be willing to identify a contribution of 10%-20% to potentially secure a possible matching donation to fund new windows for the entire building.

President Donohue declared the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary  
Board of Education