

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Workshop Session

Monday, April 14, 2014 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

Board President Gary McAndrew called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present were Gary McAndrew, Mark Knuth, Jeanne Coppola, Mark Tilson, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Corkery.

Connecticut Trip:

Principal Dan Butler, Principal Dave Hoeger, Director of Curriculum and Assessment Kelly Simon, Director of Student Services Tina Brestrup and Superintendent Jeff Corkery provided the Board with an overview of observations from their visit to a school district in Connecticut. Areas observed and explained were:

- Extended learning time offerings for students amounting to 90 additional minutes daily
- Drop-out prevention activities
- Students bringing their own electronic devices for use in the classroom
- Extensive school funding and staffing resources
- On-site test writing with focus on student error analysis and teaching to areas in which students are struggling
- Peer observation system
- Student surveys, confidential but not anonymous; major student difficulties automatically relayed to counselors for intervention and assistance
- Teacher evaluation tied to student growth

School Board Recognition by Student Council:

School Board Recognition by the Student Council postponed until future meeting date.

Adjournment:

Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on April 14, 2014.

Jeni Schindler
Board Secretary

Gary McAndrew
President, Board of Education