

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 16, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Board President Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence and the reading of the District Vision Statement and Goals.

Roll Call:

Present were President Bob McCabe, Gary McAndrew, Mark Knuth, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery. Absent: Jeanne Coppola.

Honoring Retiring Board Member Bob McCabe:

Prior to the start of the meeting Superintendent Corkery presented President McCabe with a plaque and gift certificate for his 16 years of dedicated service (10 years as President) to the school district. Recognition and honors were also given by many of those in attendance at the meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Knuth, second by McAndrew to approve the Agenda as published with the following changes. Motion passed 4-0.

Resignations: Coby Culbertson: Technology Director

Employment: Megan Ries .6 FTE Preschool Teacher FES: 96 work days - \$16,432.32

Reports: Transportation Annual Report – To be presented at the October meeting.

Superintendent Corkery noted that Mr. Culbertson accepted the Director of Technology position at the Dubuque Community School District and that his dedication and expertise to the Western Dubuque School District will be missed.

Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:

Open Forum: No comments or communications were received.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

- a. August 12, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion by Vaske, second by McAndrew to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for the month of August: Motion by McAndrew, second by Vaske to approve the bills. Motion passed 4-0.

Reports:

Principal Reports:

Topics discussed were: School start-up activities, Focus on Literacy activities, help given to Cascade Elementary from future teacher education students at CHS, completion of student assessments, Back to School Bash at Peosta Elementary, successful completion of office relocation this summer at CHS due to building construction, Dubuque Area Leadership Council - membership recognition for students from CHS and WDHS, DMIS first parent/teacher night, activity program participation at DMIS, movie night at Dyersville elementary, WDHS parent night for incoming Freshman. All Principals and District level administrators thanked President McCabe for the leadership and passion that he gave to the District during his tenure.

Superintendent Report:

- Unprecedented heat to start the school year but staff and students worked through the discomfort.

- Rode on 3 bus routes since start of school to become more familiar with routing concerns.
- Planning grant activities underway for development of new teacher compensation method as part of the new State Education Reform legislation. Grant application is due at the end of October.
- Preparations for the District's five-year Dept. of Education review will begin this year. Review is scheduled for the 2014-15 school year.
- Tentative enrollment numbers indicate a small increase of 1 to 10 students. Four-year old enrollment is up from the previous year.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by McAndrew, second by Knuth to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion passed 4-0.

- a. Financial Reports of District
- b. Personnel
 1. Resignations
 - a) Ryan Altieri – Assistant 7th/8th Grade Football – CHS
 - b) Jacob Feldmann – School-to-Work Coordinator – WDHS (resignation effective end of 2013-2014 school year)
 - c) Josie Kennicott – Sophomore Softball – WDHS
 - d) Shana Kester – Varsity Assistant Softball – CHS
 - e) Coby Culberson – Technology Director
 2. Employment
 - a) Ryan Altieri – 8th Grade Football – CHS \$2,256.00
 - b) Jodi Boge – 7th Grade Volleyball – DMIS \$1,692.00
 - c) Roamn Hummel – Assistant 7th/8th Grade Football – CHS \$1,692.00
 - d) Matt Meier – Sophomore Volleyball – CHS \$2,538.00
 - e) John Nickol – School-to-Work Coordinator – WDHS (effective July 2014 - wage to be determined - 14% of 2014-2015 B.A. Base)
 - f) Eric Quinn – Elem. Art Teacher – from .5 FTE to 1.00 FTE \$34,128.00
 - g) Megan Ries - .6 FTE Preschool Teacher – FES (96 work days for 2013-2014 school year) \$16,432.32
 - h) Michael Sconsa – Varsity Assistant Football – CHS \$3,384.00
- c. Out of State Travel
 - a) Cascade High School FFA to Washington, DC Leadership Conference
 - b) Western Dubuque High School FFA to Washington, DC Leadership Conference and National Convention at Louisville, Kentucky.
- d. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings: None
- e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests: None
- f. Resolutions
 1. Resolution recognizing National Food Service Week

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Approve abstract of School Board Election. Motion by Vaske, second by Knuth to approve the certified Abstract of Votes for the September 10, 2013 School Board Election. Motion passed 4-0.
Mark Tilson and Mark Knuth were declared duly elected to the office of the Western Dubuque County Community School District Board of Education for the term of 4 years.

Final Comments by Retiring Board Member – President McCabe:

- During his term he served with 17 other Board members, 4 Superintendents, 20 Principals, 5 Central Office Administrators and 1 Business Manager.
- He attended all 32 graduation ceremonies for an estimated 4,200 students at CHS and WDHS during his tenure.
- Significant improvements have been made in student achievement, technology and facilities over the past 16 years.
- He had a perfect attendance record for all the regular monthly School Board meetings for the 16 year period.
- Thanks to all the employees and WD stakeholders for the humbling and rewarding experience.

Adjournment: Motion by McCabe, second by Knuth to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm on September 16, 2013.

David A. Wegmann
Board Secretary

Robert McCabe
President, Board of Education