

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Minutes
Workshop Session
September 19, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

Vice- President Jeanne Coppola called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present were Jeanne Coppola, Mark Knuth, Gary McAndrew and Superintendent Jeff Corkery. Absent: Bob McCabe and Barb Weber. Barb Weber joined the meeting at 5:50 pm and Bob McCabe at 5:55 pm.

Urbain Property:

Superintendent Corkery reviewed storm water drainage issues concerning the approximate 18.75 acres of land just east of the Farley elementary site owned by the Dorothy M. Urbain Revocable Living Trust as deed owners. Trustees of the property have notified the District of their concerns of water damage to the property due to storm water run-off coming from the School District property. The Board discussed options available to the Board including remediation of the storm discharge area and possible purchase of a portion of the property. The Board authorized Superintendent Corkery to explore these options with the property owners.

District Scorecard:

Superintendent Corkery informed the Board that this school year was the last year of the five-year Instructional Strategic Plan and efforts are already underway to enhance the current Plan and to provide better measures to accurately score the Districts performance in meeting identified goals in the Plan.

The District's Scorecard is a measure of how the school district is performing with respect to its five adopted goals – Student Achievement, Safe Environment, Ensuring a High Performing Staff, Providing Equitable and Adequate Resources and Increasing Community Support. Superintendent Corkery provided the Board with the 2010-11 results for these goals. The score is based upon testing data, surveys, financial reports and district maintained data bases.

Transportation and Routing:

Mr. Corkery indicated that the District has received a number of complaints about the bus routing and scheduling when school started. He noted that several of the issues have been resolved; but, what is still occurring is not acceptable. A number of factors have contributed to the problems including the new attendance boundaries, attendance waivers and grade configurations. He is actively working with the Transportation Department to resolve the issues and the District may have to rethink the routing and shuttle schemes that are now being used to bus public and private school students to the nearest attendance center.

Board and Superintendent Goals:

Detailed discussion of the goals will be presented at the October meeting; but, Mr. Corkery noted that that he would be looking at a voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, renewal of the Instructional Support Program, advertisement of district instructional programs and the development of the new five-year instructional strategic plan as primary considerations.

Adjournment:

Motion by Coppola, second by Weber to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm on September 19, 2011.

David A. Wegmann
Board Secretary

Robert McCabe
President, Board of Education