



DAVENPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes

MISSION STATEMENT: The Davenport School District, in collaboration with parents/guardians and the community, will provide a caring, safe and stimulating environment that empowers students to persevere and become contributing members and problem solvers in our diverse and ever-changing world.

Meeting: Regular School Board Meeting
Date: Monday, November 23, 2015

Location: Davenport ES/MS Library
Start Time: 6:02 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call Jolene Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Board members in attendance were Jolene Erickson, Heather Panke, Paula Furman, Merilla Hopkins and Brad Sweet. Also present were Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski, Elementary Principal Courtney Strozyk, Middle School/High School Principal Chad Prewitt, Business Manager Leslie Oliver and District Secretary Cindy Duenwald. Three guests were in the audience.

Flag Salute Jolene Erickson led the flag salute.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mrs. Panke questioned the A/P being late; Mrs. Oliver replied it had to do with the recent wind storm shutting down ESD as well as our meeting being earlier in the month.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: 10/28/15
2. Approval of Recommendation for Hire – Junior High Head Boys Basketball Coach – Mr. Tyson Linstrum
3. Approval of Adjusted Employment Contract – Mrs. Karen Carruth
4. Approval of Second & Final Reading of the Following Policies:
 - #6101 (Federal Cash & Financial Management) – New Policy
 - #3141 (Nonresident Students) – Updates to Current Policy
 - #5222 (Job-Sharing Staff Members) – New Policy
5. Approval of Overnight Field Trip (Wrestling Trip to Bellevue)
6. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence from Mrs. Rickie Greenwood
7. Acceptance, Consideration, and Approval of Bills & Payroll

General Fund

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| Warrant | 907874 | \$2,554.68 |
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Payroll

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| Warrants | 907875-907885, | 900004823 – 900004925 | \$461,776.76 |
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General Fund

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| Warrants | 907904-907985 | \$102,027.34 |
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ASB

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| Warrants | 907986-908004 | \$9,828.19 |
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Paula Furman made a motion to approve the agenda as well as the consent agenda; Brad Sweet seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0; one abstention from Heather Panke.

PRESENTATIONS

1. ASB Report – there was not an ASB report at this meeting.

BRIEF REPORTS

1. **HS Principal** – Mr. Prewitt shared that the individual academic success conferences were a success, middle school parents may need a little longer time frame as more information is covered at this age. Mr. Prewitt also stated that conferences were less this fall due in part to staff working with students to bring their grades above D's and F's. He appreciates EVERYONE'S efforts in this area. TPEP not new, but still a HUGE effort is being made by staff as they focus on setting goals and tracking student progress. Mrs. Panke asked about the new faculty and how they are coping with analyzing student data as well as excelling in their own teaching techniques. Mr. Prewitt, Mrs. Strozyk and Mr. Kowalkowski all commended them on their progress. The MAP test will occur before the winter break so there is time to evaluate and set a plan in place when school reopens in January.
2. **GS Principal** – Mrs. Strozyk stated that conferences were well attended in elementary; teachers were very accommodating to the parents that attended. MAP testing before winter break as well; Kindergarten and First Grade testing may run into the first of the year. They held their First Quarter Awards Ceremony and a Veteran's Day Assembly in November, as well as the yearly Scholastic Book Fair; all were well attended.
3. **Athletic Director** – Mr. Zeiler was not present but did submit a written report. Winter sports are underway. The totals today look like this: 17 HS Wrestlers, 14 HS Girls Basketball; 3 students will come up from the 8th Grade, 24 HS Boys Basketball.
4. **Superintendent** – Mr. Kowalkowski took two new board members, Deanna Fitzpatrick and Kristi Bell to Bellevue recently to attend the WSSDA Annual Conference. Deanna and Kristi participated in the new Board Director "boot camp" and also the Open Government Training; Mr. Kowalkowski also gave an update on the teacher shortages and OSPI's efforts to help with this current problem. Davenport School District currently has two emergency substitute teachers and another in the near future.
5. **Business Manager** – Leslie Oliver shared we are 24 FTE's above budget; we recently received a grant for AP Science. Krista Rodriguez has agreed to teach these classes next year. Mrs. Hopkins recommended this class be taught in the Sophomore Year. Thank you to Noelle Carstens for her help in submitting this particular grant.
6. **Legislative Report** – Mr. Kowalkowski explained the Key Findings of the 2015 OSPI / AWSP Teacher Shortage Survey. Some findings: 1) Regardless of population density, a majority of school leaders believe the situation is in "crisis", 2) Washington's poorest schools are disproportionately burdened by the substitute shortage, 3) Finding substitutes is a challenge for elementary, middle, and high schools.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. **Good Things Happening in the District**
 - Jolene Erickson commented on FFA winning the Cedarcrest FFA Job Interview CDE; Mr. Kowalkowski made brief presentations to the three outgoing board members. It was a pleasure working with them all and noted their significant contribution to students and community.
2. **Public Comment**
 - There were no comments at this time.

This portion of the meeting is for communication from the public. Patrons wishing to speak on specific items listed on the agenda or on other items should first be recognized by the board chair and give his/her name before beginning comments to the board. A limit of 3-5 minutes per patron may be imposed. The Board's role will be to receive comments. Items may be referred to the Superintendent or another administrator for further research and/or follow-up. Note: This public comment time is not for complaints regarding a specific school district staff member. Please see the superintendent or a board member for the specific process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. M&O Levy Renewal
 - Length of Levy Renewal/Amount of Levy Each Year/Estimated Tax Rate (per \$1,000)
 - Mr. Kowalkowski provided the board with a copy of the first draft of the January Newsletter for the upcoming Replacement M & O School Levy Election. He asked that everyone review and send suggestions so that a final draft can be voted upon at the December Board Meeting. We will mail this newsletter in January for the February election.
2. Changing the date of December Board Meeting (Currently scheduled for December 14)
 - There is a concert scheduled for December 14 that several board members will be attending on the 14th. It was decided that the meeting would be more worthwhile if it was held Monday, December 7.
3. December Board Meeting Agenda Items
 - Swearing in of New Board Members
 - Approve M&O Levy Newsletter
 - Approve dollar amount of Bills and Payroll
 - Elect officers
4. 2016 Board Meeting Dates
 - The first draft of the 2016 board meeting dates was discussed. With an exception of two most will stay on the original dates for now. A final draft will be created and presented at the December 7 board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Resolution No. 15-02 – Replacement Maintenance and Operation Levy

Heather Panke moved that we approve Resolution No. 15-02 authorizing the Davenport School District to meet educational needs of students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District.

| | <u>Approximate Levy</u> | |
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| | <u>Rate/\$1,000</u> | |
| <u>Collection Year</u> | <u>Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy Amount</u> |
| <u>2017</u> | <u>\$4.12</u> | <u>\$1,066,000</u> |
| <u>2018</u> | <u>\$4.12</u> | <u>\$1,087,000</u> |
| <u>2019</u> | <u>\$4.12</u> | <u>\$1,109,000</u> |
| <u>2020</u> | <u>\$4.12</u> | <u>\$1,131,000</u> |

- Merilla Hopkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Approval of Change in December Board Meeting Date

Paula Furman moved that the Monday, December 14, 2015 board meeting be moved to Monday, December 7, 2015; Brad Sweet seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
 3. Approval of Resolution No. 15-03 – Authorizing District Funds to be Used to Send New Directors to the WSSDA Annual Conference

Merilla Hopkins moved that Resolution No. 15-03 – Authorizing District Funds to be Used to Send New Directors to the WSSDA Annual Conference be approved; Paula Furman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM by Mrs. Erickson.

Board Chair

Secretary