



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, December 7, 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. Outgoing board members in attendance were Jolene Erickson and Paula Furman. Newly elected directors in attendance were Deanna Fitzpatrick, Gabe Gants and Kristi Bell; as well as continuing board members Merilla Hopkins and Heather Panke. 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. One guest was in the audience.

Flag Salute Jolene Erickson led the flag salute.

SUPERINTENDENT TO ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS

Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski administered the oath of office to the newly elected board members: Deanna Fitzpatrick, Gabe Gants and Kristi Bell. They will each serve four year terms.

ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2016

Heather Panke moved that Merilla Hopkins serve as Chairman for the Davenport School Board during 2016; Deanna Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2016

Kristi Bell moved that Heather Panke serve as Vice Chairman for the Davenport School Board during 2016; Deanna Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Heather Panke moved to approve the agenda; Gabe Gants seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of 11/23/15 Minutes
2. Recommendation to Hire Bus Driver: Carla Martinez
3. Examination, Consideration, and Approval of Bills & Payroll for All funds Up to \$700,000.

GENERAL FUND

Warrant	908006 – 908009	\$4,794.74
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PAYROLL

Warrant	908010	\$744.00
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Heather Panke moved to approve the consent agenda; Kristi Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

ASB Report Chase Van Pevenage shared that FFA will participate in the Sub District Job Interview Competition this week. They previously took first place at the Cedar Crest Competition in November. FBLA is preparing for future competitive events. NHS will be going on a buying trip next weekend for the Sharing Tree with money raised earlier in the year. Sound Techs are preparing for upcoming concerts and recitals. Swing Choir will hold their annual holiday dinner on December 20. WDFY t-shirts and membership cards will be passed out soon.

BRIEF REPORTS

HS Principal Chad Prewitt and Elementary Principal Courtney Strozyk once again thanked the board for their constant support and encouragement towards staff and the use of their PLC time on Monday mornings. One result of this effort is the announcement that Davenport Elementary has received along with several schools in our area, the 2015 School of Distinction Award. This award is the result of increasing reading and math scores among our students in a five year span.

Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski has included the newest *McCleary v. State of Washington* report that was recently presented at the WSSDA Conference in November. He encouraged the newly elected board to read through it if possible. He highlighted the different graphs showing the 2015 Legislature's Plan and the fact they we receive well below the amounts proposed on them. He has also provided information regarding the "Every Student Succeeds Act" that hopefully will replace the "No Child Left Behind Act".

Business Manager Leslie Oliver took this time to review the enrollment report she brings to this meeting each month. She stated as of this date we are currently at 593.93 average FTE's which is 23.93 FTE over budget. She will bring numbers for Running Start and SPED in January as those reports had not reached her desk before this meeting. She will discuss with the board the budgets and how FTE's affect our overall finances in January also.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2016 Board Committee Assignments

Merilla Hopkins reminded the administrative staff that there is a description available showing what each committee does. This document was located and will be made available to the board before the January 11 meeting. The committee assignments will be assigned at that time.

2. 2016 Board Meeting Schedule

The board quickly reviewed the meeting schedules; Merilla Hopkins stated that the dates at the bottom were noted because the board is always encouraged to attend when available.

3. Review Draft M & O Levy Newsletter to Community

The board had reviewed the newsletter before the meeting and found only a couple small suggestions to clean it up before mailing. They will be mailed a week before the ballots go out; Mr. Kowalkowski has already scheduled meetings with two community groups to present levy information and to answer questions about the levy.

4. Agenda Items for January 11 Quarterly Meeting

Committee assignments, budget information, district performance report card, district annual goals, collective bargaining agreements and one or two "scenario discussions" will be the topics for the quarterly meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Good Things Happening in the District

- 2015 School of Distinction Certificate
- 2015 School of Distinction Methodology

Merilla Hopkins and Deanna Fitzpatrick both commented again on the importance of our late start Monday's so staff can work together as a team creating a positive learning environment for our students.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Kowalkowski received pictures from Jeff Gunning showing the arrival of pigs to his farm. He will house them until the Junior Livestock Show in May for several students involved in FFA. He and Mr. Hargrave plan to attend a meeting in the near future to expand on the program.

Merilla Hopkins also shared that our Senior Ian Hunton recently learned he had received a full ride academic scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania.

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.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of 2016 School Board Meeting Dates

Heather Panke moved to approve the 2016 School Board meeting dates; Deanna Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Approval of 2016 Board Committee Assignments

This was moved for vote to the January 11 meeting in order to review the committee job descriptions.

3. Approval of M & O Levy Newsletter to Community

Heather Panke moved to approve the 2016 M & O Levy Newsletter to be sent to the community in January 2016; Deanna Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Leslie Oliver provided the board with documentation showing the preliminary schedule to refunding our Unlimited Tax General Obligation in 2016. By doing this we will ultimately save the taxpayers money.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM by Merilla Hopkins.

Board Chair

Secretary