

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
July 20, 2020

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present in person: Parks, Prochaska, Ryan, Wittman. Board members present via Zoom: Bradley, Donohue, Sainci. Additional officers of the Board present: Kelleher, Lucas, Rheingans.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Parks) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 8, the work session on June 22, and the special meeting on June 29, 2020, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Salutes

- Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools and the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque – grant for \$18,500 to purchase 6,400 thermometers for district families (at no cost) to assist with daily temperature checks
- Condolences to the family and friends of Lesley Stephens, former district administrator and board member, who passed away unexpectedly on June 23.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Parks) to suspend the rules of order and go into open forum. Motion carried 7-0.

Tim Flynn indicated he was representing the small voice of parents with special needs students whose education is just as important as other students. He feels all students should be in school five days a week. Certain students cannot learn at home or online. They need the structure of the school setting.

Katie Jones is part of a group of volunteers sewing cloth face coverings for students who need them.

Beth Houselog supports the belief that all students should be in school every day. She is concerned with the young learners. She and her husband both work full-time and their children will go to daycare, which seems to reduce the effectiveness of trying to lessen COVID exposure.

Tony White does not support the hybrid model, which does not fit the current family lifestyle. He does not understand the goal of hybrid learning. Most students are unable to learn at home, and parents are not home during the day to teach them. He feels students should be in school every day.

Tracy Demerath applauds the district for putting together a plan that is best for students and staff. As an educator, how do teachers enforce the face covering rule for students who do not want to wear a mask? Many questions remain unanswered. Nothing has prepared us for this.

Natalia Blaskovich supports the hybrid model in an attempt to protect students by social distancing. She wonders if there is flexibility in scheduling for families with teenagers to help with younger students on days they wouldn't be learning in person. That could alleviate some concerns that have been voiced.

Haley Lammer-Heindel is a teacher at Senior High School with two children. She is very concerned about how staff will be protected during the pandemic and how the district will respond to staff who are at risk and how they will be accommodated. She supports the hybrid model. As a teacher, she has questions on contact tracing and notification if students in the school test positive. She wants assurances so teachers can make informed decisions on their employment and their health.

Rebecca Jones is a parent and supports 100% virtual learning for the safety of students and staff.

Kristy Dupont works full-time with overtime. She can't get her school-age children into daycare so she has no one to care for them. Students are currently in sports so why can't they go to school full-time?

Brittany Drake is a teacher in the district and also a parent of special needs students. She is concerned about staff safety.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Parks) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Wittman was auditor for the month. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the donation from Andrew McCormick, Eagle Scout, in the amount of \$3,100.00 for a GaGa Ball Pit for Hoover Elementary School. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve Change Order #1 to Conlon Construction Company on the Alta Vista Vocational Technology Classroom Addition Project in the increased amount of \$931.82. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve Change Order #1 to Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC on the Hempstead Parking Lot Expansion Project in the increased amount of \$5,596.50. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the professional services master agreement with IIW, PC for survey, engineering, design and construction-related services for various minor district improvement projects. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve the resolution offering for sale by public bid a 2006 Ford Explorer, 2011 Ford Escape and 2012 Ford Escape and set the date, time and place for *possible* public hearing as August 10, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dubuque Community School District. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to adopt a resolution accepting endorsement that the district's insurance carrier will indemnify an employee required to give bond for faithful performance of duties required by law. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve the Quarterly Budget Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Parks) to approve the District Delivered Service Delivery Plan for Special Education as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Parks) to approve the Return to Learn recommendation as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education