

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
August 10, 2020

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present in person: Bradley, Donohue, Parks, Prochaska, Ryan. Present via Zoom: Sainci. Excused: Wittman. Additional officers of the Board present: Lucas, Rheingans. Kelleher was present via Zoom.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Parks) to approve the agenda as amended by moving the Calendar Public Hearing to the end of the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 20, 2020, as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Prochaska) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the sale of a district vehicle and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 6-0.

There were no public comments. Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve the sale of a 2012 Ford Escape to Raymond Williams for \$5,231.25. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Salutes

- Hempstead High School Baseball Team and Coach Rapp on a successful season ending with the state semi-finals
- Superintendent and administrative team for the countless hours spent on the Return to Learn plan and their leadership during this unprecedented time
- Dubuque Black Men Coalition, St Mark Youth Enrichment, and other partners for another successful Back to School Bash

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Parks) to suspend the rules of order and go into open forum. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Bradley) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Parks) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Donohue was auditor for the month. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Parks) to receive and file the Reopening Challenge Petition. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Parks) to approve the Community Educational Equity Advisory Committee Bylaws. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Parks) to approve the IASB and UEN legislative priorities as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Parks) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the revised 2020-2021 school calendar and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Rheingans reviewed the proposed calendar changes including moving the first day of school to August 24 due to increased COVID activity in the community and unanswered questions related to contact tracing.

There were no public comments. Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Donohue) to approve the revised 2020-2021 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Rheingans outlined metrics that the district will use to move between educational models. He recommends that students come to school full time when the 14-day average COVID positivity rate for the county drops to 5%. He also will recommend moving students to online education if that rate approaches 15%. State officials say that school leaders can ask for permission to close buildings or districts if their county has a 14-day average positivity rate of at least 15% and at least 10% of students are absent, or if the county has a 20% positivity rate. Rheingans said district officials would inform state officials and ask their permission to switch to online learning if the county positivity rate approaches 15%. However, if the state does not respond in a timely manner, the district would move forward with online learning and work with the state to hopefully receive approval.

President Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education