

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
October 12, 2020

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present in person: Parks, Prochaska, Ryan, Sainci, Wittman. Present via Zoom: Bradley, Donohue. Additional officers of the Board present: Lucas, Kelleher, Rheingans.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Moved (Sainci) and seconded (Parks) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 14, 2020, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Salutes

- 2021 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists – Kunal Chugh, Charles Fiegen, Samantha Fish, Luke Kotz, Justin Ringold, Brendan Stahl
- Dubuque Lowe's – for donating supplies that can be used in the district's ongoing health and safety efforts
- Dubuque Bank & Trust - \$20,000 donation to Prescott Elementary School made through its partnership with AdoptAClassroom.org

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

Amy Unmacht, Executive Director for Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools, reported that it has been her goal to raise awareness of the Foundation and its impact on the Dubuque Schools. The Foundation is a non-profit organization overseen by a board of directors. Mission - Supports student achievement by promoting investment in the Dubuque public schools. She highlighted the impact FDPS dollars has on the district in ensuring that all students have the resources they need to succeed. Funding is needed now more than ever. Visit their web site to donate.

Niki Winter, Majestic Drive

She has two children that attend Carver. As a nurse and working mother, she supports having students in school full-time. She feels that there is little communication and wonders what the district's plan is to move toward that goal.

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

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

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve Change Order #2 to Conlon Construction Company on the Alta Vista Vocational Technology Classroom Addition Project in the decreased amount of \$4,679.83. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve final acceptance of the Hempstead High School Parking Lot Expansion Project and authorize payment of final project costs to Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete, LLC in the amount of \$8,894.60 in accordance with the requirements of Iowa law and as more fully outlined in the submitted authorizing resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve final acceptance of the Hempstead High School Underground Geothermal Vault Replacement Project as all project costs have been paid to A-One Geothermal, Inc. in accordance with the requirements of Iowa law and as more fully outlined in the submitted authorizing resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve the 28E Agreement with the City of Dubuque on the Prescott Neighborhood Resource Center. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the 2019-2020 Internal Control Policies and Procedures Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Parks) to approve the submission of the request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$5,766,709.30 (or as determined by the Iowa Department of Education following DE audit review) in Modified Supplemental Amount to provide 100% spending authority for 2020 special education deficit funded through a cash reserve levy. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Donohue) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the submission of the request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$329,085.97 (or as determined by the Iowa Department of Education following DE audit review) in Modified Supplemental Amount to provide 100% spending authority for 2020 excess costs of the LEP program funded through a cash reserve levy. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Superintendent Rheingans updated the Board on Return to Learn statistics. There is no evidence that COVID spread is happening at school. Data is being reviewed daily with the goal of bringing students back full-time as soon as it is safe to do so.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the Emergency Operations Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Sainci) to approve Brain Health Awareness Month Proclamation. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Sainci) to approve Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation. Motion carried 7-0.

There was a question regarding snow days. Superintendent Rheingans indicated that for this year the state is allowing virtual learning on snow days to count as a school day. This could be utilized if all of our students have 1:1 technology and if we know in advance of the storm so students have their devices home with them.

President Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education