

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
February 8, 2021

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 11, the work session on January 27, and the special meeting on February 1, 2021, as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Salutes

- Abigail Schmitt - received a scholarship from the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation and funded by the Iowa Pork Producers Association
- Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools - helping to secure a \$20,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque's Disaster Recovery Fund to support the purchase of 13 classroom swivel cameras and 25 iPads
- Prescott Elementary School Staff – fun family bingo night, which was a great way to build community
- Food & Nutrition Staff - mobilizing during the winter storm last week to provide no-cost meals for students who need them
- Hempstead High School - earned the College Board AP Female Diversity Award for the Computer Science A course

Mr. Burkhardt reviewed the Kennedy Elementary School Playground Improvements Project. Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Parks) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the Kennedy Elementary School Playground Improvements Project and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the authorizing resolution as submitted adopting the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost of the Kennedy Elementary School Playground Improvements Project. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Burkhardt reviewed the seven bids that were received on January 28. Low bidder was Drew Cook & Sons with a bid of \$179,677.40.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Parks) to approve and award the bid for the Kennedy Elementary School Playground Improvements Project, as recommended and further outlined in the authorizing resolution, to Drew Cook & Sons Excavating of Dubuque, Iowa, in the amount of \$179,677.40. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Bob Herron and Abbi Hammann, Cenergistic, presented the district with an Environmental Excellence award. This award recognizes the impact the district's energy program is having on natural resources and highlights the environmental equivalent of the reduction in energy consumption attained by the program. They also recognized the support and cooperation of administration, faculty and staff.

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

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

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to tentatively approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of total cost for the Hempstead Intercom Replacement Project and set the date, time, and location as April 5, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., at the Dubuque Community School District, 2300 Chaney Road, Dubuque, Iowa, for a hearing thereon and further authorize the advertisement for competitive bids. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the executed construction contract, bonds and certificate of insurance with Portzen Construction Company for the Central Kitchen Oven Replacement Project in the amount of \$265,000.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the resolution offering for sale, by public bid, a 2012 International School Bus and set the date, time and place for public hearing as March 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dubuque Community School District. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to authorize the district to levy property tax for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the sale of Roosevelt gym/sport uniforms, that are no longer of use to the District, to students using PBIS tickets and to staff for a nominal fee. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the resolution opposing Senate File 159, or any legislation or other similar effort, to create a voucher program in Iowa that would divert money intended for public education to private entities. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Rheingans reminded the Board that students will be back in school fully in-person on Monday morning. Many safety protocols will be in effect, but social distancing will not be possible. Students are required to wear masks. 1400 staff members should receive their vaccine this week, with the remainder of those interested next week.

President Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education