

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 10, 2021

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Bradley, Donohue, Prochaska, Parks, Ryan, Sainci, Wittman. Additional officers of the board present: Lucas, Rheingans.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Parks) to enter closed session as permitted by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0. [Time-5:02 p.m.]

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Wittman) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0. [Time-5:28 p.m.]

President Ryan reconvened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Bradley, Donohue, Prochaska, Parks, Ryan, Sainci, Wittman. Additional officers of the board present: Kelleher, Lucas, Rheingans.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Parks) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 12, 2021, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Approximately \$36,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds

The board president opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Bradley) to adopt a resolution supporting the proposed issuance of approximately \$36,000,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bonds. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Parks) to adopt a resolution to authorize the sale and issuance of school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bonds, series 2021, and approving the official statement. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget Amendment for FY 2020-2021

Rick Till reviewed the amendment of current budget. Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Sainci) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the Budget Amendment and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 7-0.

There were no public comments. Moved (Parks) and seconded (Donohue) to adopt the Budget Amendment for Fiscal 2020-2021 as published. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing on Sale of 2008 Dodge Pickup with Plow

Moved (Sainci) and seconded (Parks) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the sale of a Dodge pickup and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 7-0.

There were no public comments. Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the sale of a 2008 Dodge pickup with plow to Patrick Formby for \$14,232.27. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Nancy Blow, Executive Director of Iowa Association of School Business Officials, presented Kevin Kelleher with the 2021 Professional Leadership Award in recognition of demonstrated excellence in: leadership in the schools, leadership in the profession, continuous personal professional development, and leadership in the community. This award includes a \$1,000 scholarship check. Jackson Bradley, Hempstead High School student, has been selected as the recipient.

Malorie Jones, parent, spoke in support of eliminating the mask mandate for students. If that is not possible, at the very least, allow the masks to be removed during physical education classes or hold them outside so students can breathe.

Roger Richard, school bus driver, indicated that in December he, along with 40 bus drivers, sent a communication on suicide prevention to the board and superintendent. He did not receive a reply. He wants to make certain that the district takes this issue seriously.

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

Superintendent Rheingans distributed certificates of recognition in honor of School Board Recognition month. The theme for this year is Leading Through Uncharted Waters. He thanked the board for their leadership and guidance through a pandemic.

#### Board Salutes

- Jeff Dyer and Sageville School – their school-created feature film “The Time Capsule” was selected for inclusion in the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival
- District Communication Team – won 14 state-level awards in the annual Iowa School Public Relations Association Communication Contest
- District Music Educators, donors, community partners, parents and students – being named a 2021 Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation

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

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agreement with the Bus Driver and Bus Attendant Employees as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agreement with the Custodial Employees as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agreement with the Food Service Employees as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agreement with the Maintenance Employees as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agreement with the Secretary and Administrative Assistant Employees as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agreement with the Dubuque Education Association (teachers, counselors and nurses) as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agreement with the Truck Driver and Mechanic Employees as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve Change Order #1 to Communications Engineering Company on the Hempstead High School Intercom Replacement Project in the decreased amount of \$37,043.60. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the resolution offering for sale, by public bid, a 2002 Genie Lift and 2005 Genie Lift and set the date, time and place for possible public hearing as June 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dubuque Community School District. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the non-renewal of the lease with the Dubuque Soccer Alliance, which terminates by its terms at midnight on May 9, 2023, unless renewed. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ryan presented the ASBO International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting to Rick Till, who accepted on behalf of the district.

Moved (Sainci) and seconded (Parks) to approve the Official Statement on the School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the Proclamation recognizing Marshallese Constitution Day and authorize the President and Secretary to sign on behalf of the board. Motion carried 7-0. President Ryan read the proclamation. A group of students and adults performed a song in celebration of this day.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Sainci) to appoint Tom Barton as a Director to complete the term vacated by Mike Donohue until a successor is determined and seated following the November 2, 2021, regular school election. Motion carried 7-0. [Note: Secretary Lucas administered the oath of office to Mr. Barton on May 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.]

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Bradley) to take no further disciplinary action related to student #814462 at this time. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary  
Board of Education