

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Educational Programs/Policy Committee

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- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: July 9, 2021
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  - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **July 13, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.**
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Board members present: Anderson Sainci, Nancy Bradley, Lisa Wittman, and Tami Ryan. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Mark Burns, Lisa Tebockhorst, Joe Maloney, Mike Cyze, Ernie Bolibaugh, and Julie Lange.

Anderson Sainci called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Strategic Plan

Stan Rheingans updated the committee on the district's online program for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration materials were sent out to families and they have heard back from 220 of them. At this point, we will have enough students in the elementary and high school levels. Only have 22 students in the middle schools that are interested in the online programming. There will be a teacher assigned to the middle schools to coordinate the online program.

Elementary Wellness Curriculum

Joe Maloney updated the committee on the 5 year Purchase Contract- McGraw Hill Education for elementary wellness curriculum software license subscriptions for an estimated cost of \$59,058.65. Board 7.19.21

Elementary Science Kits

Purchase Contract-Keystone AEA for Eastern Iowa Science Collaborative Agreement-purchase of elementary science kits for an estimated cost of \$65,246.46. Board 7.19.21

Outdoor Adventures Update

Julie Lange presented to the committee the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Dubuque County Conservation Board and Dubuque Community School District. This is for the elementary Outdoor Adventures Science Program and will be responsible for providing hands-on science experiences for the elementary students in the DCSD. There will be a full-time naturalist hired by the county to fulfill the responsibilities of this program and coordinate with the district's elementary schools. The salary for the naturalist will be split between the DCCB and the DCSD. The DCSD will provide yearly payments toward the naturalist's salary at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00.

Computer Science Update

Julie Lange provided an update on the new computer science program for elementary schools. The state is requiring that all districts have a computer science curriculum in the elementary as well as secondary schools. Curriculum implementation will start with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade learning basic coding concepts, with a goal to add a grade each year. Books have been purchased as teacher resources to provide shared reading opportunities in computer science for the younger grades. It was also mentioned that there will be an expansion of the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade computer science curriculum to include a mini robotics experience.

### Secondary Reading and Math Curriculum

Purchase Contract-Curriculum Associates for i-Ready Reading, math licenses, and professional development for grades 6-12. This is a research-based platform that will provide a personalized pathway for unfinished learning. Grades 6-8 will use this program to be more proactive in addressing unfinished learning. At the high school level, it will be used as reading intervention development. Estimated cost \$90,456.75. Board 7.19.21

### Policy #6217A – District to District Open Enrollment/Insufficient Classroom Space

Reviewed – Board 7.19.21

### Policy #5105 – International Students

Reviewed – Board 7.19.21

### Other Items

Joe Maloney gave an update on the Summer Learning Academy. They had 292 1<sup>st</sup> graders sign up with an average of 280 students attending every day. In the afternoon portion of the day, there are community partners that come and engage the students with new interactive experiences. Funding for this program, for the next 2 years, will come from ESSER dollars.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary  
Board of Education