

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
September 13, 2021

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Barton, Bradley, Parks, Prochaska, Ryan, Sainci, and Wittman. Additional officers of the Board present: Kelleher, Mauss, 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 (Sainci) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 9, 2021, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Salutes

- District team members responsible for the developing and delivering the district's Lumen Social Emotional Learning Training for staff. Thanks to the various community partners who helped fund it. These include Teacher Quality Committee, the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools, the McDonough Foundation, and the United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States.

Public Hearing-Senior High School Phase 2 Theatrical Luminaries and Accessories Project

Mark Fassbinder, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, provided an overview of the project. Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Bradley) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the Senior High School Phase 2 Theatrical Luminaries and Accessories Project and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 7-0.

With no public comments, moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the authorizing resolution as submitted adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost of the Senior High School Phase 2 Theatrical Luminaries and Accessories project. Motion carried 7-0.

Fassbinder reviewed the general construction bids that were received on August 12. Low bidder was Norcostco, Inc.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Bradley) to approve and award the construction bid for Senior High School Phase 2 Theatrical Luminaries and Accessories Project, as recommended and further outlined in the authorizing resolution, to Norcostco, Inc. in the amount of \$98,445.00. Motion carried (7-0)

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

Lisa Tyler, parent, spoke in favor of a mask mandate.

Rebecca Jones, parent, wants a mask mandate in place.

Kelly Duehr, parent, opposed mask mandate.

Nicole Wolf-Murphy, bus driver for the district, spoke in opposition to the mask mandate.

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

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

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Prochaska) to approve the final acceptance of the Central Kitchen Oven Replacement Project and authorize payment of final project costs to Portzen Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$13,250.00 in accordance with the requirements of Iowa law and as more fully outlined in the submitted authorizing resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the request from Portzen Construction, Inc. for early release of retained funds in the amount of \$13,250.00 on the Central Kitchen Oven Replacement Project in accordance with the requirements of Iowa law and as more fully outlined in the submitted authorizing resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) that the Board of Education approve the submission of the request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$562,737.00 (or as determined by the Iowa Department of Education following DE audit review) in Modified Supplemental Amount to provide 100% spending authority for 2021 excess costs of the LEP program funded through a cash reserve levy. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) that the Board of Education approve the submission of the request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$4,410,311.00 (or as determined by the Iowa Department of Education following DE audit review) in Modified Supplemental Amount to provide 100% spending authority for 2021 special education deficit funded through a cash reserve levy. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Rheingans stated that he had seen the ruling from a federal judge that halts enforcement of an Iowa law that barred school boards from mandating masks. Rheingans said we will read the case and talk with the district's attorneys and meet with other district officials to come up with a process. He continued by saying he wanted to let the public know that we will keep them informed.

President Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary
Board of Education