

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
October 11, 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 (Prochaska) and seconded (Barton) to amend the agenda as submitted and move Old Business under Visitors and Open Forum. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 13, 2021, and the special meeting on September 20, 2021, as submitted. Motion carried (7-0).

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

President Ryan explained that there would be 30 minutes of public input on masking. She asked that the speakers take turns speaking for and against masking. Six people spoke in favor of masks and 4 people spoke against masking. One speaker, Whitley Johl, asked that the policy on academic freedom be tabled.

President Ryan ended the 30 minutes of public input.

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

Moved (Barton) and seconded (Wittman) to have board discussion and possible action regarding masks. Motion carried (7-0).

Stan Rheingans shared information on mask mandates in other districts with the board.

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Bradley) that the Board of Education issue a mandatory mask mandate for all students, staff, and visitors in the Dubuque Community School District in grades PK-6 during regular school hours effective October 13, 2021 and remaining in place until vaccinations are readily available locally for children under twelve and/or community spread in Dubuque County is below the substantial level whichever comes first. Upon roll call vote, motion failed. 3 (Bradley, Parks, Prochaska) -3 (Ryan, Sainci, Wittman) with Barton abstaining.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Sainci) that effective Monday, October 18, 2021, that the DCSD utilize the districts dashboard data to determine a temporary mask mandate to be in effect for all employees, students, parents and visitors to a building where that building positivity rate is 3.0% or higher. This mandate will be until that positivity rate is lowered. Any outdoor activities, including student recess, or classes and indoor activities such as lunch recess that occur in a large area where distancing can be maintained are excluded, with exemptions for medical, religious, brain health or at the discretion of the superintendent or his designee. Upon roll call vote, motion passed. 5 (Parks, Prochaska, Sainci, Barton, and Bradley)-2 (Ryan and Wittman).

President Ryan asked for a 5 min. recess at 7:20 PM

President Ryan reconvened the meeting at 7:28 PM

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

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the donation from Cub Scout Pack 55, in the estimated value of \$791.00, for three trees planted at Kennedy Elementary School. Motion carried (7-0).

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) to reject the bid for the purchase of two passenger vans from Finnin Ford. Motion carried (7-0).

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) to approve Change Order #1 to Tricon Construction on the Senior Additions and Renovations Phase II Project in the increased amount of \$79,598.34. Motion carried (7-0).

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Bradley) to Approve the Agreement with Norcostco for the Dubuque Senior High School Additions & Renovations Phase 2-Theatrical Luminaires Project in the amount of \$98,445.00. Motion carried (7-0).

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Bradley) to approve Change Order #1 to Drew Cook and Sons Excavating on the Kennedy Elementary School Playground Improvements Project in the increased amount of \$3,173.38. Motion carried (7-0).

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Bradley) to approve final acceptance of the Kennedy Elementary School Playground Improvements Project and authorize payment of final project costs to Drew Cook and Sons Excavating in the amount of \$9,145.55 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 authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the Electric Line Easement request from Alliant Energy for underground electric and telecommunications lines. Motion carried (7-0).

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the 2020-2021 Internal Control Policies and Procedures Report. Motion carried (7-0).

Moved (Parks) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the Quarterly Budget Report. Motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Kelleher presented the Quarterly Budget Report.

Approximately \$16,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the resolution fixing the date for a public hearing on the proposed issuance of approximately \$16,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds. Upon roll call vote, Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the proclamation for Cyber Security Awareness Month. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Wittman) to take no further disciplinary action related to students #806718 and #826086 at this time. Motion carried 7-0.

Rheingans stated that the district will communicate the information in a day or so regarding what took place at this meeting. This will also include exemption information. If the demand from parents is strong, we will look into rapid testing.

President Ryan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary
Board of Education