

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Annual/Organizational Meeting  
December 13, 2021

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Bradley, Jones, 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 Wittman to appoint Carolyn (Carrie) Mauss, Board Secretary, as temporary chairperson. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Nancy Bradley nominated Kate Parks to serve as president. Tami Ryan nominated Lisa Wittman to serve as president. After a show of hands vote (Parks, Prochaska, Jones, and Bradley for Parks; Ryan, Sainci, Wittman for Wittman). Moved Prochaska and seconded Bradley to elect Kate Parks as president. Motion carried 7-0. Secretary Mauss administered the oath of office to President Parks. President Parks now presided over the meeting.

Jim Prochaska nominated Lisa Wittman to serve as vice president. Moved Ryan and seconded Parks to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Lisa Wittman as vice president. Motion carried 7-0. President Parks administered the oath of office to Vice President Wittman.

Moved Bradley and seconded Wittman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and the special meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Tami Ryan publicly thanked Tom Barton, former board member, for filling the vacancy of Mike Donohue on the board for the last 6 months.

#### Board Salutes

- Dubuque Senior and Hempstead high school musicians who were selected as all-state musicians by the Iowa High School Music Association.
- Premier Bank and its employees for their generous donation of winter clothing for students who need it. Thanks to their support, hundreds of winter clothing items have made their way to our schools as they assist students in need.

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

Whitley Johl, parent, would like the board to immediately reevaluate the process in place to increase transparency by recording committee meetings and holding off decisions until public comment can be made.

Susan Kearns, parent of former students, wants all policies regarding masking be abandoned and left to the discretion of the students, parents, employees and visitors.

Lisa Buelow, parent, would like to see the district update their policy on quarantining asymptomatic students. Also concerned with students learning while being quarantined.

Whitney Sanger wants the district to look at obesity and mental health within regard to 5405 wellness policy. She would like to see the wellness committee reinstated.

State Representative Chuck Isenhardt from Iowa State legislature addressed the board. Wants to let the board know that they will be there to support the district with resources they need.

Amy Carly, parent, addressed the board regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies curriculum. She would like the rest of the social studies curriculum looked at to make sure it is not in any violation of the law.

Wayne Kenniker, parent of former students of the district, brought his concern to the board about communication path between the parents, community, the school board, and the school district.

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

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

Moved Prochaska and seconded Bradley to approve the donation of a sitting bench from the class of 1971 to Hempstead High School. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Prochaska and seconded Wittman to receive and approve the June 30, 2021, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Kevin Kelleher summarized the report which now is called the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Prochaska and seconded Wittman to adopt a resolution naming Hewlett Packard as the sole-source provider for the purchase of client computer equipment and peripherals. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Prochaska and seconded Wittman to approve Change Order #3 to CEC Communications Engineering Co on the Hempstead High School Intercom Replacement project in the increased amount of \$5,713.86. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Prochaska and seconded Wittman to tentatively approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of total cost for the Hoover Elementary School Boiler Replacement Project and set the date, time, and location as February 14, 2022, at 5:30 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 7-0.

Moved Prochaska and seconded Wittman to approve the donation of Heart Rate Sensors, that are no longer of use to the district. Motion carried 7- 0.

Moved Sainci and seconded Bradley to approve the annual physical education exemption request. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Wittman and seconded Bradley that the Board of Education appoint Carolyn (Carrie) Mauss as secretary. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Bradley and seconded Prochaska that the Board of Education appoint Kevin Kelleher as Treasurer. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Wittman and seconded Ryan to name the following financial institutions as depositories for District funds in the amount of \$50 million each; Collins Community Credit Union, Dubuque Bank & Trust, Dupaco Community Credit Union, DuTrac Community Credit Union, Fidelity Bank, ISJIT, MidWestOne Bank, Premier Bank, UMB Bank, and U.S. Bank. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Jones seconded Wittman that the Board of Education establish the regular meeting of the Board of Education for the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum, and strategic plan meetings the fourth Monday in October, February and May at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Wittman and seconded Prochaska that the Board of Education name the *Telegraph Herald* as the official publication of record. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Bradley and seconded Wittman that the Board of Education name Fuerste, Carew, Juergens and Sudmeier, P.C. as the official legal counsel of record. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Wittman and seconded Ryan to receive and file the abstract of votes for the school board election on November 2, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Bradley and seconded Wittman to take no further disciplinary action related to student #814853. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved Jones and seconded Ryan to approve a resolution appointing paying agent, bond registrar, and transfer agent, approving the paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent agreement and authorizing the execution of same. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

Moved Prochaska and seconded Wittman that the form of Tax Exemption Certificate be placed on file and approved. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

Moved Wittman and seconded Bradley to approve a resolution authorizing and providing for the terms of issuance and securing the payment of \$9,165,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue refunding bonds, series 2022A, of the Dubuque Community School District, state of Iowa, under the provisions of chapters 423E and 423F of the code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of said bonds. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

President Parks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary  
Board of Education