

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Educational Programs/Policy Committee

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- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: February 4, 2022
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  - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
  - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **February 8, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.**
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Board members present: Nancy Bradley, Lisa Wittman, Jim Prochaska, Katie Jones, Tami Ryan and Anderson Sainci. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Mike Cyze, Lisa Tebockhorst, Brenda Duval, Julie Lange, Val Loewenberg, Mimi Holesinger and Mark Burns

Nancy Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The agenda was reviewed as submitted.

Educational Programs

Julie Lange, Director of Digital Literacy, and Val Loewenberg, District Mentor, updated the committee on the online school application process. In order to serve students who choose to do online programming, the district is looking to get accreditation from the Department of Education for an online school. Accreditation allows us to enroll students from outside our district. The online school would be for grades 6-12 and would include six full-time staff and eight part-time staff for the program. Lange and Loewenberg are asking for approval at the next board meeting to go ahead and submit the application. Board 2.14.22.

Mimi Holesinger, Director of Behavior and Learning Supports updated the committee on Social Emotional Learning Competencies, which include self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. Social Emotional Learning is part of the Iowa Standards and is supported by ESSER and GEER II funds. Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) is a trusted source for knowledge about high-quality, evidence-based social and emotional learning when teaching the five competencies and would be added to the Second Step curriculum that is currently being piloted in five elementary schools which include Eisenhower, Fulton, Irving, Lincoln, and Marshall.

Lisa Tebockhorst, Director of Elementary Education, updated the board on the Belief Grant. This is an opportunity to explore work with community partners and preschool. This grant would allow the district to work with community preschool programs to explore a possible stand-alone preschool center.

Policy #2208–Public Information

Revised – Board 02.14.22

Policy #5500–Student Rosters

Revised – Board 02.14.22

COVID-19 Data Update

Stan Rheingans updated the board on COVID-19 data. Active cases are decreasing with many district buildings at 0. In comparing attendance rates from August to January of the 2019-2020 school year and this current school year, there has been a four percent increase in absences. Our current online school will need to be approved after this year in order to support remote learning.

Brenda Duvel, Director of Special Education, updated the board on the court case involving mask use for special education. Duvel stated that the IEP process is in place to ensure our district students who need these accommodations are getting those supports.

Mike Cyze updated the committee that there will be mobile labs from Mercy One up and running in the next few weeks for families in need of vaccinations.

Superintendent Search

Interviews continue at 5:30 for new superintendent.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Board Secretary  
Board of Education