

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Educational Programs/Policy Committee

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- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: December 2, 2022
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  - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
  - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **December 6, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.**
  - E. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board members present: Nancy Bradley, Jim Prochaska, Kate Parks, Tami Ryan, Katie Jones, Anderson Sainci, and Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Lisa Tebockhorst, Mark Burns, Dierre Littleton, Kelsey Metcalf, Coby Culbertson, and Julie Lange

Nancy Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Amy Hawkins asked that item number four under Educational Programs be moved to the beginning of the agenda. The agenda was approved as submitted.

Keystone Area Education Agency

Stan Rheingans, Chief Administrator, and four staff members from Keystone AEA spoke to the committee about services and resources that AEA provides to school districts. These educational services include ELL, networking for principals, professional learning, micro-credentials, special education. As well as support for teachers, teacher librarians and curriculum coordinators. AEA provides services for vision, hearing, PT, OT, speech/language and testing for students in the DCSD. Rheingans asked the committee to reach out to his office if they knew of any service program that would benefit from a presentation on Keystone AEA.

Priority Initiative #7-Computer Science

Julie Lange Director of Digital Literacy and Coby Culbertson Director of Technology updated the committee on District priority initiatives #7, #14 and #16. Julie Lange spoke on priority #7 which states to finalize a prek-12 computer science guiding philosophy and add new computer science opportunities at all levels. Coding has been added to the elementary level. Middle School students work with Spheros and robotics. High school robotic teams go to middle schools to expose 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the opportunities in robotics. Robotic teams have been expanded at all three middle schools. High school students have had an increased exposure in computer science classes. Pathways will be added in computer science and information technology in the fall of 2023-24. A district level leadership team has been established and meets three times a year to talk about how to better their computer science offerings in the district.

Priority Initiative #14 was presented by Coby Culbertson. Priority Initiative #14 states to explore the feasibility of learning management system and augmented 1:1 computing environment at the elementary level. Will need to explore Canvas platform to see if that is the product we would use at the elementary level. There are costs for adding staffing, power and storage of equipment at each building.

Priority Initiative #16 states to enhance district cybersecurity efforts and staff training to best protect district data. With continued issues with cybersecurity, the district has adopted a more aggressive stance on various attack vectors including the following: quarantine first/remediate later, least privilege philosophy, multifactor authentication (MFA), password security/ password manager, explore best practices and services, conduct rolling phishing tests and provide monthly cybersecurity awareness training to all staff.

Physical Education Exemption Application

This is an annual approval by the board. It offers physical education courses that meet five days per week for one semester each school year. This would increase the total time a student will spend in a fitness class by 25%. Once approved, the superintendent will submit this request through the Consolidated Accountability and Support Application (CASA) to the Department of Education. Board 12.12.22

School Calendars for 2023-24 and 2024-25

Superintendent Hawkins requested that the Board only consider the 2023-2024 school calendar at this time. The 2024-25 school year calendar poses more challenges in schedules, so Hawkins asked to pause the 2024-25 school calendar at this time. Next year we will move to adopting two calendars like previous years. The public hearing for the 2023-2024 calendar will be on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Board 12.12.22

Policy #4618 Employee Expression (Second Reading)

New – Board-12.12.22

Policy #6223 School Library

Revised – Board-12.12.22

Policy #6226 Instructional Materials Selection

Revised – Board-12.12.22

Policy #6231 Technology and Instructional Materials

New – Board-12.12.22

Policy #8060 Purchasing

Revised – Board-12.12.22

The next meeting was scheduled for January 4, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Board Secretary