

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

February 13, 2023

Started in Closed Session at 5:00.

President Parks reconvened the meeting at 5:32 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Bradley, Jones, Prochaska, Parks, Ryan, Sainci, and Wittman. Additional officers of the Board present: Mauss and Hawkins.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by students from Prescott Elementary school.

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

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 9, and the special meeting on January 19, 2023, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Salutes

- District's School Resource Officer unit as we recognize National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day on February 15, 2023
- Dubuque Senior Speech Team for outstanding showing at the 2023 State Large Group Speech Contest
- Dubuque Community Schools High School Girls Wrestling programs that participated at the Iowa State High School Girls Wrestling Tournament
- Condolences for Dr. Howard Pigg, former Dubuque Community School District Superintendent, who passed away on January 31, 2023, at the age of 91.

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

- Chris Nugent, principal of Prescott Elementary, shared what's going well at Prescott.
- Abbi Hammann – Cenergistic Energy specialist presented Superintendent Hawkins an Energy Star award for the District. Hammann noted that twelve schools, Audubon, Carver, Eisenhower, Irving, Kennedy, Marshall, Prescott, Sageville, Table Mound, Senior, Hempstead, and Roosevelt were also awarded Energy Star Certificates.

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

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

Presentation by representatives of INVISION gave a summary of the middle school consolidation study. INVISION architect and educational planner, Laura Peterson shared with the Board the process and recommendations. The recommendations are to consolidate from three to two middle school facilities, retain Roosevelt Middle School, construct a new middle school to serve approximately 1200 to 1250 students at the existing Washington site, expand the Washington site to provide adequate site amenities (parking, drop-off and fields) for student population, develop a design that either retains portions of, reuses pieces of, or makes nod to the history of Washington and Jefferson Middle Schools, and adjust the middle school boundaries to create a feeder system which aligns to the existing high Schools. If the Board chooses to build a new school, the next steps include looking at how to pay for it. This could include using SAVE (Securing an Advanced Vision for Education) funds as well as a general obligation bond. Also, the administration will make a list of possible projects that may be included if they were to go with the general obligation bond.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the executed construction contract, bonds and certificate of insurance with PF+E powered by Meteor Education for the Senior High School Renovation Phase II Furnishing, Fixtures and Equipment-Bid Package No. 2 Project in the amount of \$290,537.22. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Jones) to approve Change Order #1 to Tricon Construction Group on the Senior High School Renovation Phase II Furnishing, Fixtures and Equipment-Bid Package No. 1 Project in the decreased amount of \$2,784.87. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Jones) to approve Change Order #5 to Tricon Construction Group on the Senior High School Renovation Phase II Project in the increased amount of \$98,005.77. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Wittman) to approve Change Order #6 to Tricon Construction Group on the Senior High School Renovation Phase II Project in the increased amount of \$70,436.30. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Jones) to approve the executed construction contract, bonds and certificate of insurance with METCO Fuel Systems for the Transportation Fueling System Replacement Project in the amount of \$771,545.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the recommendation to reject all bids for the Lincoln Elementary School Outdoor Wellness Project. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Prochaska) and seconded (Jones) to authorize the district to levy property tax for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve the Proclamation recognizing Black History Month and authorize the President and Secretary to sign on behalf of the board. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Ryan) and seconded (Sainci) to approve as presented the settlement agreement of a litigated matter with payment to be made by EMC Insurance. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Jones) and seconded (Wittman) to take no further disciplinary action related to students #819563 and #825653 at this time. Motion carried 7-0.

President Parks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary
Board of Education