

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy Committee

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- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: February 3, 2023
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 - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
 - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **February 7, 2023, 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, Mark Burns, David Moeller, Jawanza Evans and Dierre Littleton.

Nancy Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Moved Priority Initiative #4 on the agenda to the beginning of the meeting and Priority Initiative #1 after.

Priority Initiative #4-VERTEX Pathway Plans & Career Clusters

Mark Burns and David Moeller updated the committee on Vertex career readiness. Four-year pathways were presented for students to use when deciding post-secondary choices. These pathways were based on community need and if they result in good paying jobs. Dubuque high schools have seen an increase in participation in concurrent classes as well as advance placement. Last year there were 306 seats in concurrent classes, and this year 778 seats. Last year there were 748 seats in AP classes and 802 seats this year. All students have to complete an interest survey. They are looking at ways to reach students who haven't been connected with a career path and get them connected in some way. Burns and Moeller also talked about setting up internships and working with community partners to give students opportunities for work experience.

Priority Initiative #1-Student Connections

Jawanza Evans, Equity and HR Specialist from the district, updated the committee on the new Black Excellence Association. Meetings were held at both high schools in January. There were sixty-six in attendance at Senior and twenty-six at Hempstead. ALC has their implementation meeting on February 15th or 16th. Plans are to get this program implemented and used as a guide for other groups who are interested in forming a club or organization.

2023-2024 Student Fees

Proposed increases include +\$5.00 for curriculum resource fees, +\$4.00 for cap/gown fee, and +\$15.00 for pay ride. There were some changes in technology costs to account for price increases. This will proceed to the Facilities/Support Services Committee in March.

Policy #3503 Superintendent Evaluation

Revised – Board-2.13.23

Policy #8000 Statement of Guiding Principles

Revised – Board-2.13.23

Policy #8001 Planning the Budget

Revised – Board-2.13.23

Policy #8002 Preparation and Presentation of the Budget

Revised – Board-2.13.23

Policy #8003 Requirements of the Budget

Revised – Board-2.13.23

Policy #8005 Public Hearing and Budget Review

Revised – Board-2.13.23

Policy #8006 Budget Adoption by the Board

Revised – Board-2.13.23

Policy #8007 Budget as a Spending Plan

Revised – Board-2.13.23

Kate Parks shared about some training in communication that she attended and told the committee she would share what she learned if anyone was interested.

Superintendent Hawkins anticipated that the State of Iowa would pass a bill recommending a three percent increase in Supplemental State Aid (SSA) for the school district. Hawkins also mentioned that the legislature is looking at additional support for special education funding.

Jim Prochaska complimented students at Washington Middle School who were showing great character in the hallways during his visit to the building.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Board Secretary