

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy Committee

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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- I. Complete the Following Before Starting the Meeting
- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: July 7, 2023
 - B. Date media was emailed agenda: July 7, 2023
 - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
 - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **July 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.**
 - E. Place of Meeting: The Forum
 - F. Attach agenda to this form. Verify that a copy of the agenda has been filed with the Secretary of the Board and the Administrator holding the Committee meeting. If any of the above data does not comply with the open meeting law, do not begin the meeting.

Board members present: Nancy Bradley, Jim Prochaska, Kate Parks, Anderson Sainci, and Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Lisa Tebockhorst, Mark Burns, Chris Oberhoffer, Megan Elsinger and Joe Maloney

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

Educational Programs

Therapy Dog Update-Chris Oberhoffer and Megan Elsinger

Chris Oberhoffer, Principal at Washington Middle School, introduced his dog Millie who is a therapy dog. Millie is used to support students with behavior issues, autism, as well as an incentive for students who are doing a good job. Oberhoffer introduced student (Gage) from Washington who uses the dog for support.

Therapy dogs are certified AKC Good Citizen before being allowed to be in a classroom setting. Communication goes out to parents before a dog is introduced to address any allergies or fears, and feedback from families is taken into consideration before a dog is introduced. At Washington Middle School, teachers and staff can sign-up to use the dog for student interaction. Oberhoffer organized the first meeting with all of the handlers in the district in order for them to share ideas.

Megan Elsinger, Principal at Lincoln Elementary, shared about their therapy dog Roscoe. Elsinger mentioned how much of a positive impact the therapy dog has been and what a dramatic effect the dog has had on students. Roscoe attends four days a week at Lincoln.

Tickets/Passes for Activities-Joe Maloney

Reviewed policy #3600, Activities Passes, and asked to make a change to the current policy by suggesting that all staff can use their name badge to get into activities and athletics for next school year. This is seen as a great incentive for all employees to attend activities. Also, Maloney would like to add an all-sports individual pass for \$150.00 per year that would allow parents to attend athletic events at any school. In addition, Maloney recommended that the district increase ticket prices for admission across the board from \$6.00 to \$7.00. Policy will go to Ed Programs on August 8th.

Policy #2000 – Statement of Guiding Principles

Reviewed – Board-7.17.23.

Policy #2001 – Name of School District

Reviewed – Board-7.17.23.

Policy #2002 – Legal Status of the School District

Reviewed – Board-7.17.23.

Policy #2003 – General Powers and Duties

Revised – Board-7.17.23.

Policy #6217 – District to District Open Enrollment/Insufficient Classroom Space (Annual Review)

Policy was reviewed and committee asked to move it to August for further discussion.

Other Items

Superintendent Hawkins stated that the bond petition committee is still collecting signatures and will be bringing those to the August 14th Board meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 8, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Board Secretary