

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy Committee

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- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: August 4, 2023
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 - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
 - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **August 8, 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 and Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Shirley Horstman, Brenda Duvel, Kristie Coffman, Mark Burns, and Carlos Pittman.

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

Superintendent recommended to move agenda item of Educational Programs to the beginning of the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Seal of Bi-Literacy- Kristie Coffman, World Language Teacher on Special Assignment

Coffman presented to the board about the Seal of Biliteracy which was adopted by the state in April of 2018. This seal requires the students to test using the AAPPL (ACTFL(American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages) and receive a minimum score of intermediate to mid-level on the ACTFL Performance Scale which includes reading, writing, speaking and listening. If a student earns a seal, it is designated on their diploma and they receive a cord to wear at graduation.

Attendance- Shirley Horstman, Executive Director of Student Services and Carlos Pittman, Student Services, presented on attendance and their goals for this school year. Attendance relates to student achievement and work continues on barriers for students attending school on a regular basis. Work in this area can be challenging as it isn't usually just one barrier that needs to be fixed, but multiple barriers. This is a K-12 issue with Title I elementary schools seeing more than other elementary schools in the district. Attendance issues have been on the increase since COVID because staying home was encouraged, and students and families were used to being at home and isolated. This is now called school avoidance. Horstman and Pittman are looking for research and evidence-based strategies to assist staff. This includes foundational work with engaging families, student-teacher relationships, showing the relevancy of school, being restorative versus punitive, and being consistent. Home visits are also key to identify where families of students who have attendance issues are getting off track. Horstman stated that staff will attend training with experts from the Scanlan Center for School Mental Health to help counselors, school connectors and life coaches with strategies to get students to attend more school.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Legislative Priorities

Superintendent Hawkins shared with the committee the seven legislative priority suggestions from the District Leadership Team. These priorities included, Student Achievement, Preschool, English Learners, Mental Health, Teacher Recruitment and Licensure, Supplemental State Aid, and Unfunded Mandates. In addition to these seven priorities, the Board agreed to add Area Education Agencies to the list. These eight priorities will be shared with IASB and Urban Education Network (UEN) to help guide legislative and grassroots advocacy efforts for Iowa public Schools.

Policy #1004 – School Improvement Through Shared Decision Making

Reviewed – Board-8.14.23

Policy #2004 – Elections

Reviewed – Board-8.14.23

Policy #3600 – Activities Pass

Revised – Board-8.14.23

Policy #6217 – District to District Open Enrollment

Reviewed – Board-8.14.23

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

Reviewed – Board 8.14.23

Policy #7202 – Animals in the Classroom

Revised – Board 8.14.23

Other Items

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 7th, 2023, at 4:30, because of the Labor Day holiday and scheduling conflict.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Board Secretary