

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: December 1, 2023
  - B. Date media was emailed agenda: December 1, 2023
  - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
  - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **December 5, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.**
  - E. Place of Meeting: **7900 Chavenelle Road (old Medline building)**
  - 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, Tami Ryan, Anderson Sainci and Lisa Wittman.  
District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Mark Burns, Kelsey Metcalf, Lisa Tebockhorst, Kevin Kelleher, Mike Cyze, Brian Kuhle, Lisa Demmer and Tammy Duehr

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

It was suggested that we move the policy # 6226 Instructional Materials Selection and discussion to the beginning of the agenda.

After a short presentation from Marty Johnson of Straka-Johnson Architects, the Board was given a tour of the building that is the location for the proposed preschool renovation project by Johnson along with Mike Jansen, vice president of the Dubuque Initiatives board, and Rick Dickinson, President and CEO of Greater Dubuque Development and a board member of Dubuque Initiatives.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Mark Burns and Lisa Tebockhorst, presented to the committee the suggested changes in policy #6226 Instructional Materials Selection, Review and Reconsideration. In response to Iowa Senate File 496, the district formed a committee to review books and curriculum material so that they are in compliance with the new law. In addition, a committee of twelve is currently reviewing library books and materials to be sure there are age-appropriate texts in the school libraries in the district. They plan to share their findings in a future committee meeting.

Superintendent Hawkins shared the proposed calendars for 2024-25 to 2025-26. Public hearing will take place at the December 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting. After feedback from community, Hawkins recommended that the Board approve the two proposed calendars that will eliminate the week of spring break. Board 12.11.23

STRATEGIC PLAN

Superintendent Hawkins reviewed the annual Physical Education Exemption Application with the committee.

Policy #2108 – Activities Passes

Reviewed – Board 12.11.23

Policy #2202 – Adoption of Administrative Guidelines

Reviewed – Board 12.11.23

Policy #2312 – Order of Business

Reviewed – Board 12.11.23

Policy #3501 – Chief Executive Officer

Reviewed – Board 12.11.23

Policy #3504 – Superintendent Contract and Contract Nonrenewal

Revised – Board 12.11.23

Policy #4000 – School Calendar

Reviewed – Board 12.11.23

Policy #4006 – Retired Employee Lifetime Pass

Reviewed – Board 12.11.23

Policy #6226 – Instructional Materials Selection, Review and Reconsideration

Revised – Board 12.11.23

Other items

Board member Anderson Sainci thanked Kevin Kelleher for his service to the school district.

Mr. Sainci discussed his desire with the election and bond referendum votes now completed to ensure that the work of the school board remain non-political and focused on what is best for kids moving forward.

Next meeting on January 3, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 6:12p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Board Secretary