

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: February 2, 2024
 - B. Date media was emailed agenda: February 2, 2024
 - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
 - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **February 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**
 - E. Place of Meeting: **The Forum, 2300 Chaney Road**
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Board members present: Nancy Bradley, Kate Parks, Dirk Hamel, Katie Jones and Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Shirley Horstman, Mark Burns, Mimi Holesinger, Christa Burgess, and Becky Fellenzer

Katie Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Student Achievement and Development-Transition from eighth to ninth grade.

Mark Burns, Executive Director of Secondary Education brought in staff to talk about the districts process of getting students ready to transition from eighth to ninth grade. David Moeller, Educational Support Leader with Career and Technical Education, Christa Burgess, Hempstead High School Vertex Coach, and Becky Fellenzer, Hempstead school counselor, presented information to the Board about the new Vertex initiatives that the district has created. Moeller works with VERTEX pathway plans and career clusters. His work gives students a career exploration guide to explore their career options and chart their education plans. Burgess works with the 8th grade exploratory classes in middle school to help students think about career choices and sign up for electives that support that exploration as well as guide them in their four-year plan for high school registration. Fellenzer meets with students at all three middle schools during their exploratory class and answers questions prior to attending the high school open house. High school counselors meet with students individually to help them with their class schedule and 4-year plan. Incoming freshman students are encouraged to take the ninth grade seminar class to help with the transition to high school.

Shirley Horstman, Executive Director of Student Services, announced to the committee that she will be retiring on June 28th, 2024, after serving the district for twenty-four years.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Superintendent Hawkins shared with the committee about the student equity committee she meets with on a regular basis. This very diverse group of ninth through twelfth graders are chosen by principals or by teacher recommendations. They are very interested in doing something for the district and asked if they could meet with the eighth graders in the exploratory classes to help lead discussions with students who will be attending high school next year. The students on the committee practice leadership skills and are working on making lesson plans to help lead discussions. A possible student equity committee could be created in the middle schools to work with fifth graders transitioning to sixth grade.

Policy #5000 – Statement of Guiding Principles

Reviewed – Board 02.12.24

Policy #5101 – Boundary Lines for Attendance Centers

Reviewed – Board 02.12.24

Policy #5102 – Student Records

Reviewed – Board 02.12.24

Policy #5104 – New Resident Students

Reviewed – Board 02.12.24

Policy #5200 – Student Conduct

Revised – Policy tabled until March committee meeting.

Policy #5205 – Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence

NEW– Policy tabled until March committee Meeting

Policy #5304 – Achievement Recognition through School Closing

Revised – Board 02.12.24

Policy #5306 – Student/Family Activities

Reviewed – Board 02.12.24

Policy #5402 – Communicable and Infectious Diseases

Revised – Policy tabled until March committee meeting.

Other items

Superintendent Hawkins gave a legislative update regarding the AEA and teacher pay bill.

Committee member Bradley suggested a resolution be brought forward for the Board to approve at an upcoming meeting.

Next meeting on March 6, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Board Secretary