

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy Committee

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: March 5, 2024
 - B. Date media was emailed agenda: March 5, 2024
 - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
 - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **March 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**
 - E. Place of Meeting: **The Forum, 2300 Chaney Road**
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Board members present: Nancy Bradley, Dirk Hamel, Katie Jones, Anderson Sainci and Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Shirley Horstman, Lisa Tebockhorst, Mark Burns and Hannah Porcic.

Katie Jones called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Chelsea Cox, the new Executive Director for Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools introduced herself to the committee. The Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools is a non-profit organization that has donated 1.9 million dollars to the Dubuque Community School District since 2013. Grants are awarded to fund projects and programs in Dubuque Community Schools and include basic items for students, transportation, field trips and many other items the district needs. The annual fundraising event will be held on Wednesday, March 20th, from 4:00-6:30 PM at the Diamond Jo Harbor Room.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Brad Manternach, District Mentor/Visual Art Instructional Support Lead shared with the committee the results of the curriculum study for visual arts for K-12 students. A committee of staff from all levels participated in the study and made a recommendation to purchase a program that aligns with standards and also allows for flexibility and variety. In addition, the committee looked at curriculum to be sure it was diverse and culturally appropriate. Manternach recommended to the committee that the district purchase *Art of Education: Flex Curriculum* for all grades at an estimated cost of \$146,450.64 for seven years.

Student Fees for the 2024-2025 school year were reviewed.

Policy #4611 – Communicable Diseases-Employees

Revised – This policy is tabled until the April 3rd Ed Programs/Policy Committee meeting.

Policy #5402 – Communicable and Infectious Diseases

Revised – Board 03.18.24

Hannah Porcic, Lead Nurse for the district shared with the committee that the CDC has changed their protocols regarding COVID 19. The CDC recommends that people who test positive for COVID-19 base their isolation period on their symptoms. Individuals can now end their isolation if they have been fever-free for 24 hours. These protocols are much like what is done for the flu, RSV, or other respiratory viruses. There will be updated communication sent out to staff and information will be shared on the district website.

Policy #5505 – Use of Motor Vehicles, Minor School Licenses

Reviewed – Board 03.18.24

Policy #6208 – Promotion and Retention

Reviewed – Board 03.18.24

Policy #6230 – Distribution of Materials

Reviewed – Board 03.18.24

Policy #7001 – Year End Meal Account Balances
Reviewed – Board 03.18.24

Next meeting on April 3, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Board Secretary