

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
March 18, 2024

President Parks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Bradley, Jacobitz-Kizzier, Hamel, Jones, Parks, Sainci and Wittman. Additional officers of the Board present: Kelleher, Mauss, Hawkins

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12th, special meeting of February 15th, special meeting of February 26th, and special meeting of March 4, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Salutes:

- Cast, crew and pit orchestra musicians involved in the Hempstead High School cast production of Anastasia.
- Roosevelt “Robo Raptors” robotics team at the Iowa Championship.
- Dubuque Senior Speech Team for its outstanding showing at the 2024 Iowa State High School Association Individual Event.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Jones) to suspend the rules of order and go into open forum. Motion carried 7-0.

- Megan Richardson, Principal at Bryant Elementary School, presented on what’s going well at Bryant.
- Lynn Pace, Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives for Cenergistic presented to the Board and thanked the Board for supporting energy savings in the district. In the past five years the district saw 2.2 million in cumulative cost avoidance savings and a 24% reduction in Energy consumption.

Moved (Jones) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) as to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Jones) and seconded (Wittman) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Nancy Bradley was auditor for the month. Motion carried 7-0.

Vice President Wittman gave the Facility and Support Services Committee report.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) that the Board of Education approve the Grant of Easement for the Jefferson property. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) that the Board of Education approve the student fee schedule for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) that the Board of Education approve the facility rental fee schedule for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Katie Jones gave the Educational Programs/Policy Committee report.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Jones) to expel student #1795673147 and student #1805561116 from attending the Dubuque Community School District. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Jones) to take no further disciplinary action related to student #1236379266 at this time. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Amy Hawkins announced the hiring of two new principals in the district. Rich Hatcher will be the new principal at Kennedy Elementary and Renee Wagner will be principal at Irving Elementary.

Hawkins also thanked the Board for attending the retreat that took place earlier in the day.

President Parks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary
Board of Education