

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
April 8, 2024

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

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 (Jones) to approve the minutes of the special meeting on March 18, the regular meeting of March 18, the special public hearing meeting on April 1, and the special meeting of April 1, as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Salutes

- Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools and award recipients.
- High School Robotics Team for qualifying for the international FIRST Championship in Houston, Texas on April 17-20.
- District staff and community members who supported Prescott Elementary School through the loss of a student who passed away.

Public Hearing-Proposed Budget Estimate for FY 2024-25

Kevin Kelleher highlighted sections of the Certified Budget Proposal and shared with the community the new timeline from the State of Iowa regarding the change to publishing and holding two public hearings each year. Moved (Jones) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearings on the Proposed Levy Rate and Budget Estimate and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 7-0.

There was one public comment from a citizen who spoke against the new process.

Moved (Jones) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) that the Board of Education adopt the Budget Estimate for Fiscal 2024-2025 as published. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- Andy Peterson, Principal at Carver Elementary, shared what is going well at Carver Elementary.

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

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Jones was auditor for the month. The personnel report was removed for discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

Lisa Wittman gave the Facility and Support Services meeting update.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve the executed construction contract, bonds and certificate of insurance with Wilson Restaurant Supply Inc. for the Preschool Kitchen Equipment Project in the amount of \$129,800.41. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve Change Order #14 to Tricon Construction Company on the Senior High School Renovation Phase II Project in the increased amount of \$143,408.26. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve Change Order #1 to Ardent Lighting Company on the Dazell Field Videoboard Replacement Project in the decreased amount of \$5,447.55. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve Change Order #1 to Sheets Design Build, LLC on the Preschool Renovation Project in the increased amount of \$123,315.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve Change Order #2 to Sheets Design Build, LLC on the Preschool Renovation Project in the increased amount of \$99,409.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve the agreement with Origin Design Co. for the Eisenhower Elementary School Gymnasium Addition Project in the amount of \$440,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve the agreement with Origin Design Co. for the Irving Elementary School Mechanical Upgrades Project in the amount of \$441,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jones) to approve the Quarterly Budget Report. Kevin Kelleher, CFO, presented the Quarterly Budget Report. Motion carried 7-0.

President Parks presented the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting to Rick Till.

Katie Jones gave the Educational Programs and Policy update.

Moved (Jones) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to excuse seniors from making up canceled school days. Motion carried 7-0.

President Parks read the proclamation for the Week of the Young Child.

Board Member or Administrative Issues

Board member Sainci spoke about reaching out to the state legislature and doing what is best for kids. Board member Bradley spoke of her concern of using the teacher quality and teacher leadership money to help fund the needs of the district. Lisa Wittman clarified that the money from those programs will go to the general fund. Superintendent Hawkins explained that finding efficiencies isn't easy but necessary to make sure we don't have to increase class sizes for our students make larger cuts in staff.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Wittman) to approve the Proclamation for the Week of the Young Child and authorize the President and Secretary to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion carried 7-0.

President Parks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Carrie Mauss, Secretary
Board of Education