

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Facilities/Support Services Committee

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: May 3, 2024
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 - D. Board Committee: **Facilities/Support Services Committee**
 - E. Date and Time of Meeting: May 6, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.
 - F. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board Members present: Sarah Jacobitz-Kizzier, Katie Jones, Dirk Hamel, and Lisa Wittman.
District Representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Kevin Kelleher, Rick Till, Lisa Demmer, Rob Powers, Sarah Pfab, Coby Culbertson, Ernie Bolibaugh, Bobbie Jones, Chris Nugent and Jim Konrardy.

Lisa Wittman called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda for May 6, 2024

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Donation of Gaga Ball Pit to Prescott Elementary School

High school robotics club proposes to do a fundraiser and construct a gaga ball pit outside at Prescott Elementary School. Project cost is estimated at \$1,858.00. Board 5.13.24

Donation of an Outdoor Sculpture Audubon Elementary School

The City of Dubuque has partnered with University of Iowa Art Department to bring sculptures to Dubuque. This large piece of art will be installed outside the building entrance at Audubon Elementary and is made from recycled playground equipment. Project cost is estimated at \$5,000.00. Board 5.13.24

Donation of Memorial Bench/Tree to Roosevelt Middle School

Cash donations from businesses, current and former staff to purchase two benches along with a donated tree to Roosevelt Middle School by baseball field in memory of staff member, Jesse Freiburger who passed away. Project cost for cement is estimated at \$400.00. Board 5.13.24

Donation of Little Library to Kennedy Elementary School

Girl Scout Troop 1414 to install a little library in front of Kennedy Elementary School. Project cost is estimated at \$160.00. Board 5.13.24

Update on Current District Projects

Senior High School Renovation Phase 2

1. Work is ongoing throughout the building.
2. Fill work on the west parking lot continues.
3. Work on the project is largely on schedule and at 98.6 percent complete with a completion date prior to the start of the 2024-25 school year.
4. Project is on budget.

Sageville Elementary School Solar Project

Construction of solar project is complete and producing power. DCSD and Solar Pros are still working on a firewall issue with the system. Meeting is scheduled for next week to work out details of the Federal Investment Tax Credit. Engagement letter will be coming to the board for approval for CPA work regarding the Federal Investment Tax Credit.

Lincoln Elementary School Outdoor Wellness Project

All parts and pieces have been ordered and should arrive in mid-May. Project will take all summer to complete.

Senior Dalzell Field Scoreboard Replacement

Nick Rettenberger of Origin Design reviewed architect/engineer certificate of completion, final estimate of costs, and resolution for final acceptance and closing final project costs for the Dalzell Field Scoreboard Replacement. Project is substantially complete. Board 5.13.24

Preschool Renovations Project

1. Site work has started, and ninety-nine percent of the walls are up.
2. Preschool renovation project furniture, fixtures and equipment public hearing is scheduled after facilities committee meeting for desks, chairs, café tables and bookcases. Recommendation from Rob Powers to go with Epic Furniture and Install for an estimated cost of \$125,601.75. Board 5.13.24
3. Change order #3 for an increase of \$36,852.00 for gas and water metering, framing for projectors and screens, sensory swings, playground fence and moving hydrant. Board 5.13.24

Audubon Playground Replacement

Work will begin when school lets out for the summer.

Eisenhower Gym Addition

Nick Rettenberger, Origin Design, updated the committee. Preliminary planning and design for addition includes art and music area. Looking at designs for addition options and locations. Construction will be completed by the fall of the 2025-2026 school year.

Irving Mechanical Remodel Project

Rettenberger stated that a walkthrough is scheduled to review options that make sense with the budget and long-term operational costs. Construction will be complete by the fall of the 2025-26 school year.

Cenergistic Update

Summer break preparation is starting with department managers. Working with staff communication regarding comfort concerns. Next week working on KW demand planning to help reduce the cost of KW usage for the year.

Lunch/Breakfast Fees for 2024-2025

Kevin Kelleher shared with the committee that there were no changes to the lunch/breakfast fees for 2024-2025. No change in adult prices. Board 5.13.24

Preschool Fees for 2024-2025

Kelleher stated that preschool fees will go up by \$10.00 a month and \$96.00 per year. Board 5.13.24

Certified Budget Amendment FY 2024-2025

Kevin Kelleher reported that a budget amendment is necessary in total support services due to bus purchases and additional expenditures. Also, an increase in total other expenditures for additional unbudgeted services projects including the preschool project. Public hearing will take place at the May 13th meeting. Board 5.13.24

PPEL and SAVE Project Recaps

Kevin Kelleher reviewed the PPEL and SAVE project recaps.

Middle School Consolidation Study

Superintendent Amy Hawkins stated that after a three-million-dollar reduction in the budget, only two and one-half staff members will be cut for the 2024-2025 school year. Negotiated contracts will come to the Educational Programs and Policy committee meeting on May 8th.

Other Items

Ernie Bolibaugh, Transportation Manager, asked the committee to consider the sale of a 2016 trade-in bus to NICC for \$10,500.00. Board 5.13.24

The next meeting was scheduled for June 3, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary
Board of Education