

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 13, 2024

Vice President Wittman called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Bradley, Hamel, Jacobitz-Kizzier, Jones, Sainci, and Wittman. Absent: Kate Parks. Additional officers of the board present: Mauss and Hawkins.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to enter closed session as permitted by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 6-0. [Time-4:52 p.m.]

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Sainci) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 6-0. [Time-5:21 p.m.]

Vice President Wittman reconvened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Forum with the following members present: Bradley, Hamel, Jacobitz-Kizzier, Jones, Sainci, and Wittman. Absent: Kate Parks. Additional officers of the board present: Mauss and Hawkins.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 8, 2024, and the special meeting of May 6, as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget Amendment for FY 2023-2024

Kevin Kelleher reviewed the amendment of current budget. Moved (Jones) and seconded (Sainci) to receive and file proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the Budget Amendment and authorize payment of the legal notice publication costs to the *Telegraph Herald*. Motion carried 6-0.

There were no public comments. Moved (Jones) and seconded (Sainci) to adopt the Budget Amendment for Fiscal 2023-2024 as published. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Sainci) to suspend the rules of order and go into open forum. Motion carried 6-0.

- Nick Hess, Principal of Kennedy Elementary, shared with the Board about what is going well at Kennedy.
- Community member asked that the board not support guns in the classroom.

Moved (Jones) and seconded (Sainci) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Hawkins distributed certificates of recognition in honor of School Board Recognition month. The theme for this year is Propelling Students to New Heights.

Board Salutes

- All involved in the Elementary Track Meet
- Dawson Fish and Caitlyn Kono named national Merit Scholarship
- All involved in making college coursework opportunities accessible to students

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Sainci) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Wittman was auditor for the month. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve the donation from High School Robotics Club of a Gaga Ball Pit to Prescott Elementary School. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve the donation from City of Dubuque and the University of Iowa Art Department of an Outdoor Art Sculpture created by University of Iowa student, Jamie Weinfurter, to Audubon Elementary School. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve from local businesses, current & former Roosevelt staff, of a tree and two benches in Memorial of Jesse Freiburger to Roosevelt Middle School. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve the donation from Girl Scout Troop 1414 of a Little Library to Kennedy Elementary School. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve the final acceptance of the Dalzell Videoboard Replacement Project and authorize payment of final project costs to Ardent Lighting Group, LLC in the amount of \$15,352.62. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve the executed construction contract, bonds and certificate of insurance with Epic Furniture and Install for the Preschool Center Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Project in the amount of \$125,601.75. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve Change Order #3 to Sheets Design Build on the Preschool Center Renovation Project in the increased amount of \$36,852.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Jones) to approve the food and nutrition meal charges for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve the Preschool Fees for the 2024-2025 for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve the sale of a 2016 International school bus to Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jones) and seconded (Hamel) to approve the agreement with Dubuque Education Association (teachers, counselors, and nurses). Brian Kuhle reported out on the agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Jacobitz-Kizzier) and seconded (Hamel) to approve the Proclamation recognizing Marshallese Constitution Day and authorize the President and Secretary to sign on behalf of the board. Motion carried 6-0. Vice President Wittman read the proclamation.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Jones) to take no further disciplinary action related to student #1416715615 at this time. Motion carried 6-0.

Vice President, Wittman updated the Board on this year's commencement ceremonies.

A. 2024 Commencement Ceremonies:

Friday, May 24, at Roosevelt Middle School-Lass Auditorium

6:00 p.m. – Dubuque Online School

- B. Saturday, May 25, at Dalzell Field  
10:00 a.m. – Hempstead High School  
3:00 p.m. – Senior High School

Vice President Wittman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary  
Board of Education