

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2024

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

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 regular meeting of September 16th as submitted. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Salutes:

- All involved in the completion and dedication of the brand-new Lincoln Elementary School Playground
- Dubuque Arts Council for their support of creating opportunities for our students to experience the arts through its Artist in Residence program
- All involved in organizing homecoming events at Senior and Hempstead High School

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

Chris Nugent, Principal of Prescott Elementary School, presented on what is going well at Prescott.

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

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

Vice President, Lisa Wittman, gave the Facility and Support Services committee report.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve the donation of plants for landscaping at Kennedy Elementary School from Van Meter Company and employees in the amount \$208.65. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve the donation of a maple tree to be placed on Audubon Elementary School playground in the amount of \$250.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve Change Orders #1-9 to the agreement with Tricon General Construction, Inc for the Lincoln Elementary School Playground Project in the net increased amount of \$91,621.17. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Bradley) to approve final acceptance of the Lincoln Elementary School Playground Project and authorize payment of final project costs to Tricon General Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$172,121.57 in accordance with the requirements of Iowa law and as more fully outlined in the submitted authorizing resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) approve Change Order #5 to Sheets Design Build, LLC. on the Preschool Renovation Project in the increased amount of \$6,260.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) approve Certificate of Substantial Completion #1 on the Audubon Elementary School Playground Replacement Project. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) approve Amendment #1 to the agreement with Origin Design Co. for the Eisenhower Elementary School Gymnasium Addition Project in the increased amount of \$92,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) approve Amendment #1 to the agreement with Origin Design Co. for the district Fire Escape Inspections Professional Services Agreement in the increased amount of \$2,500.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 Internal Control Policies and Procedures Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Staff Accountant/Budget Coordinator, Lisa Demmer, reviewed the Quarterly Budget Report with the Board. Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) that the Board of Education approve the Quarterly Budget Report. Motion carried 7-0.

Katie Jones gave the Education Programs and Policy committee report.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve Cyber Security Awareness Month Proclamation. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to expel student #1405165710 from the Dubuque Community School District. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Hawkins updated the Board that the district is addressing chronic absenteeism by reaching out to those students and identifying ways to address the barriers that prevent them from attending school.

Hawkins also spoke of the Senior High School Open House that was held to showcase the renovations that have been completed. As a result, both high schools plan to have an open house in the future during the weekend of homecoming for alumni and the public to tour the buildings.

Next regular meeting is set for November 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

President Parks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary Board of Education