

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy Committee

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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- I. Complete the Following Before Starting the Meeting
- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: November 27, 2024
 - B. Date media was emailed agenda: November 27, 2024
 - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
 - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **January 8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**
 - E. Place of Meeting: **The Forum, 2300 Chaney Road**
 - F. Attach agenda to this form. Verify that a copy of the agenda has been filed with the Secretary of the Board and the Administrator holding the Committee meeting. If any of the above data does not comply with the open meeting law, do not begin the meeting.

Board members present: Nancy Bradley, Kate Parks, Katie Jones, Anderson Sainci, Dirk Hamel, and Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Lisa Feltes, Lisa Demmer, Mike Cyze, Coby Culbertson, Joe Maloney, Greg Lehman, Andy Peterson, Lisa Feltes, Brenda Duvel, Rob Powers, Brian Kuhle, Tammy Duehr, Becky Fellenzer, Chris Oberhoffer, Mark Burns, Mimi Holesinger, Julia Jorgenson, and Julie Lange.

Katie Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Superintendent, Amy Hawkins updated the committee about facility efficiencies. With low state aid and increased costs to educate our students the district has to look for efficiency opportunities. Due to financial reasons and the school's declining enrollment, Hawkins asked board members to consider closing Hoover Elementary. Closing the school would save the district about a million dollars each year. Current students at Hoover Elementary would be reassigned to Kennedy, Irving, and Table Mound Elementary Schools. It is a possibility that the forty-four staff members would be placed in other positions within the district. Hawkins added that the building would not be sold but would be used as a flex space as improvements are made to other buildings in the district. Next steps include communication with families and staff and a presentation to the board with feedback and potential boundary changes at the Facility and Support Services Committee meeting next month. The board will likely take action on the school closure at the February 10th board meeting.

Policy #2313 – Minutes of the Board Meeting

Reviewed – Board 01.13.25

Policy #2314 – Handling Grievances and Complaints

Reviewed – Board 01.13.25

Policy #2316 – Rules of Order

Reviewed – Board 01.13.25

Policy #10101 – Community Use of District Facilities

Moved Until Next Month

Other Items

Amy Hawkins thanked Brian Kuhle for applying for and receiving a state grant from Iowa's Teacher and Paraeducator Registered Apprenticeship Program (TPRA) for \$1,088,000. The grant will be used help approximately ten non-certified paraprofessionals to obtain paraeducator certificates and twenty certified paraeducators to receive an Iowa teacher license.

Next meeting will be held on February 5, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss
Board Secretary