

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: January 31, 2025
 - B. Date media was emailed agenda: January 31, 2025
 - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
 - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **February 5, 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, Brian Kuhle, Becky Fellenzer, Julie Lange, Andrea Boeve, Lisa Schroeder, Nina Streauslin, and Amanda Leytem.

Katie Jones called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Superintendent Hawkins asked that the counselor presentation be moved to the beginning of the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

School Counselors

Director of Student Services, Becky Fellenzer presented school counselor Lisa Schroeder from Jefferson Middle School, Andrea Boeve from Sageville Elementary, Nina Streauslin, from Hempstead High School, and Amanda Leytem from Washington Middle School. In celebration of National School Counseling Week that runs from February 3rd-7th the presenters highlighted the work that school counselors do on a daily basis to support students in the areas of academics, career/college readiness, and social emotional development.

Robotics

Director of Digital Literacy, Julie Lange-presented to the committee about the robotics program in the district. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a program that prepares students for the future through discovery, innovation, teamwork, inclusion and fun. The district currently has students involved at every level. FIRST Lego League is designed for grades 4th-6th, First Tech Challenge is for middle school and Robotic Challenge is for grades 9th-12th. Students compete with other schools in the area and in the state. Older students have mentored and put on competitions for younger students. Currently there are forty-five members involved at the high school, thirty-six in the middle school, and most of the elementary schools have a FIRST Lego League Challenge team. These programs are self-funded and supported by donations from the community as well as our community partners.

Pacific Islander Club

Becky Fellenzer updated the committee on the Pacific Islander Club that will be introduced at the Alta Vista Campus and the district middle schools. A grant for \$10,390.00 was awarded to the district from the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. These funds will help support academics, attendance, along with a component on heritage. All district students are welcome to attend.

Leadership Opportunities

Chief Human Resources Officer, Brian Kuhle shared with the committee about fifteen teachers that participated in a principalship symposium night that was held on January 28th at the Forum. With the amount of school administrator retirements that will happen in the next five to seven years, the district needs to prepare to fill those positions by reaching out to current teachers who have the potential to fill a leadership role. The hour-long presentation also featured UNI and Buena Vista University representatives who spoke about their online programs for a master's degree in administration. Kuhle plans to do this again in the future and will expand the number of invitations to hopefully engage more teachers.

Policy #2300 – Meetings of the Board

Revised – Board 02.10.25

Policy #4302 – Salaries, Leaves, and Benefits

Reviewed – Board 02.10.25

Policy #4303 – 403b Contracts

Reviewed – Board 02.10.25

Policy #4306 – Visitation to Other Schools and/or Facilities

Reviewed policy and recommended it be removed. Board 02.10.25

Policy #4312 – Sick Leave for Part-Time Employees

Reviewed – Board 02.10.25

Other Items

Next meeting will be held on March 5, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss
Board Secretary