

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: April 4, 2025
  - B. Date media was emailed agenda: April 4, 2025
  - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
  - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **April 9, 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: Dirk Hamel and Anderson Sainci, Nancy Bradley, Kate Parks, Katie Jones, and Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Brian Kuhle, David Moeller, Becky Fellenzer, Mimi Holesinger, Val Loewenberg, Mark Burns, Melissa Cook, Natalie Nemmers, and Mark McCarthy

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

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Dubuque Online School Update – Val Loewenberg, Principal at the Dubuque Online School (DOS) provided an update to the committee. Any student who resides in the state of Iowa may apply for district-to-district open enrollment or in-district transfer. Currently, there are about three-hundred twenty-six 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who participate in online learning with thirty-three of those students enrolled from other districts in Iowa. Online learning began in the fall of 2022 with two-hundred and seventy-two students and now has grown each year since. Eleven full-time teachers provide learning in addition to specialists that are shared with Jefferson Middle School. Online instruction is delivered through a combination of live virtual classes as well on on-demand classes. Natalie Nemmers, DOS counselor and teacher Mark McCarthy shared with the committee that the program meets students where they are at. Students attend the program for a variety of reasons including health or a need for a flexible learning schedule. The option to transition back to in person learning is also possible. Students also have additional opportunity to connect with other online students at the multi-cultural center for weekly meet ups as well as field trips and service projects. Students who graduate from the online school will receive a DOS diploma. This year graduation will be held on the Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt Middle School Auditorium.

**Purchase/Professional Contract**

Xello for a three-year contract for a college and career readiness information system to support students in grades 6-12 for an estimated cost of \$101,372.70. Board 04.14.25

Policy #1001 – Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment

Tabled For Future Meeting

Policy #1002 – Multicultural/Nonsexist

Remove – Board 04.14.25

Policy #1003 – Cultural Proficiency Philosophy

Revised – Board 04.14.25

Policy #1005 – Anti-discrimination

Revised– Board 04.14.25

Policy #1006 – Discrimination and Harassment Based on Sex Prohibited

Revised – Board 04.14.25

Policy #2209 – Strategic Plan/Long-range Needs Assessment

Reviewed– Board 04.14.25

Policy #3501 – Chief Executive Officer

Reviewed – Board 04.14.25

Policy #3502 – Superintendent Qualifications, Recruitment, Appointment (NEW)

NEW – Board 04.14.25

Policy #4100 – Recruitment and Selection

Revised – Board 04.14.25

Policy #5503 – Reporting Child/Dependent Adult Abuse and Neglect

Revised – Board 04.14.25

Policy #6103 – Multicultural/Gender Fair Education (NEW)

NEW – Board 04.14.25

Next meeting will be held on May 7th, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss  
Board Secretary