

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Facilities/Support Services Committee

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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 - D. D. Board Committee: Facilities/**Support Services Committee**
 - E. Date and Time of Meeting: May 5, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.
 - F. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board Members present: Dirk Hamel, Kate Parks, Lisa Wittman, Anderson Sainci, Sarah Jacobitz-Kizzier, and Nancy Bradley. District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Rob Powers, Rick Till, Sarah Pfab, Brian Kuhle, Mark Burns, Mike Cyze, and Lisa Demmer.

Dirk Hamel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda for May 5, 2025

Agenda was approved as submitted.

Donation of Soccer Goal Net to Prescott Elementary

Donation of a FORZA Alu60 soccer goal net for an estimated cost of \$1299.00 to Prescott Elementary School. Board 05.19.25

Employee agreements discussion was moved after the updates on current district projects

Employee Agreements

Dubuque Education Association (teachers/counselors/nurses) – 2.6% total salary and benefits increase
Custodial Personnel – total salary and benefits increase – 2.61%

Two agreements are waiting for ratification and two are in final stages. Board 05.05.25

Update on Current District Projects

Senior High School Renovation Phase 2

Rob Powers reviewed architect/engineer certificate of completion, final estimate of costs, and resolution for final acceptance and closing final project costs for the Senior High School Renovation Phase 2 Project with Tricon General Construction. Board 05.19.25

Sageville Elementary School Solar Project

Lisa Demmer, CFO, updated the committee that the district did receive the rebate check from the Federal Investment Tax Credit (FITC) for \$142,190.11 for the solar project. Project close-out documents will be presented at the June 2nd committee meeting.

Eisenhower Gym Addition Project

Rob Powers stated that the contractors are on site and work on the kitchen has started as well as demolition of the art room.

Eisenhower/Keller Roof Replacement

Rob Powers updated the committee that there were six bidders for the bid opening on May 1st. A public hearing will be held immediately after the Facility and Support Services Committee Meeting. Board 05.05.25.

Irving Mechanical Remodel Project

Powers explained that Conlon Construction won't be able to start until school is out the 1st week of June.

Transportation Siding Replacement Project

Rob Powers reviewed the architect/engineer certificate of completion, final estimate of costs, and resolution for final acceptance and closing final project costs for the Transportation Siding Replacement Project with Tricon General Construction. Board 05.19.25

Roosevelt Bus Loop Resurfacing Project

Powers stated that work would begin the day after school gets out in June.

Marshall Playground Replacement Project

Powers stated that work would begin the day after school gets out in June.

Employee Agreements

Brian Kuhle, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented two employee agreements to the committee. Two more groups are waiting for ratification and the other two are in their final stages.

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Update on Facility Efficiencies/Recommendation

Superintendent Hawkins introduced Laura Peterson from Invision Architects. Peterson shared the process that the task force, which included a representative from each school, used to come up with a recommendation. This included community input sessions that were held on April 16th and 28th, and a community survey. Peterson presented the master facilities plan which includes the idea of building new versus renovating the current middle school. Class size, location, transportation, staffing, cost analysis and tax rate were just some of the issues that were considered.

The recommendation from the task force is to move forward with consolidating from three to two middle schools by constructing a new 1,000 student middle school on the Washington Middle School site. The recommendation will come to the regular school board meeting on May 19th and if the board approves the plan, the district will go out for a \$70 million general obligation bond referendum. The cost of a new middle school is \$121.9 million to be funded by the \$70 million bond and \$51.9 million in borrowing against the district's 1-cent sales tax fund. Board 05.19.25

Cenergistic Update

Rob Powers updated the committee that Josh has begun meeting with staff at buildings and to continue to work through communication issues.

Lunch/Breakfast Fees for 2025-2026

Lisa Demmer shared with the committee that there were no changes to the student lunch/breakfast fees for 2025-2026. Adult lunch prices will increase by \$.15 to \$5.00. Board 5.19.25

Resolution for Items Offered for Sale on GovDeals.com

Lisa Demmer reviewed the resolution for box truck with power ramp that will go out to bid May 6th-27th, 2025 and may be over the \$25,000 limit. If a bid over \$25,000 is received, a public hearing will be scheduled for June 9, 2025. Board 05.19.25

Certified Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Lisa Demmer reported that a budget amendment is necessary due to bus purchases, additional expenditures, increased food purchases, increased costs, and additional unbudgeted projects. There will be no increase in taxes to be paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Board 05.19.25

Other Items

Rob Powers reported on an additional donation to the district. A group at Irving Elementary are donating a basketball hoop with installation to the school in memory of an employee that passed away. Board 05.19.25

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss,

Secretary Board of Education