

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

October 13, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Roosevelt Middle School.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Sainci) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Salutes:

- District's high school girls tennis teams on outstanding seasons
- To the principals across our district for their outstanding contributions to our school communities
- Dubuque Arts Council for its continued support of creating wonderful opportunities for our students to experience the arts through its Artist in Residence Program

Moved (Bradley) and seconded (Sainci) to suspend the rules of order and go into open forum. Motion carried 6-0.

Jeff Johl, Principal at Roosevelt Middle School updated the board on what is going well at Roosevelt Middle School.

No public comment.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Bradley) to reinstate the rules of order and return to regular session. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve those items listed in the consent agenda. Sarah Jacobitz-Kizzier was the auditor for the month. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Member, Dirk Hamel, gave the Facility and Support Services Committee report.

Moved (Hamel) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve Certificate of Substantial Completion on the Marshall Elementary School Playground Replacement Project Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Hamel) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve the agreement with Origin Design for the Dalzell South Retaining Wall Repairs Project in the amount of \$34,900.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Hamel) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve the Agreement with Origin Design for the Irving Elementary School Roof Replacement Project in the amount of \$19,800.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Hamel) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve the submission of the request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$4,933,515.30 (or as determined by the Iowa Department of Education following DE audit review) in Modified Supplemental Amount to provide 100% spending authority for 2025 special education deficit funded through a cash reserve levy. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Hamel) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve the submission of the request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$631,958.44 (or as determined by the Iowa Department of Education following DE audit review) in Modified Supplemental Amount to provide 100% spending authority for 2025 excess costs of the LEP program funded through a cash reserve levy. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Hamel) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve the Quarterly Budget Report. Motion carried 6-0.

CFO, Lisa Demmer presented the quarterly budget report.

President Parks gave the Educational Programs/Policy Committee report.

Moved (Sainci) and seconded (Jacobitz-Kizzier) to approve a \$20.00 fine for parking violations on district property. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved (Wittman) and seconded (Bradley) to approve the proclamation for Cyber Security Awareness Month. Motion carried 6-0.

President Parks read the proclamation.

#### Board Member or Administrative Issues

Superintendent Amy Hawkins gave a shout out to the district communications department in their sharing of facts for the upcoming general obligation bond vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be another information session on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6 pm at Washington Middle School. Tours of the middle school will be available the hour before. After the presentation there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. Hawkins will also be presenting at the Convivium Urban Farmstead located at 2811 Jackson Street in Dubuque from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The district will be sending out mailings to the community with the facts related to the general obligation bond along with videos on social media. If you need more information, please see the website to submit questions, you may also email your questions to [ahawkins@dbqschools.org](mailto:ahawkins@dbqschools.org), or call the Board Secretary at 563-552-3037.

Early satellite voting sites will be available ahead of the election on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting was set for November 10th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

President Parks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Secretary  
Board of Education