

Dallas Center-Grimes Community School
District Board of Directors Meeting Monday,
January 28, 2019 Heritage Elementary -
Room 208 at 7:00 PM Grimes, Iowa 50111

Present: Directors Doug Rants, Doug Rothfus, Ronnie Wiedman, Kathie Hicok, Mark Wills,
Marco

Bejarno, Sarah Wilson, Director of Student Services Angela Dvorak, Business Manager
Michelle Wearmouth, and Superintendent Scott Grimes Absent:

Receive visitors and read miscellaneous communications

President Rothfus called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was
taken by the secretary and a quorum was acknowledged.

Approval of Agenda

Director Wills moved, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the agenda as
presented.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

Approved minutes of previous meeting (s)

Director Rants moved, seconded by Director Wiedman to approve the minutes from the
regular board meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 and the special board minutes from
Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

Presentation of bills for approval

Director Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Wills to approve the bills as
presented.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

Consent Agenda

Director Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Wiedman to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Open enrollment
- b. Contract approvals, resignations, and re-assignment, and changes
 - i. Contract approvals
 - 1. Nikki Kline Preschool SpEd Associate
 - 2. Victoria Watkins Special Ed Associate
 - 3. Bryan McDougall Special Ed Associate
 - 4. Dylan Goodner Special Education Teacher - HE
 - 5. Nicholas Sawyers Family and Consumer Science - ME
 - 6. Dennis Gonnerman Asst 8th Boys Track
 - 7. Allison O'Brien Volunteer HS Softball
 - 8. John Schmitz Volunteer HS Track
 - 9. Mike Wigham Assistant HS Baseball
 - 10. Tara Easterlie Associate
 - ii. Resignations
 - 1. Caitlin O'Donnell Middle School Teacher
 - 2. Jodi King Special Ed Associate - HE - 2-14-19
 - 3. Aggie Tigges North Ridge Special Ed Associate
 - iii. Changes
 - 1. Jennifer Kinney Additional 2.5 hours/mail person
 - 2. Melissa Hepworth Special Ed Associate Hours change
 - 3. Jody Karge Special Ed Associate Hours change
- c. Special Education Instructional Services (1 - student) - served in the Clarinda Correctional Facility in Clarinda, Iowa through the Green Hills AEA
- d. Interagency Agreement with Waukee CSD - Revised agreement (2) students into DC-G
- e. Tuition Reimbursement - Letter of Agreement between DCG CSD and Scott Blum
- f. Midwest Office Technology Maintenance Agreement - Heritage Elementary new copier
- g. IRS Business Mileage Rate for 2019 -.58 cents per mile for business miles driven
- h. 8th grade students to attend the Washington DC Trip - annual trip March 15-18, 2019
- i. Purchase of Access Points through E-Rate. CDW is awarded the contract for \$51,728.00, DC-G's portion is 50% of this amount
- j. Job Description - School Improvement Administrative Assistant
- k. Volunteer Handbook approval

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 Kathie Hicok yes
 Sarah Wilson yes
 Marco Bejarno yes

Public Hearing regarding days versus hours school calendar with a start date of August 23rd for the 2019-2020 school year

President Doug Rothfus stated, "This is the time and place for the public hearing and for meeting on a days versus hours with a start date of August 23rd school calendar for the 2019-20 school year. Are there any questions, comments, or objections from those present?? No comments or objections were voiced from those present. President Rothfus then asked, "Michelle Wearmouth, Board Secretary, have you had any objections filed in the Secretary's office?" Mrs. Wearmouth noted that no objections have been filed. President Rothfus declared the hearing on the matter on a days vs hours with a start date of August 23rd school calendar for the 2019-20 school year to be closed.

Building Level Reports

Middle School Principal Jerry Hlas along with middle school teachers Melinda Bryan, Hilary Weber, and Sarah Groves discussed instructional methods for special education students at the middle school level. Several middle school students discussed these methods with the board and shared information about processes in the classroom that are making them successful.

High School Principal Scott Blum presented information about high school participation and high school student survey results.

Teaching and Learning

Director of Student Services Angela Dvorak presented information on ESSA Performance Designations in Federal level reporting. District Assessment information and an update was provided including information on Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP), winter FAST assessment period (Grades K-6) and the winter benchmarking period (Grades K-5). She also discussed the District Instructional Coaching Model Jim Knight Impact Cycle provided to instructional coaches, curriculum facilitators, and administrators in January. Goals should be student focused, data based, and meaningful and impact student success.

Director of Student Services Report

Director of Student Services Angela Dvorak presented Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) grant information.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Scott Grimes discussed building permits filed within the district. Superintendent Grimes discussed the proposed master calendar for 2019-2020. Superintendent Grimes discussed IASB's Day on the Hill to be held February 5, 2019. Superintendent Grimes reviewed elementary student transportation noting the success of the pay to ride program and plans to continue the service. Superintendent Grimes discussed the hire of Jill Van Woerkom, Associate Superintendent of School Improvement, posting for the activities director position, reading intervention position, high school media position, nurse position and middle school instructor position.

Superintendent Grimes discussed construction and planning of facilities. He also reviewed the upcoming DCG Foundation 3rd Annual Fundraiser Breakfast to be held Friday, February 15th with keynote speaker Sarah Noll Wilson.

**Business
Manager**

Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth presented the 2018-19 revenue and expenditure summary and public budget comparison for the month ended December 2018. Mrs. Wearmouth also presented taxable valuation figures for January 1, 2019. Mrs. Wearmouth discussed the Moody's rating of Aa2 and credit opinion issued January 23, 2019. Mrs. Wearmouth reported on the results bidding on \$20 million general obligations bonds held today at noon. Mrs. Wearmouth reminded the board of the special board meeting February 11, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. for finalization on the bond sale.

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OLD BUSINESS -

none

**NEW BUSINESS Approval of contract for Jill Van Woerkom, Associate
Superintendent of School Improvement**

Director Wills motioned, seconded by Director Rants to approve the contract of Jill Van Woerkom for the position Associate Superintendent of School Improvement for the 2019-20 school year.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

Opening and consideration of sealed bids by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and Financial Advisor for the School District and referring same to the Board of Directors

With regard to General Obligation Bonds, Not To Exceed \$20,000,000, series 2019, Superintendent Grimes noted that the financial advisor, Piper Jaffray, the secretary to the board, and he, as superintendent, reviewed bids received and evaluated at public sale for the bonds earlier today, and determined the best bid was: Bidder: FTN Financial Capital Markets of New York, NY

Purchase Price: \$21,220,731.01 Net Interest Cost: \$11,633,580.10 True Interest Cost: 3.494342% Director Hicok motioned, seconded by Director Wills to accept into record the bids received for general obligation bonds today, and to acknowledge the recommendation of the Superintendent, Secretary to the Board, and Financial Advisor for best bid received.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

Resolution Directing the sale of \$20,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, approving the form of contract for the sale of bonds, and authorization is granted to execute the contract for the sale of bonds on behalf of the school district, that

furtherance of the sale of bonds by the Superintendent, Secretary to the Board, and Financial Advisor to be ratified and approved

Director Rants motioned, seconded by Director Bejarno to approve the resolution Directing the sale of \$20,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, approving the form of contract for the sale of bonds, and authorization is granted to execute the contract for the sale of bonds on behalf of the school district, and that furtherance of the sale of bonds by the Superintendent, Secretary to the Board, and Financial Advisor is to be ratified and approved.

Roll Call Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes Kathie Hicok yes
Sarah Wilson yes Marco Bejarno yes

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Approval of Certified Staff that qualified for a Resignation Incentive Program

Director Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Wiedman to approve the applications of Caitlin O'Donnell and Brian Weidenthaler for a Resignation Incentive Program as approved by the Board in November 2018.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

Approval of 2019-2020 district calendar

Director Hicok motioned, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the 2019-2020 district calendar as presented and note that the District will calculate by hours (not days) for the 2019-20 school year.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

Approval for the purchase of 1 new school bus at a cost of \$102,630.00

Director Wills motioned, seconded by Director Bejarno to approve the purchase of a 2020 Blue Bird All American 84 passenger School Bus per our specifications, at a total cost of \$102,630.00.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

Approval for the purchase of one used school bus at a cost of \$72,625.00

Director Wiedman motioned, seconded by Director Wills to approve the purchase of a used bus, 2017 Blue Bird All American 84 passenger School Bus at a total cost of \$72,625.00.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

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Financial Statements

Director Hicok motioned, seconded by Director Rants to approve the financial statements as presented for December 2018.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes
Marco Bejarno yes

Board Commendations

Director Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the Board commendations as presented.

i. The Chinese Association of Iowa's Achievement Award Selection Committee has selected the honorees for the 2018 Iowa Chinese Achievement Awards. Dallas Center-Grimes Middle School has been nominated and selected as one of the honorees for The Leadership in Diversity Award. The Leadership in Diversity Award recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding creativity, commitment and effectiveness in promoting diversity in State of Iowa. As a major community organization, Chinese Association of Iowa believes that it is essential to identify and honor "role models" who can inspire all of us, especially the younger generation. Julie Kopecky ii. Darla Van Kooten, Joey Hepworth, and Cody Milburn for their hard work in

keeping North Ridge so sparkling clean. April Heitland iii. Thanks to Donna Sevenich and her team for the last minute snacks for our 1st

and 2nd year teacher class. Lori Phillips, Diann Williamson, and April Heitland iv. Thank you for the love, prayers, support, generosity and kindness shown to our

family during our difficult time. The support was overwhelming. We are very blessed to be a part of such a special place. Thank you to our entire DCG Family. Scott, Cara, Ethan, Taylor & Carson Blum v. I would nominate Deb Cale for her compassionate embrace of our homeless elementary students and her advocacy and efforts to try to find Foster homes in the area for them. She is very aware of their trauma and struggles and goes above and beyond to make them feel wanted and safe here at DCE. Jill

Pickell vi. Jessica Heirigs and Kendra Bradley truly model a professional learning community. They collaborate to plan weekly lessons and analyze data to create differentiated small groups. Both understand the importance of building relationships with students to create a safe, positive learning environment. Thanks for all your hard work because it truly makes a difference for kids! Diann Williamson vii. Jennifer Heffemen impresses me with her passion for kids. She is continually learning and sharing information with associates and teachers to help them grow. She has embraced and implemented Michelle Garcia's Social Mapping (connecting behavior, emotions and consequences across the day) to assist students with social and emotional growth. Her reward has been the great growth we have seen with students through IEP goals. Thank you Jennifer for always being professional and putting kids first! Diann Williamson viii. Thanks to Patty Morris, Barb Rothfus, and Melissa White for their leadership with the Science curriculum team, the resource pilot, and professional development! April Heitland

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ix. Carol Franke is a very important team member to the DCE family. She has stepped right in as a new team member this year and has warmed the heart of students and staff alike. She is always upbeat, kind, energetic, and positive. She supports our recess and lunch time, ensuring the safety of our students. Staff adore her and greatly appreciate her efficiency and the various supports she provides for their classrooms. We are very grateful to have Carol as part of our team!! Debra Cale x. I would like to thank Patty Morris for making time to brilliantly contribute to our science curriculum review. Being a building principal is very time consuming, so I know how challenging it can be to devote such quality time to curriculum development. Patty – you have done an outstanding job in this entire process! Thank you for your dedication and time to make this so meaningful for our teachers! Debra Cale xi. Thanks to Darwin Yossi and his team for setting up the cyber security training

for staff. It was very informational. April Heitland
Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Mark Wills yes
Kathie Hicok yes Sarah Wilson yes Marco Bejarno yes

Written and oral communications - Next regular board meeting, Monday, February 25, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Director Bejarno moved, seconded by Director Wiedman to adjourn. Time: 9:47 p.m.

Vote: Doug Rothfus yes Doug Rants yes
Ronnie Wiedman yes Sarah Wilson yes
Kathie Hicok yes Marco Bejarno yes

Respectfully
submitted,

Michelle R. Wearmouth Secretary to the Board Approved in the
meeting of: February 25, 2019

____ Doug Rothfus, Board President