

Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, January 27, 2020  
Heritage Elementary - Room 208  
7:00 PM  
Grimes, Iowa 50111

Present: Directors Doug Rants, Kathie Hicok, Mark Wills, Sarah Wilson, Ronnie Wiedman, Marco Bejarno, Ryan Carpenter, Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth, Associate Superintendent of School Improvement Jill Van Woerkom and Superintendent Scott Grimes.

Absent: None

**Receive visitors and read miscellaneous communications**

Board President Doug Rants 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 Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the agenda as published.

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

**Approve minutes of previous meeting (s)**

Director Wills motioned, seconded by Director Hicok to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019.

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

**Presentation of bills for approval**

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

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

## Consent Agenda

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

- a. Open enrollment
- b. Contract approvals, resignations, and re-assignment, and changes
  - i. **Contract approvals**
    1. Meagan Waterman Associate
    2. Julie Lundy Admin. Assistant to Associate Supt/Supt
    3. Christina Leonard Associate
    4. Sulley Blessman Preschool Sp Ed Associate
    5. Cari Hall Preschool Sp Ed Associate
    6. Jake Barnwell Volunteer Speech - High School
    7. Nick Sawyers Assistant 8th Basketball
    8. Jen Connelly Associate
    9. Sarah Broderick Payroll & Benefits Specialist
  - ii. **Resignations**
    1. Mazie Rudolph Associate - SP Elem.
    2. Christina Leonard Associate - SP Elem.
    3. Andrea Barnes 1st grade teacher - DCE
    4. Paige Lowary Associate - SP Elem.
    5. Chelsea Robinson Teacher - DC Elem (per LOA Agreement)
  - iii. **Changes**
    1. Valarie Rich Paraeducator Certification
- c. 8th grade students to attend the Washington DC Trip - annual trip
- d. Contract Approval for Dedicated Internet Access at the Middle School and High School - Mediacom are awarded the contracts for 500MB at the Middle School for \$600/mo. and 1GB at the High School for \$850/mo. DC-G's portion of this is 50% of this amount
- e. Contracted Service for Regular Education - Sioux City Community Schools - 1 student
- f. Tuition Reimbursement - Letter of Agreement between DC-G CSD and Scott Blum
- g. Inter-Agency Contract for Grandwood Special Education Instructional Program - 1 student - Woodward-Granger Schools
- h. Inter-Agency Contract for Special Education Instructional Program - 1 student - Carlisle Schools
- i. Inter-Agency Contract for Special Education Services with Urbandale Schools - OUT - 1 student
- j. Job Description - Student Registrar
- k. Letter of engagement with Ahlers Law Firm for Bond Counsel for upcoming sale of general obligation bonds
  - Vote: Doug Rants yes
  - Kathie Hicok yes
  - Sarah Wilson yes
  - Marco Bejarno yes
  - Mark Wills yes
  - Ronnie Wiedman yes
  - Ryan Carpenter yes

## **Public Hearing regarding days versus hours school calendar with a start date of August 24th for the 2020-2021 school year**

President Doug Rants stated, "This is the time and place for the public hearing and for meeting on a days vs hours with a start date of August 24th school calendar for the 2020-21 school year. Are there any questions, comments, or objections from those present?" No one responded. President Rants then asked, "Michelle Wearmouth, Board Secretary, have you had any objections filed in the Secretary's office?" Mrs. Wearmouth indicated that no objections have been filed. President Rants declared the public hearing on the matter on a days vs hours with a start date of August 24th school calendar for the 2020-21 school year to be closed.

## **Reports**

### **Polk County Supervisor Robert Brownell presents Prairie Meadows Funds**

Supervisor Brownell presented a check from Prairie Meadows proceeds to Dallas Center-Grimes School District

### **Middle School Curriculum**

Middle School instructors Clint Knoll and Laura Scott presented information on science program Amplify and the Next Generation Science Standards.

### **Financial Advisor Report**

Tim Oswald from Piper Sandler presented information about the upcoming bond sale, the repayment schedules on outstanding bonds, and allocation of pre-levy dollars.

### **Associate Superintendent of School Improvement Report**

Associate Superintendent Jill Van Woerkom presented information about the January 15 professional development activities. She also discussed Federal reporting for ESSA Performance designations. Mrs. Van Woerkom presented district assessment updates for Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) noting that grades 3-11 will be tested in the months of April and May 2020 and testing will be administered electronically. She also discussed Winter FAST Assessment to be given to students K-8 in January and February 2020. Mrs. Van Woerkom also presented an update for the meeting of the SIAC committee.

### **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Grimes discussed building permits within the district. He reviewed the proposed Master Calendar for the 2020-21 school year. He discussed IASB Day on the Hill. He provided an enrollment and a staffing update. Superintendent Grimes provided a facilities construction update on all three construction projects. He also discussed the policy review process and asked members to participate in a sub-committee, and Directors Rants and Wilson volunteered for that sub-committee.

Superintendent Grimes discussed the DC-G Foundation 4th Annual Fundraiser Breakfast to be held Friday, February 21, 2020.

### **Business Manager Report**

Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth discussed the revenue and expenditure summary report as well as the Public Budget Comparison report for the month of December 2019. Mrs. Wearmouth reviewed taxable valuation for January 1, 2020. Mrs. Wearmouth discussed today's Moody's Rating call for a credit opinion interview Jan 27, 2020. The new rating will be disclosed on February 3, 2020. Mrs. Wearmouth discussed the need to set a special meeting sometime between March 2 and March 6 to finalize sale of bonds and Board members chose March 5, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. Mrs. Wearmouth also reviewed the IASB Financial Focus Jan 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Second Reading of Policy 803.2 Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment, and Supplies**

Director Wiedman motioned, seconded by Director Wills to approve Second Reading of Policy 803.2 Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment, and Supplies.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution Amending the Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Qualified School Construction Bonds - Direct Pay), Series 2010, and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof, adopted November 22, 2010**

Director Hicok motioned, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the Resolution Amending the Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Qualified School Construction Bonds - Direct Pay), Series 2010, and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof, adopted November 22, 2010.

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

**Resolution Directing the Advertisement for Sale of Not to Exceed \$26,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Approving Official Statement**

Director Wilson motioned, seconded by Director Hicok to approve the Resolution Directing the Advertisement for Sale of Not to Exceed \$26,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Approving Official Statement.

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

**Move to deny the 2019-2020 Open Enrollment OUT application for CPW, due to the application being filed late with no good cause**

Director Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Wills to deny the 2019-2020 Open Enrollment out application for CPW, due to the application being filed late with no good cause.

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

**Consider approval for an additional Early Graduate - Austin Miller. This student is on track to complete DC-G Graduation requirements as of January 17, 2020**

Director Wiedman motioned, seconded by Director Bejarno to approve Austin Miller to Graduate at Semester, he is on track to complete DC-G Graduation Requirements as of January 17, 2020.

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

**Consider sending request to the SBRC committee for administrative costs for special education through the Grandwood consortium**

Director Wilson motioned, seconded by Director Hicok to request SBRC approval to charge administrative cost to special education through the Grandwood consortium.

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

**Approval of 2020-2021 district calendar**

Director Wills motioned, seconded by Director Carpenter to approve the 2020-2021 district calendar (as presented) and note that the District will calculate by hours (not days) for the 2020-21 school year.

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	Kathie Hicok	yes
	Sarah Wilson	yes
	Marco Bejarno	yes
	Mark Wills	yes
	Ronnie Wiedman	yes
	Ryan Carpenter	yes

## Financial Statements

Director Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Hicok to approve the financial statements as presented for December 2019.

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

## Board Commendations

Director Wills motioned, seconded by Director Carpenter to approve the Board Commendations as presented.

- i. I would like to recommend Leah M. Johnson, RN. She has been our long-term sub while Cara Peipho has been on maternity leave. Leah stepped into a role with already new challenges for the middle school and even received some new ones as she continued subbing. Leah has cared for the health needs of our students without missing a beat. I am glad that she has been apart of our building during this season. Kim Matteson
- ii. I'd like to write a board commendation for Kari Traver at Heritage. Kari always goes above and beyond in making kids feel welcome, loved, and cherished - our kindergartener just lights up when he sees his good buddy Mrs. Traver waiting for him at drop off and she always has a giant smile and a welcoming presence - even on the coldest drop off mornings! Thanks, Mrs. Traver! Katheryne Almeida
- iii. Thanks to Mikayla Whitney and Bart Black for supporting staff in our staff wellness movement for the 2019-20 school year. April Heitland
- iv. Thank you to Nurse Stephanie for her role in supporting Medicaid Billing for the district as well as her leadership on the safety team for our building. April Heitland
- v. To Joan Werner for seeing what needs to be done and just doing it. She took time to scoop sidewalks in the parking lot so teachers would be safe getting to their vehicles. Patty Morris
- vi. To Jen Kinney for the extra cleaning she does during any free moment she has. Patty Morris
- vii. To Kellee Andrews for going above and beyond with a book club for students before and after school. She has helped students enjoy reading that might not have found that joy previously. Patty Morris
- viii. To Shauna Pertzsch for her patience with the hustle and bustle of the office traffic and phone calls. She sets a positive tone for our building with her welcoming and friendly manner. She works diligently to make sure we have subs where they are needed and when we don't have a duty covered, she will work to find people who can take care of this. It is a daily struggle and she handles whatever comes at her with grace. Patty Morris
- ix. To Sherry Tigges for the extra work she does to keep our hallways looking inviting for students. Patty Morris
- x. Melissa Campbell, Jenny Rants, Heidi Borton, and Lindsey Updike for their mentoring skills with new teachers. I have been able to observe and listen to the conversations they have with their mentors and they are helping to impact so many students in the future by supporting and helping these new teachers become stronger at their craft. Patty Morris
- xi. Jay Rowat and Anna Ewald have done so much to promote sign language in our school. The videos they create for students each month are a great resource for teachers to use. We have many students who have been interested in learning sign so they can communicate with our students that communicate in this way. Patty Morris

- xii. Theresa Sandstrom and her custodial staff worked so hard over winter break to make sure our school was clean and ready to go when the students came back. They work hard during this season of sickness and germs to make sure things are clean and germ free to keep our students as healthy as possible. Patty Morris
- xiii. Amanda Christiansen, Barb Kellner and Jacob Heinemann have done a lot of work together this year as they are all new to each other and two are new to 5th grade. They have made great progress in coming together as a team to move our 5th grade students forward in their learning. Patty Morris
- xiv. Thank you LaRee Hawks for leading us through outstanding professional development! Scott Blum
- xv. Thank you to Danie Clancy and Ben Twigg for their tremendous hard work preparing our students and staff for 2020-2021 course registration process! Scott Blum
- xvi. Board Commendation for Jennell Stine. She's wonderful, caring and she's always there to help out. She's our one and only sub who jumps in and gives us her all. She has never disappointed us and never will. She is paid less than a new hired para yet still helps out in any way she can. Her daughter (has been bullied) is the cause of her passion to do what's right and we appreciate and love her for everything she does for our school. We don't know what we'd do without her. Tammy Tegtmeier
- xvii. I would like to thank Rod Roshek for volunteering his time to help clean up this room and get it ready for my personal wellness class second semester. Rod saw me working on it Thursday and didn't even pause to lend a hand. Thanks for all your hard work day in and out to keep Meadows clean! Lori Phillips
- xviii. I would like to thank Steve Klehn and Matt Vance for installing a large art piece at Heritage Elementary. Steve and Matt always go the extra mile for our school. They always have a smile and a kind word for all. I feel lucky to have them as part of our DC-G family. Amy Cory
- xix. I would like to take a moment to appreciate the creativity and dedication of Amy Cory. She is able to inspire and instruct our K-5 students to create some of the most beautiful artwork! Nothing makes me happier than to see the colorful masterpieces displayed throughout the building. Thanks for being you Amy! Diann Williamson
- xx. Thank you Clint Reynolds for making our floors shine! You continue to work hard to keep our building clean, safe, and looking brand new. Your dedication is appreciated! Diann Williamson
- xxi. Thank you Donna Coffin for always coming to work with a positive attitude and a smile on your face! We appreciate your dedication to serving students and are so fortunate to have you as a member of our Heritage team! Diann Williamson
- xxii. I would like to thank all the teachers, Curriculum Facilitators, and administrators who helped plan and present the English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) training on January 15th: Jill Van Woerkom, Lisa Clayberg, Harka Biswa, Diane Messerli, LaRee Hawks, Laurie Thompson, Sarah Hinrichs, Melinda Bryan, Kelli Hutt, Barb Rothfus, and Shane Roenfan. Because of their dedication, expertise, and passion for supporting ELs, the training incorporated effective strategies for all learners and was meaningful and highly successful! Angela Dvorak
- xxiii. Shane Roenfan, Barb Rothfus, Kelli Hutt, Melinda Bryan, and Sarah Hinrichs - Thank you for all the teacher collaboration, planning and providing for PD, staff training, and brainstorming you have participated in during the first semester of this school year! Your work as teacher leaders is greatly appreciated and helps the district continue to provide direct and timely support to teachers in order to improve student learning. Jill Van Woerkom
- xxiv. Thank you to Angela Dvorak for leading the development of the professional development content for the ESOL professional development on January 15th. A great afternoon of learning with useful teaching strategies that could be used with all students to enhance learning! Jill Van Woerkom

- xxv. Thank you to LaRee Hawks for partnering to deliver ESOL Professional Development at the high school on January 15th. It was a great afternoon of individualized learning! Jill Van Woerkom
- xxvi. A sincere thank you to Kyra Wilcox-Conley from the AEA for her support in helping to develop a data collection system that our Instructional Coaches can use as a part of their PLC process in focusing on the impact of their coaching and staying focused on the right work. While it has been a process into getting to the heart of what data we want to collect, Kyra has been flexible and hardworking in making this happen. Kyra, your work on this is so greatly appreciated. Lisa Clayberg
- xxvii. Thank you to Barb Shutt and Jim Shutt for graciously volunteering their time to support our mentors and mentees at our previous after school Mentoring Seminar. As part of the rejuvenation process for our mentors and mentees, Barb and Jim led a session on mindfulness and yoga. Participants who chose this opportunity were very appreciative of the time and experiences they had. I am thankful for their willingness to give of their time and talents to support our staff members. Lisa Clayberg
- xxviii. Thank you to Lauri Hart, Amanda Davison, Audrey Stine, Heather FitzGerald, Nicole Baker, Stacy Heidemann, Amy Lawton and Lauren Long for opening up their classrooms so that the Griswold teachers could learn more about Bridges Math implementation. Your willingness to support the learning of other educators is greatly appreciated! Jill Van Woerkom
- xxix. Caitlin Sulentic and Katie Johnston - I want you to know how much I appreciate being invited into your class to see the learning of seventh graders around proportional thinking. The lesson was engaging, students were learning, and student talk time and thinking was evident throughout the class period. It means a lot that you were willing to invite me in. Thank you so much! Lisa Clayberg
- xxx. Jordan Ray - Thank you for allowing me to experience a little bit of the foundations of physics with simple machines through your students' creations of Rube Goldberg designs. Being able to see the productive struggle and success of students while I was there was so much fun. The engagement was evident, and the multiple layers for students to work through on this project really pushed their thinking. Lisa Clayberg

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**Written and oral communications** – Next regular board meeting Monday, February 24, 2020 7:00 p.m.  
(4th Monday), Special Board Meeting March 5, 2020 7:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Wills to adjourn. Time: 9:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle R. Wearmouth  
Secretary to the Board

Approved in the meeting of:  
February 24, 2020

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Doug Rants, Board President