

Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2020, 7:00 PM
Heritage Elementary
Grimes, Iowa 50111

Present: Directors Doug Rants, Ryan Carpenter, Ronnie Wiedman, Business Manager Michelle Wearmouth, Associate Superintendent Jill Van Woerkom and Superintendent Scott Grimes were present at the meeting site. Directors Mark Wills, Kathie Hicok, Sarah Wilson, and Marco Bejarno attended via electronic format. It is noted that COVID-19 social distancing recommendations were in place for this meeting thus electronic format was required for some attendees.

Absent: None

Receive visitors and read miscellaneous communications

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

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

Approved minutes of previous meeting (s)

Director Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Wills to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020.

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

Approval of Bills

Director Hicok motioned, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the bills as presented.

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

Appoint and swear in Treasurer and Secretary

Director Carpenter motioned, seconded by Director Wills to appoint Michelle Wearmouth as board secretary and treasurer at the salary set. President Rants administered the oath of office to Mrs. Wearmouth.

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

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Open enrollment
- b. Contract approvals, resignations, and changes
 - i. **Contract approvals**
 - 1. Greg Boattenhamer Volunteer coach - Football
 - 2. Lisa Hofman PLC Leader
 - 3. Ashley Lubbert Associate
 - 4. Marissa Friesen FCS Teacher - MS (one year contract only)
 - 5. Jacob Edelman Assistant Freshman Football coach
 - 6. Meg Jackson Volunteer Volleyball Coach
 - ii. **Resignations**
 - 1. Miranda Jahangir Associate
 - 2. Chris Zepp Football coach - 9th grade
 - 3. Gus Henrici Bus Driver Sub
 - 4. Shane Roefanz Curriculum Facilitator
 - 5. Shae Jorgensen Kindergarten SP
 - 6. Kelly Johnson Kindergarten SP
 - 7. Chris Zepp Assistant Freshman Football coach
 - iii. **Changes**
 - 1. Bob King Bus Driver - Change from Reg. to Sub Route
- c. Crowd Management Services Agreement
- d. Polk County Early Childhood Iowa (Board), United Way of Central Iowa (UWCI) as fiscal agent and Dallas Center-Grimes School District
- e. Activity Fund Balance Transfer
- f. Approve the paper for official publication *Dallas County News*
- g. Approve school attorney Ahlers, Cooney, Dorweiler, Haynie, Smith & Allbee, P.C.
- h. Approve depositories with limits
- i. Surety Bond for Board Secretary \$500,000
- j. Agriscience 28E Sharing Agreement with Johnston CSD for 2020-21
- k. Accept into record the Behrens Tate arbitrage rebate report on the 2010 QSCB Local Option Sales and Service Tax bond

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	Mark Wills	yes
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Associate Superintendent of School Improvement Reports

Associate Superintendent of School Improvement Jill Van Woerkom discussed the plans for pre-service staff days August 17 to August 26. These plans include review of the R2L plan, one full day with Dr. Suldo learning about social emotional behavior and mental health and interacting with our students, and time for “Going Digital” professional development. On August 24, 25, and 26, staff will be working on curriculum adjustment documents.

In preparation for digital learning training, several administration members are taking a course titled Going Digital to better support teachers when the professional development occurs on the pre-service dates as well as during the school year. SeeSaw will be used for pre-K to second and Google Classroom for 3rd to 8th. The District is reviewing Canvass to determine the best solution for our secondary students.

Return to Learn Review

Superintendent Grimes and Associate Superintendent Jill Van Woerkom reviewed the Return to Learn plan highlighting the three methods to deliver instruction. Superintendent Grimes noted that with the Governor’s proclamation last week, the hybrid option in our plan will have to be modified. The online plan is entirely online but can only be dictated by four aspects including approval from the Governor’s office among other state agencies. DC-G is planning on-site instruction with a percentage of our population being unable to attend on-site and will need to utilize an online option. An intentional communication will be distributed to parents during this week. This will be a communication for parents to indicate the instructional delivery method (on-site or remote distance learning) to which they will be committing.

Board members reviewed several questions with regard to Return to Learn, options available to parents and how the intention communication will be conducted, personal protective equipment available, and the safety plan. Staffing needs, the possibility of contracted cleaning services, plans for sanitation of facilities, possible funds from FEMA were all discussed.

Discussion was held regarding scheduling, the hours calculation for instructional time, and the need for teacher planning and professional development in this type of learning environment. Board members asked for communication about information about examples of online learning schedules. Superintendent Grimes reviewed that action tonight is to request the calendar change. The review of the R2L plans is also on tonight’s agenda, but his recommendation is to table that item so that it will return to the next board meeting.

Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Grimes discussed building permits within the district, items proposed for the special meeting August 3 finalizing Return to Learn and policy changes needed due to the pandemic, 2020-21 Legislative Action Priorities, class size review, and enrollment projections. Superintendent Grimes also reviewed construction updates on the administration center, 7-8 school building, and the 5-6 middle school renovation.

Business Manager

Mrs. Wearmouth reviewed the levies in place in 2020-21.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the 2020-21 Open Enrollment, parent paid tuition, application IN for CS, due to Urbandale district denying OUT application.

Director Hicok motioned, seconded by Director Wills to approve the 2020-21 Open Enrollment, parent paid tuition, application IN for CS, due to Urbandale district denying OUT application.

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

Approve the 2020-21 Legislative Action Priorities

Director Wills motioned, seconded by Director Hicok to approve the 2020-21 Legislative Action Priorities selected by the DC-G board members and send to IASB.

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

Approval of Calendar Start Date for Fall 2020

Director Wiedman motioned, seconded by Director Bejarno to approve the student start date to Thursday, August 27, 2020 presented for Fall 2020.

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

Approval of Return to Learn Plan for Fall 2020

Director Carpenter motioned, seconded by Director Hicok to table the Return to Learn Plans as presented for Fall 2020 until a future meeting.

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

Approve Before and After School Childcare Rental Contracts for 2020-21 school year

Director Wilson motioned, seconded by Director Wiedman approve before and after school childcare rental contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Financial Statements

Director Bejarno motioned, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the financial statements as presented for June 2020.

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

Board Commendations

Director Wills motioned, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the board commendations as presented.

- i. Thank you Lisa Tekippe for putting together the Specials Schedule in our building. - Bart Black
- ii. Thank you to Betsy Grove for all of the countless hours she spent behind the scenes preparing for a commencement ceremony in June. Betsy is simply an incredible human being who consistently puts our kids above all else. Thanks for being you, Betsy! - Scott Blum
- iii. I would like to thank Scott Blum for his hard work, planning, and dedication that he put into planning for the 2020 graduation. This was a moving target and Scott had thought out every scenario. Thanks for making this happen! - April Heitland
- iv. Thank you to Kristina Rose Miller, Jenny Rants, Allison Dooley, Christ Schmidt, and Maddie Maddock who spent hours organizing artwork for families to pick up. Who knew it would take over 5 hours? They didn't know what they were getting into, but they pushed through and we got it done! - Patty Morris
- v. Thank you to Sarah Broderick and Julie Stebbins for their time, care, and expertise as they work to train several new employees in the central office. Michelle Wearmouth
- vi. To Kristina Rose Miller, Camily Deitrick, Peyton Ford, Kelly Johnson, Jenny Rants, Jacob Heinemann, Chris Schmidt, Melissa Campbell and Lindsey Updike for helping on our parent pickup day! The families were so grateful to get their yearbooks, photos, and artwork! - Patty Morris
- vii. Thank you to Scott Grimes and Jill Van Woerkom for their leadership, endless hours of work, and positive focus as we navigated the requirements for Return to Learn and pandemic procedures. DCG Administration

viii. Thanks to Anne Wemhoff for always supporting us with communication and being willing to accommodate our schedules! - April Heitland

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

Written and oral communications -Next regular board meeting, Monday, August 24, 2020 (4th Monday)
Special Meeting, Monday, August 3, 2020 6pm

ADJOURNMENT

Director Carpenter motioned, seconded by Director Hicok to adjourn. Time: 9:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle R. Wearmouth
Secretary to the Board

Approved in the meeting of:
August 24, 2020

Doug Rants, Board President