

MINUTES
DAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
November 21, 2011
UNOFFICIAL

A quorum being present, the regular meeting was called to order by Board President Ken Wuthrich at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Alan Bodkins
 Doug Dixon
 Nancy Hougland (arrived 7:10 p.m.)
 Alan Johnson
 Sheryl Wright
 Ken Wuthrich

Members absent: Rod Lynch

Superintendent: Kim Johnson

Board Secretary/
Business Manager: Betsy J. Bassett

School attorney: Rick Lynch

Doug Dixon moved to approve the tentative agenda as follows:

- Approve consent agenda items
- Approve personnel contracts and resignations
- Approve retirement incentive for certified staff
- Approve technology assistant position
- Approve cooperative sponsorship with Ottumwa CSD
for athletic activity - bowling
- Approve second reading of Policy 212.1 – Board of Directors Annual Meeting
- Approve second reading of Policy 604.6 – Educational Program Post-Secondary
Enrollment Options Program and Concurrent Enrollment
- Approve second reading of Policy 507.10 – Student Personnel, Wellness Policy
- Approve School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)
for the 2011-12 school year
- Approve B and C Photography for the 2012-13 school year
- Hearing regarding 2012-13 innovative calendar
- Administrative reports
- Adjournment

A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Positive Comments:

Superintendent Johnson shared an article from the FBG (custodial service) newsletter that recognized an FBG employee working at Davis County Community School District for her hard work.

(Nancy Houglan arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

The board secretary advised that Alan Johnson requested a revision to the October 17, 2011 minutes to reflect that he voted nay to the purchase of the Racom bus and handheld radios. Said revision then required a revision to the minutes of the September 26, 2011 special meeting. Alan Johnson also requested the October 17, 2011 minutes be revised to reflect that he requested policy action items for the next regular meeting concerning inappropriate contact between staff and students and zero tolerance for mandatory reporter violations. The board secretary advised that the minutes before the board to be approved were the minutes of the September 26, 2011 special meeting as revised, the minutes of the regular meeting October 17, 2011 as revised and the minutes of the November 8, 2011 work session.

Alan Bodkins moved to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

Positive comments
Revised minutes of the special meeting September 26, 2011
Minutes of the October 17, 2011 regular meeting, as revised
Minutes of the November 8, 2011 work session
Payment of warrants
Monthly financial reports

A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Houglan, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Doug Dixon moved to approve the following resignations:

Elaine Wilson	Bus Driver (effective December 31, 2011)
Randell Aeschliman	Third Grade Teacher (end of 2011-12 school year)

A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Houglan, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Alan Bodkins moved to approve the following contracts:

Lynette Davidson	Superintendent Secretary	\$19,584.00
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Taylor Helton

Asst. High School Girls
Basketball Coach

\$1,969.70

A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Hougland, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Alan Bodkins moved to approve the Davis County CSD Certified Employee Early Retirement Plan 2011-2012 offering a non-elective 403(b) valued at \$20,000. A second was made.

Alan Johnson moved to amend Alan Bodkins' motion by offering \$10,000 instead of \$20,000. No second was received. The motion to amend died for lack of a second.

The vote on Alan Bodkins' motion followed. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Hougland, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-Johnson. Motion carried.

Sheryl Wright moved to approve advertising for a technology assistant as follows:

Full-time position, no benefits, 40 hours per week, starting salary \$35,000, 230 day contract with days to follow the same as the technology director's contract (job description was provided)

A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Hougland, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-Johnson. Motion carried.

Alan Bodkins moved to approve the Application for Cooperative Sponsorship of an Activity for bowling with Ottumwa High School. A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Hougland, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Doug Dixon moved to approve the final reading of Policy 212.1 – Board of Directors Annual Meeting. A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Hougland, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Doug Dixon moved to approve the final reading of Policy 604.6 – Educational Program Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program and Concurrent Enrollment. A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Hougland, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Doug Dixon moved to approve the final reading of Policy 507.10 – Student Personnel, Wellness Policy. A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Hougland, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Alan Bodkins moved to approve the members of the 2011-2012 School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC). A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Hougland, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

Sheryl Wright moved to approve B & C School Pictures as the photographer for school pictures during the 2012-2013 school year. A second was made. AYES-Bodkins, Dixon, Houglan, Johnson, Wright, Wuthrich. NAYS-None. Motion carried.

At 8:05 p.m. Board President Ken Wuthrich opened the public hearing regarding the innovative calendar for 2012-2013.

Joni Helton requested that the committee ask questions of the teachers regarding students missing ten days of school, particularly six-year-old students. Ryan Woods stated a full day of professional development is a better trade-off and results in better instruction for students in the long run. Superintendent Johnson believed the teachers like the full day professional development that allows them to collaborate. Ken Wuthrich asked if there was some kind of monitoring to see if students are doing better as a result of full day professional development. Superintendent Johnson advised that new implementation is necessary and achievement is not going down. Ryan Woods stated that the core implementation required by legislation will be hard to get accomplished in ten full days of professional development but teachers are making great strides in the right direction. Superintendent Johnson advised that her walks through each building are showing improved instruction in the classrooms. Stacie Howk asked why professional development has to be ten days; however, she did not want to go back to the half days. She also asked if a survey had been given to the staff to get more information regarding professional development days. Ryan Woods advised that the innovative calendar actually provides more instruction minutes per day than the traditional calendar with half-day professional development. Superintendent Johnson believed that continuity is maintained with ten full days of professional development. Sandy Warning stated that she has had to cut out some units from her lesson plans on the 170 day calendar. Dan Roberts asked if the calendar could be more than 180 days, and Superintendent Johnson said that would have to be approved by the Department of Education. Someone suggested professional development be held during the summer months, but Stacie Howk stated she would rather learn the strategies during the school year so she could implement them in her classroom at that time. Nancy Houglan asked about professional development on Saturdays stating that is when her veterinary continuing education is held. Superintendent Johnson advised that she believes extended or year-round school will eventually come from Governor Branstad.

Board President Ken Wuthrich declared the public hearing closed at 8:20 p.m.

Those administrators present gave reports regarding activities in their buildings. Superintendent Johnson reported on her activities and upcoming items.

Alan Johnson requested policy action items for the next regular meeting concerning whistleblower protection. He thought the two items he requested for the November agenda-- inappropriate contact between staff and students and zero tolerance for mandatory reporter violations--should have been discussed. He wanted a special meeting before the end of November.

A special meeting was scheduled for December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting on December 19, 2011 was moved to 6:00 p.m. due to the high school band and choir concert that same evening.

There being no further business to come before the board for consideration at this time, upon motion made by Alan Bodkins and receipt of a second, the Board President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Betsy J. Bassett
Board Secretary/Business Manager