



# DAVENPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT Minutes

*MISSION STATEMENT: The Davenport School District, in collaboration with parents/guardians and the community, will provide a caring, safe and stimulating environment that empowers students to persevere and become contributing members and problem solvers in our diverse and ever-changing world.*

**Meeting: Quarterly School Board Meeting**  
**Focus: Department Goal Presentations**

**Location: K-8 Library**

**Date: Monday, April 15, 2019**

**Start Time: 4:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER** Heather Panke called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Board members present were Kristi Bell, and Deanna Fitzpatrick; Brad Sweet arriving at 4:45 PM. Gabe Gants was excused prior to the meeting. Also present were Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski, MS/HS Principal Chad Prewitt, Elementary Principal Courtney Strozyk, Business Manager Leslie Oliver and District Secretary Cindy Duenwald. There were 9 visitors in the audience.

**Flag Salute** Heather Panke led the flag salute.

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Deanna Fitzpatrick moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda; Kristi Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of General Fund Warrants

Warrants	912346 – 912347	\$998.56
VOIDS		\$1,380.00
Warrants	912348 – 912350	\$1,977.61
VOIDS		\$880.00

### **DEPARTMENT GOAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Athletics**                      **Tim Zeiler**

- Teams are consistently recipients of distinguished academic awards
- Not able to field larger teams in the school; bringing up 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to fill in gaps
- Lately, reducing non-league contests and sharing bus trips to help with budget
- Priorities in the 2019-2020 school year are increasing student participation, parent involvement and a plan to reduce non-league games if a program doesn't meet the minimum number to field a team

**Food Service**                      **Sarah Sweetser**

- As always a great year!
- They are a team of 3 with a full day; gave breakdown in numbers for each meal
- Biggest frustration is the negative meal balance and the procedure to bring these negative balances back in to the positive; still hoping for an automated system
- She has implemented several different cost saving procedures to help with budget
- She needs help with the HS Grab & Go breakfast; lunch time computer in lunchroom next year

**Special Education      Tyson Linstrum**

- Proud of his different teachers and paras within this program
- Staff has been provided with opportunities to gain more skills and interact with staff and their different teaching styles
- SPED budget looks good for next year; will work to maximize the budget given; always strive to save money when possible as the future is not always predictable in this area
- Attendance and student pride is the greatest way to show achievement
- Goals for staff is to provide the best instruction, meet students IEP needs, be advocates for these students while in our school and beyond
- He laid out goals and provided specific needs of the program such as curriculum, Chromebook cart, PT services and more substitutes

**Technology      Noelle Carstens/Jamie Manchester/Matt Feider**

- Proud of the level of technology service provided; cost savings because of it
- Gave a quick review of 2018-2019 goals reached
- Some cost savings ideas are continually reviewing technology contracts and subscriptions, researching power conversation modes for computer, generic toner, evaluating old and new technology
- Goals consist of continuing to provide professional development opportunities, evaluate distribution methods of Chromebooks, always looking ahead

**Transportation      Bill Ball**

- Proud of his bus drivers and their ability to deal with many different situations in a day
- Continues to work on finding a way to make the fleet fully depreciated to save on long term maintenance costs
- He is looking into switching to gas engines in school buses for daily routes; diesel for road trips to save dollars
- He would like to add to the District motor pool vehicles in the future

**Counseling      Alison Hawley**

- Ms. Hawley asked Heather Jacoby, GEAR UP Coordinator to join her for this board meeting to talk about her part in the counseling office within our district
- Frustrated with reaching her goals this year without the help of a K-8 counselor; there is just not enough time to reach all the different corners of her job.
- She, Noelle Carstens and Heather Jacoby work to maximize the GEAR UP grant and opportunities it provides to our students.
- This program does not spend much money because of the generous donations to our school through InvestEd, Odyssey Fund and GEAR UP.
- She works to help the whole student through personal and school paths
- College in the HS is time consuming but more than rewarding to the students that access it
- She would like to see an ALE program in our school to perhaps compliment the Skill Center program; find a more efficient and effective way to provide counseling services to our middle school students

**CTE**    **Noelle Carstens**

- This is a BIG deal in our school!
- Builds pathways to agriculture education, biomedical science/health science, business and marketing, engineering and computer science
- Connects students with purpose through real world, hands on experimental learning
- Provides industry certifications, tech prep and College in the HS credits
- Utilizes business partnerships
- Pursues grants and business partnerships to offset programs; rural satellite skill center bill; make the best use of supplies, equipment and technology
- Her goal is to infuse career readiness pathways throughout our K-12 system and to increase student exposure to career possibilities

**Business Manager**                          **Leslie Oliver**

- Increased transparency and efficiency has been a strong focus
- The Business Office section of the website has been expanded and contains historical and current financial information
- Able to accomplish goal of increasing cash reserves at the end of 17-19 and projecting maintaining our ending fund balance at the end of this current school year
- Forecast5 software is saving time on creating monthly reports and analysis of budget proposals
- Goal for 19-20: maintain the programs tag have made our schools successful while maintaining our current ending fund balance

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Brief Legislative Update:** Jim Kowalkowski will be traveling to Olympia on Tuesday, April 16 to once again try to bring reason and logic to our State Government. He will be working on helping the rural satellite skill center bill to be heard on the House floor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Good Things Happening in the District**

- FBLA will be sending several to Nationals this summer; all did a great job representing our school
- Mrs. Strozyk and Mr. Prewitt completed the application for a Blue Ribbon Award as we were nominated by OSPI to pursue this award. We will learn results in the fall.
- Thursday, April 18 will be our Art Show in the High School – Mr. Kowalkowski encouraged all to attend.

**Public comments**

- There were no public comments at this time.

This portion of the meeting is for communication from the public. Patrons wishing to speak on specific items listed on the agenda or on other items should first be recognized by the board chair and give his/her name before beginning comments to the board. A limit of 3-5 minutes per patron may be imposed. The Board's role will be to receive comments. Items may be referred to the Superintendent or another administrator for further research and/or follow-up. Note: This public comment time is not for complaints regarding a specific district staff member. Please see the superintendent or a board member for specific process.

**BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

May 6 – Staff Appreciation

May 8 – CTE Advisory Committee Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further action; Heather Panke adjourned the meeting at 6:22 PM.

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair