



# 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: Regular Board Meeting**

**Location: Room 208 in the Elementary School  
(Mr. Linstrum's Classroom)**

**Date: Monday, November 25, 2019**

**Start Time: 6:00 PM**

### CALL TO ORDER

**Roll Call** Heather Panke called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members present were Deanna Fitzpatrick, Gabe Gants, and Brad Sweet. Also present were Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski, MS/HS Principal Chad Prewitt, Elementary Principal Courtney Strozyk, and District Administrative Assistant Stephanie Linstrum. Business Manager Leslie Oliver was excused due to illness. The audience included Jennifer Hargrave, Tim Zeiler, Taunya Van Pevenage, Garrett Husky, Tami Odenrider, as well as ASB Liaison Kristof Panke and High School student Daniel Watkins.

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

### ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or corrections.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: 10-14-19 & 10-21-19
2. Approval of Overnight Travel
  - Cross-Country to State
  - Football to State
3. First Reading: Policy #6710
4. Approval of October and November Bills and Payroll

#### GENERAL FUND

912943-913019	\$95,271.93
913066-913137	\$92,963.76

#### ASB

913139-913150	\$4,453.10
913138	\$2,262.25
913023-913039	\$17,545.84

#### PAYROLL

913040-913046, 900010174-900010285	\$571,768.85
913151-913158, 900010286-900010397	\$590,938.86

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

913020-913022	\$5,271.00
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#### BANK OF MONTREAL

Wire Transfers 201900670-201900704	\$16,564.93
General Fund	\$13,571.32
ASB	\$2,993.61

Brad Sweet moved to accept the consent agenda items, Deanna Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. ASB Report – *Kristóf Panke*  
ASB Liaison Kristof Panke gave a synopsis of what is going on in with the High School student body. He explained how the new Golden Tickets were being rewarded and the great reception they have had. The highlights and activities for each club were shared and Kristof also played an example of the weekly report that the ASB puts together and plays on the commons area television.
2. Overview of the National Blue Ribbon Award – *Taunya VanPevenage*  
High School and Middle School teacher Taunya Van Pevenage gave an overview of what the National Blue Ribbon Award actually is and how prestigious and coveted it is among the educational community. The seminars and presentations at the convention were enlightening and well worth the trip. She also extended thanks to the staff for all of their hard work, the board and community for their support, and the students as well.

## BRIEF REPORTS

1. Athletic Director – Tim Zeiler discussed Fall athletics and their successes through the year and at State competitions. This is the first year he could recall that all three sports teams made state. He went on to describe the Winter sports participation numbers. New state signs will be up soon. Mr. Zeiler also suggested that signs be put up for the Blue Ribbon Award as well as for the national FBLA champions. Mr. Zeiler is looking to reduce the amount of time he spends coaching cross country and with this wanted to let the board know that he and Mr. Telford plan to trade coaching positions for next year, putting Mr. Zeiler as the assistant., pending board approval.
2. Elementary Principal – Courtney Strozyk began her report talking about Clifford the big red dog at the elementary bookfair. The students loved him! Conferences the past week had very high attendance. She praised Mr. Young for doing a great job as the new elementary PE teacher. She is also very happy with Mr. Briney's calm down room that was equipped over the summer. It gives students a place to go when they need some time to get themselves back together away from their classroom. The Veteran's Day assembly was a huge hit inviting the community members to join, the gym was packed.
3. MS/HS Principal – Chad Prewitt reiterated how great it was that the High School and Middle Schools have been awarded the Blue Ribbon award. He also wanted to discuss another award the High School and Middle Schools received: the National ESEA Distinguished Schools award. This is another prestigious award presented to only two schools in the entire state. Mr. Prewitt attributes these successes to the dedication of the staff to multiple programs implemented over the past few years intended to enrich our education programs for students.
4. Superintendent – Jim Kowalkowski met with Cathy McMorris-Rodgers and briefly discussed with her the Blue Ribbon award. He also discussed the potential for Transitional Kindergarten after the changes OSPI has made in their response to recent legislation. The upcoming levies were mentioned as well and what dates would work best for a community forum, as well as when the informational newsletters would be sent out.
5. Business Manager – Leslie Oliver was out sick. Jim Kowalkowski briefly discussed the drop in enrollment and how this large decrease was higher than expected even though fluctuations are normal.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Levy Planning & Timelines were discussed, including:
  - "Roll-Back" of Current "M & O" Levy & Transportation Vehicle Levy - Options
  - Projected Tax Rates
  - Capital Projects Levy
  - Transportation Vehicle Levy - Options
  - EPO (Educational Programs & Operations) Levy
  - Timelines for Feb. 2020 Election Date
  - Q & AIt was decided to leave the Transportation Vehicle Levy to expire and go out for EPO and Capital Projects only.

2. Review of Annual Goals – Focus: Technology – There was discussion about the surplus of computer technology and potential for increasing Chromebook use and decreasing desktops.
3. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Options – Courtney Strozyk explained how the regulations guiding the Transitional Kindergarten have been reexamined and we could now potentially provide this service.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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 school district staff member. Please see the superintendent or a board member for the specific process.

1. Good Things Happening in the District
2. Public Comments



## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Resolution #19-01 (Approval of Levy "Roll-Back")  
Deanna made the motion and Gabe gave the second. The motion passed 4-0.

## **BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- **Reports from WSSDA Annual Conference Attendees**  
Brad Sweet, Deanna Fitzpatrick and Jim Kowalkowski provide a brief summary of their participation at the WSSDA annual conference. They were able to travel down to Sumner during this time to support our girls' soccer team at the state championships.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Heather Panke adjourned the meeting at 7:46PM.

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary