**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 Board Meeting Location: Davenport MS/Elementary Library**

**Date: Monday, October 14, 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 and Brad Sweet. Gabe Gants was excused. Also present were Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski, District Business Manager Leslie Oliver, and District Administrative Assistant Stephanie Linstrum. The audience included Leslie Schweiger, Wade Sweetland, Joe Coppersmith, Todd Hargrave, Amber Brown, Garrett Husky, Tami Odenrider, & Jessica Smith, as well as senior class members Greyson Merrill and Corde Sweetland.

**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 Recommendation for Hire – High School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach: *Christy Buchanan*
2. Approval of Recommendation for Hire – Instructional Paraprofessional Specialist: *Farah Slahtasky*
3. Approval of Cancelling Oct. 28 School Board Meeting
4. Approval of October Payroll & Bills – Up to $850,000

Brad Sweet moved to approve the consent agenda items, Deanna Fitzpatrick Seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

Senior Project Proposal (Part 2) – *Greyson Merrill*

Greyson Merrill presented a summary of his prior presentation including his reason for the project, design, materials, and proposed locations. He reiterated his desire to show his and the school district’s respects to fallen military veterans from the community. Discussion followed as to the size of the memorial itself and the plaques dedicated to each veteran as well as its permanence.

**ACTION ITEM**

Approval of Greyson Merrill’s Senior Project – Deanna made a motion to approve Greyson’s project pending the location after a mockup has been made. Brad gave the second and the motion carried 3-0.

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Facilities Maintenance & Improvement Plan - *Jim Kowalkowski, Joe Coppersmith & Leslie Oliver*

-Recent Projects – Notable recent projects include the installation of a floating repair system for the tennis courts that helps to prevent cracking from the freeze thaw cycle and frost heave. The track has been resurfaced and restriped, the weight room has been completely refurnished, new scoreboards were purchased, locker room washers were upgraded and a new maintenance truck was purchased. Other projects within the schools include a new clock system, boilers, classroom projectors, phone system, and the GearUp computer lab. A leak in the gym roof was repaired and new HVAC controls have been installed. The school also purchased the buildings across the street from the bus garage for additional storage and space for the construction trades classes.

-Continuing Projects – The school has purchased chromebooks for use in the schools and continues to have a replacement schedule for these devices. Replacing/upgrading the current HVAC system is in early stages for the schools as well as the new shop building for the construction trades. Replacing the boilers is also a potential project, dependent on receiving a grant. The construction trades building also needs electrical upgrades to handle the large equipment and HVAC.

-Long Range Planning – Future projects include the gym and high school roof, electrical reconfiguration rewiring in trades building, air movement options in portables, construction of a Middle School secretary office so that it can be secured in off hours, as well as parking lot resealing at the Elementary and Middle Schools.

1. Upcoming Levies – *Jim Kowalkowski & Leslie Oliver*

-District Business Manager Leslie Oliver went over current levies and rates. She also introduced potential levy rates and scenarios for mutual benefit to both the community tax payers and the District. Discussion items included Where levy funds are spent, District budget compared to state funding, estimated property values, and not adding unnecessary burden to the tax payers. Mr. Kowalkowski informed the directors that the filing deadline for levy resolutions to be included on the Feb. 11, 2020 ballot is December 11. Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Kowalkowski will provide additional levy details and preliminary recommendations during the Nov. 25 school board meeting. A final decision on the specific amounts for each of the upcoming levy measures will need to be made during the December 9 school board meeting.

**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** – The Davenport Middle and High Schools won the National Blue Ribbon Award. The District will be provided with funds to help cover the airfare and hotel expenses for Mr. Kowalkowski, Mr. Prewitt and Mrs. VanPevenage attend the awards ceremony and seminars in Washington D.C.

Jim was proud to announce that he had kept the schools running efficiently with both of the principals gone.

1. **Public Comment** – None at this time.

**BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Upcoming and/or Recent Committee Meetings & Events:

* Calendar:
* CTE-Vocational:
* Curriculum
* Health & Wellness
* Legislative:
* Negotiations/Labor Management:
* Safety/Crisis Committee:
* SHAC Mtg.:
* WIAA:
* WSSDA Conference – Members registered

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:33, Mrs. Panke announced that, following a five-minute break. the directors would be going into executive session for approximately 15 minutes for discussion of the performance of a staff member.

At 7:40, director Brad Sweet received a call on his pager to assist with an ambulance call.

At 7:25, Mrs. Panke announced that the executive session would be extended for an additional 10 minutes.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:55.

**ACTION ITEM**

Possible Approval of Additions to Extended Days for FFA Advisor

Since there was not a quorum not present due to Mr. Sweet having not returned from the ambulance call and with Mr. Gants being excused from the meeting, there was no action taken on this agenda item. Mr. Kowalkowski was directed to work with Mrs. Panke to set a special meeting date in the near future so that action could be taken on this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Heather Panke adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

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