



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
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020

Location: Remote, via Zoom Meetings
Start Time: 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members present were Garrett Husky, Heather Panke, and Tami Odenrider. Deanna Fitzpatrick was excused. Also present were Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski, District Business Manager Leslie Oliver, High school Principal Chad Prewitt, Elementary Principal Courtney Strozyk, and District Administrative Assistant Stephanie Linstrum. The audience included Jennifer Hargrave, Theresa Telford, and Scott Hutsell. All participants attended through Zoom.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski informed the board that one item on the initial consent agenda had been removed: the minutes for the two prior meetings had not been finalized so they could not be approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Resignation (effective Aug. 31, 2020) – *Mrs. Roberta Hein*
2. Acceptance of Resignation (effective Nov. 30, 2020) – *Mrs. Edythe Foley*
3. Acceptance of Resignation (effective Aug. 31, 2020) – *Mr. John Greenwood*
4. Approval of Resolution #19-4 (interfund Loan – General Fund to TVF)
5. Acceptance, Consideration, and Approval of Bills & Payroll:

GENERAL FUND

913379-913446	\$197,553.58
913447-913455	\$7,242.23
913476-913532	\$112,459.06

ASB

913534-913538	\$1,825.55
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PAYROLL

900010616-900010730	\$588,988.27
913456-913463, 900010731-900010837	\$583,825.29
913378	\$5,710.05

TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE

913533	\$231,518.92
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BANK OF MONTREAL

Wire Transfers 201900839-201900879, 201900882-201900931

General Fund	\$15,440.14, \$55,542.36
ASB	\$5,3882.76, \$5,982.49

Heather Panke moved to accept the corrected consent agenda, Garrett Husky Seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update on School Closure Activities
 - Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski began this update by acknowledging the great things the three retirees have done for the school district in their time here, and the holes that they are leaving. He then moved on to a photo presentation of all the things the staff have been doing through the closure with input from both principals, Chad Prewitt and Courtney Strozyk.

- Meal Delivery – The kitchen staff, bus drivers, and classified staff have all continued to distribute meals as well as enrichment and education materials to students every day.
- Childcare for Hospital Employees & First Responders – Trenton Briney and Natalee Hayes are heading up the child care services for our community’s hospital employees and First Responders. Several other classified employees have helped contribute time and this service is going well.
- Creating Instructional Opportunities for Our Students – The elementary teachers have all reached out to their students and some have even had virtual meetings and class time with their kiddos through Google applications. Worksheets and homework packets have been distributed through the meal system as well, providing enrichment and educational materials. The High School and Middle School teachers have all had success setting up Google classrooms and communicating with students through this or by calling and emailing. There have been issues with internet connectivity for students and there was extensive discussion and brainstorming potential ways to mitigate this with different internet providers, providing public access by the city, Hospital or other community locations. County Commissioner Scott Hutsell also discussed his conversations with Senator Wellman and the potential infrastructure improvements for broadband access in our area.
- Supporting & Communicating with Staff – All staff emails with daily updates have been implemented as well as virtual all staff meetings through Zoom and Google meetings. Communications lines have been wide open and technology issues are being addressed as they pop up. So far though the new system is working.
- Supporting & Communicating with Parents – Staff and administration have made every effort to ensure every student gets at least one direct communication per week, if not multiple communications. Many phone calls and emails have gone out to parents with updates and information with who to contact if there are any issues or questions.

2. Guidance & Direction from OSPI, State Board of Ed. & Governor’s Office

- June 19 Date for “Last Day” for 2019-20 School Year – In order for the District to receive any waiver days, if school resumes, it appears as classes must go until June 19th. If school does resume, then this will become the new last day of school.
- Assisting Seniors to Meet Graduation Requirements – Some guidance has suggested a pass/fail approach to grades at the end of this year, for simplicity purposes. This could be an issue for some students relying on GPA for continuing to post-secondary schools, as the NCAA counts a PASS grade as a D. Some schools are resorting to letting the student choose if they would rather a pass/fail grade or a letter grade. Graduation was also discussed, potentially not having a ceremony, or maybe hosting it outdoors. This will have to be determined at a later date as the COVID-19 situation changes. Because of the unprecedented situation we are facing, graduation requirements will need to be adjusted to accommodate the seniors.
- Other Items

3. Financial Report / Updates

- District Business Manager Leslie Oliver began by showing how the State is estimating enrollment numbers based on enrollment trends which will be beneficial for April’s enrollment. She went on to say that the District will receive hold harmless funds for transportation, however there was talk that the Governor may suspend tax collections which would have a very large impact on cash flow. It is expected that reimbursements for the lunches being distributed will be timely though. Expenditures are expected to be below budget as there is no need for substitutes, and reduced need for supplies. However, long-term effects from the COVID-19 situation may result in reductions in funding from the state, with corresponding increases to unemployment taxes and Paid Family Medical Leave claims. These will need to be considered when the 2020-2021 budget is planned.

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 adjustments that the staff and students and community have made to this ever changing situation has been inspirational.
2. **Public Comment**

ACTION ITEMS

1. Garrett Husky moved to approve Providing Authority to Waive and/or Modify Our Local Graduation Requirements, Tami Odenrider seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Garrett Husky moved to approve Postponing Dept. Presentations @ April 13 Quarterly Meeting, Heather Panke seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Reminders:

- Quarterly Meeting: April 13 at 6PM
- Next Regular Board Meetings April 27, 2020 at 6PM.
- We will let you know if any special meetings are needed

ADJOURNMENT

Brad sweet adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.

Board Chair

Board Secretary