



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
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020

Location: Remote, via Zoom Meetings
Start Time: 6:01 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call Deanna Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Board members present were Garrett Husky, Heather Panke, and Brad Sweet. Tami Odenrider 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, and Theresa Telford. All participants attended through Zoom.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or corrections.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update on School Closure Activities - Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski presented his update with a PowerPoint slide show showing many of the great things the staff have been doing, including the following:
 - Meal Delivery – The total number of meals provided to children for today were 324. This was the highest it had been and all deliveries and prepping have been going very smoothly.
 - Childcare for Hospital Employees & First Responders – The child care facilities for our community's Hospital employees and First Responders is being utilized every weekday.
 - Creating Instructional Opportunities for Our Students – There was a nation-wide movement for schools to turn on their field lights at 8:20 pm (20:20 military time) on Friday April 10th. The Davenport Community participated in this event and there was a huge turn out at the field with cars surrounding the entire field. Staff are continuing to distribute educational materials through the lunch delivery system as well.
 - Supporting & Communicating with Staff – Staff are continuing to communicate with each other and their students. Names of kids who are either not responding to communications, or responding minimally, are being gathered and efforts redoubled to get into contact with them. Weekly Zoom staff meetings are also being conducted as well as almost daily update emails from the principals to their staff.
 - Supporting & Communicating with Parents – Any time there is a relevant update or information that needs to be communicated to parents, a phone call and/or email has been sent to each student's family to ensure parents are updated as timely as possible. The communication is also posted on social media sites, local news papers, and the school's website. Mr. Kowalkowski also sent a letter to the editor of the Davenport Times in regards to a political cartoon depicting rural Eastern Washington schools as country bumpkins. The work put in and communication the Davenport staff have strived to provide to their students is exemplary.
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 be guaranteed to receive funding from the state, education and/or communication with student and families will continue 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.

- Recent Action by State Board of Education – The state has approved flexibility for graduating seniors but has not yet provided guidance on what this means exactly. The grading process for seniors presently and the following classes for the 3rd and 4th quarters is still an issue. Collegiate admissions have issued information stating that students will not be disadvantaged due to the COVID outbreak, but this is vague and no clear meaning has been given at this time.
- Graduation Date – Updates & Possible Plans – It was generally agreed that no plans should be made until it is more clear what the social distancing rules will look like in June. It was also agreed that the parents of the 2020 graduating class would probably ensure some sort of celebration will occur.

3. Financial Report / Updates

- District Business Manager Leslie Oliver presented a Food Program Analysis that showed how the school is reimbursed at a higher rate from the state, however there are also many more costs associated with Food distribution. Total costs will not be known until April payroll. She is also in the process of drafting plans for next year's budget.

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 School was recognized for its achievement for ELA, Math, Graduation, and 9th Grade On-Track by the Washington School Recognition Program. The Center for Educational Effectiveness also conducted a study of the 295 Districts in the State and selected Davenport High School as one of the top 31 schools. Because of this, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is undergoing a research study including our District to determine what it is that we do so well.
2. **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

Reminders:

- Next Regular Board Meeting is April 27, 2020 at 6PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Deanna Fitzpatrick adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Board Chair

Board Secretary