



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, September 28, 2020

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

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call Deanna Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members present were Garrett Husky, Heather Panke, Brad Sweet, and Tami Odenrider. Also present were Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski, District Business Manager Leslie Oliver, High school Principal Chad Prewitt, Elementary Principal Noelle Carstens, and District Administrative Assistant Stephanie Linstrum. The audience included Jennifer Hargrave, Trenton Briney, Debbie Perleberg, Krista Rodrigues, Theresa Telford, Scott Hutsell, Sharon Bergmann, Lance Strite, and Jamie Hennemann. All participants attended through Zoom.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Recommendation for Hire – Bus Driver Opening - *Ms. Sue Erickson*
2. Acceptance of Resignation: Junior High Boys Basketball Coach – *Mr. Tyson Linstrum*
3. Approval of August Bills and Payroll

GENERAL FUND

913720, 913818-913851	\$26,096.41
913853-913872	\$21,467.61

ASB

913873-913876	\$738.46
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PAYROLL

913802-913806, 900011189-900011274	\$618,748.21
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CAPITAL PROJECTS

913852	\$15,197.76
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BANK OF MONTREAL

Wire Transfers 201901025-201901046	\$6,781.12
General Fund	\$6,781.12

4. Approval of September Bills & Payroll

GENERAL FUND

913879-913922	\$202,314.13
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ASB

913936-913938	\$4,706.78
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PAYROLL

913877-913878, 900011275-900011363	\$549,831.37
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CAPITAL PROJECTS

913923-913924	\$7,025.67
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BANK OF MONTREAL

Wire Transfers 202000004-202000028	\$12,125.92
General Fund	\$11,618.32
ASB	\$507.60

-Brad Sweet made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Heather Panke gave the second, and the motion carried. 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Reopening School Updates - Superintendent & Principals
-The school recently moved into the "Yellow" phase which allows all students to be in the school from 8 AM to Noon, Monday through Thursday. There have been regular meetings with the Lincoln County Health Department to monitor the cases and to keep ahead of any changing regulations. After school programs are resuming as well as Friday meals for students and a week's worth of meals for our remote-only learners.
2. Proposed Changes to 2020-21 School District Calendar
-Changes to the District Calendar include removing a few snow make up days as well as moving the state waiver days to make up for the 5 days missed when school opening was delayed a week, as well as the school closure day due to air quality from the fire.
3. Recommendation from Superintendent: Advertise for a New Position: District Health Specialist
-Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski proposed to the Board that the District hire a new position as to help manage the reporting for COVID as well as physically handle illness cases within the schools. The position has been filled since the beginning of the year with a substitute and will be necessary through the entire year.
4. Financial Reports – Mrs. Leslie Oliver
-Year end fund balance was well above projections, partially due to cost savings after school closures in March and partially from some large expenditures rolling into next year instead of this summer. The summer lunch program did very well and is remaining available through the end of December for all community children. Enrollment continues to decline and is below budget. Budget variances include curriculum expenses, staffing changes, utilities from limited use of buildings, as well as technology expenses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Good Things Happening in the District
2. Public Comments – Sharon Bergmann wanted to address the Board and share that she has been the substitute filling the Health Room Position. She states that she really enjoys being in the school District and that she is both qualified and willing to fill the role full time. Debbie Perleberg stated that she really appreciates the time that the District allows for teachers to reach out and access the online students so that they are given the quality attention the in-person students are getting as well.

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.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Advertising for a District Health Specialist Position
- Heather Panke made a motion to approve the position opening, Brad Sweet gave the second, and the motion carried. 5-0.
2. Approval of Proposed Changes to 2020-21 School District Calendar
- Garrett Husky made a motion to approve the proposed changes, Tami Odenrider gave the second, and the motion carried. 5-0.

BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Quarterly Board Meeting: Oct. 12

ADJOURNMENT

Deanna Fitzpatrick adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Board Chair

Board Secretary