



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, October 26, 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, 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, Debbie Perleberg, Sharon Bergmann, Edyth Foley, Kristy Mielke, Leslie Schweiger, Ashley Gunning, and Jeff Gunning. All participants attended through Zoom.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Minutes: 9/28/2020
2. Approval of Recommendation for Hire – Health Room Specialist - *Mrs. Sharon Bergman*
3. Approval of Recommendation for Hire – Paraprofessional Position – *Mrs. Lindsey Van Buren*
4. Approval of Recommendation for Hire – Paraprofessional Position – *Mrs. Lisa Cormier*
5. Approval of October Bills & Payroll

GENERAL FUND

913954-914008 \$115,209.64

ASB

914009-914013 \$1,416.70

PAYROLL

900011364-900011461, 913941-913943 \$560,383.73

BANK OF MONTREAL

Wire Transfers 202000031-202000059 \$8,442.66

General Fund \$7,969.83

ASB \$472.83

-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 Jim Kowalkowski discussed the current situation with case counts in Lincoln County, as well as how the weekly meetings with Ed Dzedzy and Jolene Erickson from the Lincoln County Health Department are going. They continue to allow the Davenport Schools to remain open with the increased case counts because the current cases are grouped in other communities. Both principals updates the board on how well the staff and students are following the masking rules and social distancing whenever possible.
2. 2020-21 Annual Goal Worksheet – Communication
-All communication methods are being utilized in this unknown time. News & Notes ads in the local Newspaper relayed pertinent information to the community, letters, phone calls, and emails have been sent to students and parents in a timely manner to ensure they are all aware of goings on in the schools, and social media accounts and the school website are continually updated with recent information.

3. Brief Legislative Update

-Mr. Kowalkowski gave a presentation of both the short- and long-term items that the legislature will potentially be dealing with. Including COVID-19 impacts to budgets, flexibility, technology, and bargaining. With the volatility of the current situation, many of the education system's needs will be back burned until the pandemic has settled and immediate needs are met.

4. Financial Reports

-Revenues are down so far for the year mostly from local tax collections. However, expenditures are also down for the year and look to potentially remain down through the year, though with how uncertain the current situation is, that could change rapidly. Revenues will be determined as the year progresses. Federal Aid programs are still being distributed and the hoops needed to jump through are still changing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Good Things Happening in the District

2. Public Comments

-There were no comments from the public.

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.

BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- CTE Advisory Committee – Zoom Meeting – Nov. 9th at 5:30

ADJOURNMENT

Deanna Fitzpatrick adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Board Chair

Board Secretary