



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, December 14, 2020

Location: Remote, via Zoom Meetings
Start Time: 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call Deanna Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Elementary Principal Noelle Carstens, and District Administrative Assistant Stephanie Linstrum. High school Principal Chad Prewitt was excused. There were no audience members. All participants attended through Zoom.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Minutes: 11/30/2020
2. Approval of December Bills & Payroll: up to \$ 800,000

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. School Updates
 - Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski opened the discussion showing some photos of the students and staff dressed up for this week's Winterfest days. The ASB students coordinated the event as a boost for student moral and camaraderie. Weekly meetings with the Lincoln County Health Department are still occurring and LCHD recommends that the District stay the current course. Discussions for extending school hours will be revisited after the break. There are still some challenges with parents and following the symptom/quarantine guidelines but most are understanding of the situation. Davenport School District has officially been selected as a school-based testing pilot program. The program involves supplying COVID test kits that District administrators can administer to students. The purpose is to allow greater assurance for staff as well as provide ease of access to tests for parents of students who may have had symptoms but are believed to not have any exposure to COVID, allowing the students to return to school before the 10 day quarantine period. The PCR tests are expected to have a 48 hour turn around with no cost. Specific details are still being worked out with DOH regarding this pilot program. Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski also shared that he has been involved with several other Superintendents, Athletic Directors, and Principals drafting a letter to Governor Inslee asking that the guidance for sports be reconsidered and restrictions be reduced.
2. 2021 Board Meeting Dates
 - There was discussion about whether to decide on the 2021 meeting dates at this meeting or to wait until January, and it was decided to select the dates during this meeting. Dates were discussed and a draft schedule was created.

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
 - Elementary Principal Noelle Carstens shared that the District received over \$23,000 from the Hagan Foundation this year.
 - There are still many schools across the state and country who are not doing any in-person learning, and all agreed it was great that the Davenport Schools are able to do so. The staff are doing amazing and the students are learning.
2. Public Comments
 - There were no comments from the public.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of 2021 Board Meeting Dates
 - Heather Panke made a motion to accept the 2021 Board Meeting Dates, Garrett Husky gave the second, and the motion carried. 5-0.

BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Election of Officers – January Meeting

The Board Members moved to Executive Session at 5:31 PM to work on the superintendent's mid-year evaluation. Mrs. Fitzpatrick announced that the executive session would last approximately 15 minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Review Performance of a Public Employee: Directors Work on Mid-Year Evaluation of Superintendent

The regular meeting re-opened at 5:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business and Deanna Fitzpatrick adjourned the meeting at 5:46 PM.

Board Chair

Board Secretary