



# 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, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Location: Remote, via Zoom Meetings**  
**Start Time: 6:00 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. Audience members included Drew Lawson from the Davenport Times. All participants attended through Zoom.

### ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of Minutes: 12/14/20
2. Approval of Recommendation for Hire: *Elementary Paraprofessional Christine Colbert*
3. Approval of Extension of Leave of Absence: *Mrs. Karen Brewster*
4. Acceptance of Resignation – HS Head Baseball Coach – *Mr. Kevin Hupp*
5. Approval of December Bills & Payroll

#### PAYROLL

914097-914101, 900011561-900011653      \$550,377.51

#### GENERAL FUND

914114-914168      \$147,305.33

#### ASB

914169      \$1,173.50

#### BANK OF MONTREAL

Wire Transfers	202000083-202000107	
General Fund		\$20,018.06
ASB		\$385.00

6. Approval of January Bills & Payroll:

#### PAYROLL

914170-914174, 900011654-900011744      \$544,585.36

#### GENERAL FUND

914187-914224	\$86,435.69
914226-914235	\$17,708.86

#### TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE

914225      \$136,487.37

#### ASB

914169      \$1,173.50

#### BANK OF MONTREAL

Wire Transfers	22000108-202000124	
General Fund		\$8,220.23
ASB		\$993.66

-Brad Sweet made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Tami Odenrider gave the second, motion carried. 5-0.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### 1. Election of Officers for 2021

-There was discussion about who would like to become the chair and vice chair of the Board for the current year. It was decided Heather Panke would become chair and Brad Sweet would remain vice chair. Garrett Husky made a motion to accept this, Tami Odenrider gave the second, and the motion carried. 5-0

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 1. Reopening School Updates - *Superintendent & Principals*

- Recent Information from Lincoln County Health Department
  - Weekly meetings with Ed Dzedzy and Jolene Erickson at the Health Department are encouraging. The case counts have continued to trend down since the beginning of December and the Department is supportive of the plan to reopen the schools to 2 PM.
- Extending the School Day to 2PM – Monday thru Thursday
  - The process has been long and tedious trying to figure out scheduling for classes and lunches while being mindful of social distancing, but the staff and administration are ready and excited for tomorrow.
- Update: School Based COVID Testing Pilot
  - There have been no positive tests from the first couple weeks of the pilot program. About 21 staff members have chosen to take an assurance test every 2 weeks and there have been several tests taken by students to ensure their symptoms are not COVID and can be possibly allowed back to school sooner.
- Updates from Building Principals
  - Both the Elementary and High School Principals agreed that there is a lot of excitement and anticipation from both the students and staff to extend the day to 2 PM. The online only enrollment has dropped from 80 at the start of the year to only 20 students currently. There has also been an after school physical activities program started in an effort to give the kids a supervised opportunity for physical activities while still maintaining social distancing practices.
- W.I.A.A. Modifies Sports Seasons (again)
  - The sports seasons have been adjusted again since the Governor's changes to the Regions of the state as well as the phases and requirements. Practices are allowed for many sports in phase 1 and a select number are allowed to compete, though most competitions are only allowed once phase 2 is met.

### 2. Highly Capable Program Comprehensive Plan - *Superintendent*

-Jim Kowalkowski presented the Board with the Highly Capable Program Plan and explained what it was and the benefits it provides to our students.

### 3. Financial Reports – *Mrs. Oliver*

-As the year progresses, ending Fund Balance looks like it will not be as significantly impacted as previously thought. Even with enrollment under budget, the cost savings seen in some areas through the year have been significant enough to mitigate increases in spending on other areas.

### 4. Early Notification Incentives – *Superintendent*

-Jim Kowalkowski and Leslie Oliver discussed the amounts and due date for the early retirement notification incentives. The Board discussed keeping the due date as March 15<sup>th</sup> and leaving the incentive amounts the same as the prior year.

## **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

- There were many positive comments about extending the school day to 2 PM.
- There were also many positive comments about the after school workout program.

2. January – School Board Recognition Month  
-Jim Kowalkowski thanked the Board for their support and was sorry that we couldn't meet in person and have some goodies to share. He did inform the directors that he recently send a thank you school board "Letter to the Editor" to the *Davenport Times*.
3. Public Comments  
-There were no comments from the public.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of iGrants FP 217 – Highly Capable Program Comprehensive Plan – 2020-21 School Year  
-Garrett Husky made a motion to accept the iGrants Plan, Heather Panke gave the second, and the motion carried. 5-0.
2. Approval of Early Notification Incentives  
- Garrett Husky made a motion to approve the Early Notification Incentives, Brad Sweet gave the second, and the motion carried. 5-0.

**BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

- Graduation Ceremony is a common concern becoming more and more prevalent and needs to be discussed in the near future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no additional business and Deanna Fitzpatrick adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary