



# 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, April 25, 2022**

**Location: K-8 Library and Via Zoom**  
**Start Time: 6:00pm**

### 5:30 PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion of the Performance of a Staff Member
2. Review Qualifications of Applicants for Openings

### CALL TO ORDER

**Flag Salute:** Deanna Fitzpatrick lead the flag salute.

**Roll Call:** Deanna Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Board members present were Janie Schreck and Tami Odenrider. Garrett Husky was present for executive session, but was excused for the Regular meeting. Also present were Superintendent Jim Kowalkowski, District Business Manager Dana Telecky, High School Principal Chad Prewitt, Elementary Principal Noelle Carstens, District Secretary Stephanie Linstrum, Drew Lawson from the Lincoln County Record-Times (in-person) and new staff member Amanda O’Connell (zoom).

### ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or corrections to the final agenda.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: 3/28/2022, 4/18/2022
2. Approval of April Bills & Payroll

Payroll	900013137-900013244, 915449-915459	\$635,257.27
General Fund	915489-915545	\$159,211.76
Bank of Montreal		\$21,720.67
ASB		\$2,665.34
General Fund		\$19,055.33

Tami Odenrider moved to approve the consent agenda, Janie Schreck gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

### ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of iGrants FB 217 - Highly Capable Program Comprehensive Plan - 2021-22 School Year

Janie Schreck moved to approve iGrants FB 217 - Highly Capable Program Comprehensive Plan for the 2021-22 School Year, Tami Odenrider gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. ASB Report – *Mr. Jesse Raugust*  
-Jesse Raugust was absent from the meeting.
2. “Back to School” Report – *Superintendent & Principals*
  - a. Focus for 21-22: Making this School Year the Best it Can Be!
  - b. Elementary & Secondary Building Updates from Principals

-Mr. Kowalkowski shared with the Board that the students and staff have embodied the Kindness Required signs posted after the masking mandates were lifted. He also discussed events such as Cady Zellmer’s Senior Project Blood Drive, Bi-County Music Festival, WASA honoring our ASB President Lexi Cormier with a Student Award, and our own Mr. Todd Hargrave being awarded teacher of the month for May. Principals Mr. Prewitt and Ms. Carstens discussed how well the school year is going and shared about the State FBLA competitions that just concluded, and that 12 of 18 participants will be going to Nationals in Chicago. There is also an upcoming student vs. staff basketball game. The Elementary is hosting a Book Fair this week as well as doing a weekly

after school event called Fit for Davenport. Both buildings participated in community cleanup for Earth day which involved walking the streets around town and picking up trash. Scheduling for next year has started in both buildings including determining which AP and College in the HS courses to offer to our High School students.

3. Hiring & Staffing Updates – *Principals*

-On this coming Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a candidate for the AD/PE-Health position interviewing following a tour of campus with their family. There are 12 complete applications for the Elementary Principal position, and a day of interviews, tours, classroom visits, and community meetings is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>. Candidates have not been selected yet, but there will likely be 4 interviewees. There are also multiple applicants for the Art and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teaching positions that close in May.

4. Financial Reports – *Mrs. Telecky*

-Enrollment is continuing to trend around 30 FTE over budget and the ending fund balance remains very strong. The Financial Audit was completed and clean, there were no findings.

5. Preparing for the May 9th Budget Meeting - *Mrs. Telecky, Mr. Kowalkowski & Mr. Chad Prewitt*

-There was discussion about what big items the Board would like to have brought to the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as well as any other items that may be carried over into the next year. These items included curriculum, staffing and salary schedule changes, tractor and bus purchase, facilities maintenance plans, and any room/furniture purchases or surpluses due to classroom reconfiguring from Covid-19.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Good Things Happening in the District –

-The enthusiasm from the ASB has been great, the National qualifiers from FBLA and the great things that program has done and is doing, transitioning back to “normal” after Covid, Spring Athletics and Activities are in full swing.

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**

There was brief discussion about timing and organization of the Staff appreciation breakfast provided by the Board on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15 before school.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Deanna Fitzpatrick adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary