

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Of the Board of Directors of the Denison Community School District
October 18, 2021

Visited Monarch Career Academy at Denison High School 5:00PM where the instructor, Karen Kennedy, gave a tour and overview of the current program and student projects.

Call to Order: President Rowedder called the meeting to order at 5:35PM.

Members Present: Kris Rowedder, Larry Andersen, Joe Lally, Dr. Derek Lambert and John Held

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Mike Pardun, Superintendent; Scott Larson, Business Manager; Dave Wiebers, High School Principal; Patti Ryan, Middle School Principal; Trevor Urich, Broadway Elementary Principal; and Chris Schulz Denison Elementary Principal

Board Secretary: Lori Ahart

Others Present: Christy Welch and Rachel Desy both candidates running for School Board and Delaney Lutz a High School Government Student.

Correspondence: BVU Strategic Partner Program was shared with the board highlighting the educational benefits outlined in the partnership to employees seeking to further their education.

Consent Items: Motion by Andersen/Lambert to approve the consent items (agenda, minutes, bills, and financial reports) AYES: Andersen, Lambert, Held, Lally and Rowedder NAYS: none. Motion Carried.

Personnel Report

Resignations: Resignations presented to the Board for approval: Jamileth Oropeza-Associate, Shannonn Fortune-Associate, Tria Xiong-Cook and Mary Bailey-Cook. Motion by Held/Lambert to approve the resignations as presented. AYES: Held, Lambert, Lally, Andersen and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Motion Carried

Appointments: Appointments presented to the Board for approval: Mike Miller-Building & Grounds at \$25.48 an hour, Eduviga Perez-Custodian at \$16.71 an hour, Yahaira Portillo-Associate at \$12.98 an hour, and Gail Schlueter-Associate at \$12.98 an hour. Motion by Lambert/Andersen to approve the appointments as presented. AYES: Lambert, Andersen, Held, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Motion Carried

Superintendent Report:

Technology update and presentation: Greg Gunderson, Director of Technology, gave a presentation highlighting various technology statistics in the district, such as, bandwidth, computer usage, and instructional usage. Director Gunderson gave an overview to the School Board on the new smart portable 65-inch interactive flat panels that are replacing projectors in various classrooms used for instruction. The board was impressed with the capabilities of the unit.

Discussion on IASB Convention: Superintendent Pardun inquired about whether or not board members would be interested in registering for the annual school board convention, which will be held in person on November 18th. President Rowedder and Dr. Derek Lambert indicated an interest in attending the event on Thursday, November 18th along with Superintendent Pardun and Business Manager Larson. No other members wished to attend at this time, however after the school board election if some of the new school board members would like to attend the event, they would be able to do so.

Discussion on Certified Enrollment: Business Manager Larson presented a breakdown of certified enrollment comparing 2020 to 2021. Certified and served enrollments are both down from last school year by approximately 25 students.

Discussion on Early Childhood Center 28E Agreement: Superintendent Pardun shared with the Board that their 28E partnership between the City, County, School and Hospital for the early childhood center reached a milestone by making the final debt payment on the facility this summer. A discussion was had about the future of the partnership now that this goal had been reached. The Board directed Superintendent Pardun to have a discussion at the next 28E meeting to see how the other partnership entities felt about the agreement into the future.

Update on Facilities and work with The DLR Group: Superintendent Pardun reported that processes are moving forward on a draft of a contract between The DLR Group and Denison CSD for work on high school and Denison Elementary restroom renovations to be completed this summer along with final remodel of the high school science classroom. The DLR Group will be working on conceptual drawings, timelines and budgets for Broadway and Denison Elementary improvements. Monthly follow up discussions will be held on these topics.

Administrator Updates: Dave Wiebers, High School Principal, shared his appreciation for the inservice work on Professional Learning Communities this week. He reported the high school would be giving the Iowa Youth Survey this Wednesday and that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held soon with virtual and in-person options being made available to parents. Work is being done to prepare for new opportunities with WITCC courses for students next Fall. Chris Schulz, Denison Elementary Principal, reported the teachers were exploring the new flat panel displays, work on Veteran's Day had begun, as well as inservice on Professional Learning Communities. Patti Ryan, Denison Middle School Principal, shared the middle school was working on writing goals around climate and culture after reviewing the Iowa Youth Survey and the Conditions for Learning data. A focus is being made on making family contacts by Oct. 28th for upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences. Trevor Urich, Broadway Elementary Principal, shared the Monarch Mission continues to grow in student numbers with approximately 93 students coming to the afterschool program. This month the program focused on Wellness (Physical, Emotional, Social) and Sportsmanship. Broadway Elementary has completed the STAR assessments for a second time to be able to show current data to parents for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Adjournment: Being no further school business a motion to adjourn at 6:43 pm was made by Lally/Andersen. AYES: Lally, Andersen, Held, Lambert and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.

Kris Rowedder, President

Approval of October 18, 2021, Minutes

Lori Ahart, Board Secretary