

Minutes of Annual Board Meeting
Of the Board of Directors of the Denison Community School District
February 21, 2022

- Call to Order:** President Rowedder called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- Members Present:** Kris Rowedder, Dr. Derek Lambert, John Held, Louis Scheuring and Rachel Desy
- 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:** Gordon Wolf, Denison Bulletin/Review and Kempson Cross, KDSN
- Correspondence.** Letters from State Speech Association congratulating Denison HS participants on their accomplishments.
- Consent Items-** Motion by Desy/Scheuring to approve the consent items and add agenda item to Set date, Time and Location of Public Hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost of construction for the Combined Contract for Denison High/Elementary Schools-Science/Restroom Renovation project at Noon local time on Friday, March 11, 2022 at the Denison CSD Administration Office at 819 N 16th Street, Denison, Iowa 51442 (agenda, minutes, bills, and financial reports) AYES: Desy, Scheuring, Held, Lambert and Rowedder NAYS: none. Motion Carried.
- Personnel Report**
- Resignations-** Two resignations were presented to the board for approval: Christian Barragan and Kamari Cotton Moya as associates. Motion by Lambert/ Scheuring to approve the resignations. AYES: Lambert Scheuring, Desy, Held and Rowedder NAYS: none. Motion Carried.
- Appointments-** Five appointments were presented to the board for approval: Karen Garinger, Elementary Special Education Teacher; Lauryn Hilger, Elementary Special Education Teacher; Nancy Voggesser, High School English Teacher; Jack Mendlik, High School Assistant Baseball Coach all per master contract and Vanessa Everett High School Associate at \$12.98 and hour. Motion by Held/Lambert to approve appointments as presented. AYES: Held, Lambert, Scheuring, Desy and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.
- Superintendent Report**
- Set Date, Time and Location of Public Hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost of construction for the Combined Contract for the Denison High/Elementary-Science/Restroom renovation project, at Noon local time on Friday, March 11, 2022 at the Denison CSD District Administration Office at 819 North 16th Street, Denison, Iowa 51442.-**Motion by Scheuring/Desy to Set date, time and location of Public Hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost of construction for the Combined Contract for the Denison High/Elementary-Science/Restroom renovation project. AYES: Scheuring, Desy, Held, Lambert and Rowedder. NAYS: none.
- Second Reading of 100, 200, 300 and 400 Series Denison Community School Board Policies-** Motion by Scheuring/Held to approve the Second Reading of 100, 200, 300 and 400 Series Denison Community School Board Policies. AYES: Scheuring, Held, Desy, Lambert and Rowedder. NAYS: none.
- First Reading of 500, 600, 700, 800 and 900 Series Denison Community School Board Policies-** Motion by Lambert/Desy to approve the First Reading of 500, 600, 700, 800 and 900 Series Denison Community School Board Policies. AYES: Lambert, Desy, Scheuring, Held and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Discussion on Preliminary Budget FY23-Mr. Larson gave a brief presentation of the preliminary Budget for FY23. A brief discussion was had on the Instructional Support Levy and the mix of income surtax and property tax, as well as the amount to levy for the management levy. There will be a decrease in the school levy rate by approximately by sixty cents based on the current information. Additional discussions will be had at the March meeting to finalize the FY23 budget for publication.

Move Regular Board Meeting in April to Meet Budget Certification Deadline (Monday April 11, 2022 at Noon)- Motion by Scheuring/Desy to move regular board meeting in April to meet budget certification deadline to Monday, April 11, 2022 at Noon. AYES: Scheuring, Desy, Held, Lambert and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Discussion on Employee Retention and Personnel Update- Superintendent Pardun gave the board an enrollment update comparing enrollment from one year ago February to this February. He also shared an update on current open positions in the district for next school year. A discussion was held on offering a one-time retention bonus to regular employees and substitutes in all employee groups. Motion by Lambert/Scheuring to approve a \$2,000 one-time premium retention payment for all regular school employees and \$500 for all substitutes and part time school sponsors/coaches who have served the district this school year for at least the equivalent of five days as of the February payroll. AYES: Lambert, Scheuring, Desy and Rowedder. Held Abstained) NAYS: none.

Update on Facility Project Discussions- Superintendent Pardun gave the board an update on recent Community Wellness discussions that Dr. Lambert and Superintendent Pardun have attended on the Board's behalf over the past months. An update was given on the Wellness Committee's recent online survey about the various preferences the community desired for a wellness facility. The location selected by the Wellness Committee was near the current city pool, based on the feedback from the community survey. The school owns property around the pool, and Superintendent Pardun updated the board that at some point the School Board may be approached formally about some of the surrounding property as the committee continues to develop a Wellness Center campus plan that may encompass more land than the City currently owns in that location.

Approval of MOU with WITCC on Regional Career Academy-Superintendent Pardun gave an overview of the work being done by WITCC representatives the Denison Community School district and many of the surrounding school districts in the region to develop a Regional Career Academy at the current WITCC Denison Campus location with possible satellite locations in other partnership districts. A draft MOU was presented for board approval to document the Denison CSD's commitment to the Regional Career Academy. Motion by Scheuring/Desy to approve the Regional Career Academy MOU and the district's commitment to the development of this project. AYES: Scheuring, Desy, Held, Lambert and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Set Public Hearing on Denison Community School Calendar 2022-2023 (March 21, 2022 at 5:30PM at Denison High School District Conference Room at 819 North 16th Street Denison, Iowa 51442) Motion by Lambert/Scheuring to approve setting public hearing on Denison Community School Calendar 2022-2023 as presented. AYES: Lambert, Scheuring, Desy, Held and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Administration Updates- Dave Wiebers, High School Principal, offered his congratulations on the success of many programs at Denison High School including the recent Boys' and Girls' Bowling Teams, Jaxson Hildebrand at State Wrestling, All State Speech participants, State Jazz Band, and State Academic Decathlon. Patti Ryan, Middle School Principal, highlighted recent student successes in reading and math screenings which indicated significant growth across the grade levels. The recent middle school dance was well attended, and the students had lots of fun. Chris Schulz, Denison Elementary Principal, shared highlights of work being done at Denison Elementary, spot lighting an upcoming music program the 3rd graders will be performing, as this will be the first time on stage for the students due to the pandemic. Math and Literacy Nights are being planned at both Denison and Broadway Elementary. Trevor Urich, Broadway Elementary Principal, gave an overview of the K-5th Grade Teachers who are piloting a new math curriculum that aligns to all Iowa Department of Education standards and meets all State requirements.

Adjournment- Being no further school business a motion to adjourn at 6:14 pm was made by Scheuring/Desy. AYES: Scheuring, Desy, Lambert, Held and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.

Kris Rowedder, President
Approval of February 21, 2022 Minutes

Lori Ahart Board Secretary