

DENISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 15, 2017

Vice President Kris Rowedder called the meeting of the Denison Board of Education to Order at 5:30 p.m. on May 15, 2017. Board members answering roll call in addition to Rowedder were Dr. Derek Lambert, Joe Lally via Google Hangout and Larry Andersen. Also in attendance was Superintendent Mike Pardun, Business Manager Scott Larson, High School Principal Dave Wiebers, Middle School Principal Scott Moran, Broadway Elementary Principal Trevor Urich, Denison Elementary Principal Chris Schulz, Director of Technology Greg Gunderson, and Director of School Improvement Heather Langenfeld.

Visitors were welcomed by Vice President Rowedder included Gordon Wolf from the Denison Bulletin and Review, Kim Pauley Middle School Student Services Teacher, John Torrey Middle School Social Studies Teacher and Cheri Emery Denison Elementary ESL Teacher to the meeting.

Mr. Pardun shared an appreciation note from the AEA for use of the district conference room for mentoring seminars, a thank you note from the Elroy Koch Family, and a school board member fact sheet from IASB.

Moved by Andersen/Lambert to approve the consent items. AYES: Andersen, Lambert, Lally and Rowedder NAYS: none. The consent items include the agenda, board minutes, bills paid between sessions and bills payable.

Six resignations were received for Board approval. Erin Adams Broadway Elementary Counselor, Samantha Rasmussen Elementary Teacher, Connie Volkmann Broadway Elementary Associate, Karen Schurke Middle School Associate, Taytum Winans Elementary Associate and Seth Young Middle School Track Coach. Moved by Andersen/Lambert to accept the resignations as presented. AYES: Andersen, Lambert, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Four appointments were received for Board approval. Shelby Pieper High School ESL Teacher, Shelby Pieper High School Assistant Softball Coach, Kimberly Jorgensen Middle School Language Arts, and Sierra Frehse Elementary Counselor. Moved by Lambert/Andersen to approve appointments as presented. AYES: Lambert, Andersen, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Mr. Pardun shared with the School Board his appreciation for their leadership, support, guidance and time. He offered a thank you to the Board on behalf of the administration, faculty and staff of Denison Community Schools for all their dedication as School Board members.

Director Langenfeld, Kim Pauley, John Torrey and Cheri Emery gave a presentation on Second Language Task Force that has been meeting the second semester of this school

year. The group was created to fulfill a school board goal of seeking ways to implement a second language sooner than the high school for our students. The group took time to review significant amounts of research, as well as visit Sioux City and Omaha Public Schools that already have a second language track implemented. These districts use a Two-Way Dual Language approach and are seeing great results from the students along with increased opportunities beyond high school. The board was appreciative and support of the committee's work and desires the group to continue moving forward with the process to develop details for possible implementation in the Fall of 2018.

Middle School Principal Moran presented district wide student achievement data for the 2016-2017 school year. The presentation included graphs showing the growth trends in reading, math and science, comparing the district scores to Northwest AEA and the State of Iowa averages.

Moved by Lambert/Andersen to approve the list of Denison High School 2017 Graduates pending they meet all requirements. AYES: Lambert, Andersen, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Moved by Andersen/Lambert to approve 2017-2018 school fees. AYES: Andersen, Lambert, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Superintendent Pardun shared a list of 33 legislative priorities from IASB for the Board to review prior to their regular June meeting. IASB requests each school board in the state select 3-5 priority areas and report those to IASB for consideration in the 2018 Legislative session. Board members will need to review the draft resolutions and be prepared to come to consensus at the June meeting on the Denison School Board's top priorities so they can be reported to IASB.

Moved by Andersen/Lambert to approve the first reading of board policies 520 Student Records, 520.1 Use of Student Regulations, 520.3 Request of Nonparent Examination or Copies of Education Records, 521 Student Directory Information, 521.1 Parent Release Directory Information, 521.2 Use of Directory Information, 715 School Nutrition Program, and 716 Free/Reduced Cost Meal Eligibility. AYES: Andersen, Lambert, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

The Denison CSD Employee Celebration Breakfast will take place on Tuesday, May 30th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the High School cafeteria and Fine Arts Center. Superintendent Pardun invited board members to attend.

The Boyer Valley School District requested the Denison School District consider sharing bowling for the 2017-2018 school year. After some discussion, the Board and school administration agreed that the current student participation numbers are very good in both bowling programs, and they would not want to take away opportunities for students of the district by increasing the number of participants. Superintendent Pardun was asked to

contact the Superintendent of Boyer Valley and respectfully decline at this point in time, due to our already high participation numbers.

High School Principal Dave Wiebers noted his staff and students are preparing for graduation this Sunday. He noted a very successful season for spring activities with summer activities ramping up. Middle School Principal Scott Moran discussed the mobility of his student body this school year. He commended his TLC team for taking leadership roles this school year with a focus on improving instruction and student achievement. Denison Elementary Principal Chris Schulz gave an update on hiring and noted that approximately 57% of his staff is certified to teach ESL. Broadway Principal Trevor Urich noted that the Broadway Elementary reading and math scores are very good this school year thanks to the work by all staff members. He stated he was proud of everyone's efforts in helping students be successful.

Being no further school business a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. was made by Lambert/Andersen. AYES: Lambert, Andersen, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Kris Rowedder -Vice President

Lori L. Ahart – Board Secretary