

Minutes of Annual Board Meeting

Of the Board of Directors of the Denison Community School District

October 15, 2018

5:15PM the Board members and Administrators toured the Ag, Visual Arts and Industrial Tech areas at the High School

- Call to Order:** President Rowedder called the meeting to order at 5:45PM.
- 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:** Gordon Wolf- Denison Bulletin and Review and Karen Kennedy-Technology Integrationist
- Correspondence:** Superintendent Pardun took a moment to acknowledge all building Principals for National School Principal Month. He expressed his appreciation for all that they do for the District, students, families, faculty, staff and community.
- Consent Items-** Motion by Andersen/Lambert to approve the consent items (agenda, minutes, bills, and financial reports) AYES: Anderson, Lambert, Held, Lally and Rowedder NAYS: none. Motion Carried.
- Personnel Report**
- Resignations-** None
- Appointments-** Appointments presented to the Board for approval: Motion by Lally/Held to approve Lori Ahart as Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager/School Board Secretary moved to a salary of \$56,000.00 (\$48,603 for Administrative Assistant and \$7,397 for Board Secretary). AYES: Lally, Held, Lambert, Andersen and Rowedder. NAYS: none.
Motion by Held/Andersen to approve Adrianna Zamago- Elementary Associate and Chelsey Phipps -Middle School Associate both at \$11.94 per hour. AYES: Held, Andersen, Lambert, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none.
- Superintendent Report**
- Technology Presentation-** Karen Kennedy demonstrated for the board the virtual reality headsets (Google Expedition) . The board was given a virtual tour of World War II. Mrs. Kennedy demonstrated how she could control where the students went in the virtual world via the instructional tablet. Through this technology, students are able to gain experiences in a realistic setting.
- Discussion on Iowa Seal of Biliteracy –** A brief discussion was held on adding a Seal of Biliteracy to Denison Community High School Diploma. This seal would recognize the student has attained proficiency in two or more languages, one being English, by high school graduation. The board felt that this would be a great addition to a student’s high school education and can see huge benefits for students that receive this seal. They recommended school administration proceed with making this possible at Denison High School.
- Discussion on Certified Enrollment-**Mr. Larson presented a breakdown of certified enrollment from 2008 to present. 2018 student count is up 67.18 FTE for certified enrollment. This number is what District State funding is based on.
- Approval of Alternate Bus Routes 2018-2019-** Motion by Andersen/Lambert to Approve the Alternate Bus Route for 2018-2019. AYES: Andersen, Lambert, Held, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Discussion on IASB Convention- Mr. Pardun reminding members they will be leaving at 5:30AM from the High School parking lot the morning of November 15th and be back that evening from the IASB State Convention in Des Moines.

Administration Updates- Dave Wiebers, High School Principal shared parent teacher conferences are in two weeks. The Junior class will be taking ACT at no cost to them because of the Gear Up grant. The High School is using seminars to prepare for ACT testing. Patti Ryan, Middle School Principal shared the Language Arts and Social Studies staff has started Second Chance Reading. The Middle School has implemented SOAR Intervention Class to build reading strategies, and the Social Studies curriculum utilizes driving questions to engage the students. Chris Schulz, Denison Elementary Principal updated the Board on the 4th Preschool Teacher that was added this past Fall. Preschool class size is much better for learning and manageable for the teachers. The elementary buildings will be recognized for their State Character Count Award next week at the High School Fine Arts Center. Trevor Urich, Broadway Elementary Principal reported that Science Highlights is the new curriculum. Through their experiences, students learn to prove a hypothesis. They have been learning about predator/prey experiences and how these experiences drive the changes in our Eco System. The Board toured the High School Student Key Club Haunted House.

Adjournment- Being no further school business a motion to adjourn at 6:08 pm was made by Lally/Lambert. AYES: Lally, Lambert, Held, Andersen and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.

Kris Rowedder, President
Approval of October 15, 2018, Minutes

Lori Ahart, Board Secretary