

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Denison Community School District
May 18, 2020

Call to Order

President Rowedder called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Kris Rowedder, Larry Andersen, Joe Lally, Dr. Derek Lambert (Via Google hangout) and John Held
Absent: None
Administration: Mike Pardun, Superintendent; Scott Larson, Business Manager; Via Google Hangout Patti Ryan, Middle School Principal; Dave Wiebers, High School Principal; Trevor Urich, Broadway Elementary Principal, Chris Schulz, Elementary Principal; and Greg Gunderson, Director of Technology
Board Secretary: Lori Ahart
Others Present: Gordon Wolf from the Denison Bulletin and Review
Correspondence: May is School Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Pardun offered his appreciation for all the Board's support, guidance, questions, in guiding the District. He shared with the Board the many notes of and comments of appreciation from the staff during the COVID-19 pandemic the past few months. Mr. Pardun asked the Board to begin reviewing possible priorities for the 2021 Legislative session.

Consent Items

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

Personnel Report

- a) Resignations-One resignation was presented to the board for approval: Sarah Russell, Special Ed. Associate. Motion by Held/Lally to approve the resignation as presented. AYES: Held, Lally, Lambert, Andersen and Rowedder. NAYS: none.
- b) Appointments-Nine appointments were presented to the board for approval: Brooklyn Twist, Middle School Social Studies Teacher; Chelsea Assmann, High School Ag Teacher; Jay Petersen, High School Special Ed Teacher; Joseph Brawner, Elementary PE Teacher; Tera VonTersch, Elementary Title I Teacher.; Nate Pardun, High School Assistant Cross Country Coach and High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Nick Bradley, High School Head Cross Country Coach; and Randy Cornelius to the Maintenance Department. Motion by Lally/Andersen to approve appointments as presented. AYES: Lally, Andersen, Held, Lambert and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Superintendent Report

- a) **Approval of 2020 High School Graduates**-Motion by Held/Andersen to approve 2020 High School Graduates. AYES: Held, Andersen, Lambert, Lally and Rowedder NAYS: none. Motion Carried.
- b) **Approval of 2020-2021 School Fees and Rates**-Motion by Andersen/ Held to Approve 2020-2021 school fees and rates. AYES: Andersen, Held, Lambert, Lally and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.
- c) **District Response to COVID 19**- Mr. Pardun gave a brief update on the COVID 19 issues. The district has a committee in place to begin work on the Iowa Department of Education Return to Learn guidelines.
- d) **Approval of Consortium Agreement with Children's Square, Heartland Family Service and Council Bluffs CSD**- Motion by Held/Lally to approve the Consortium Agreement as presented. AYES: Held, Lally, Lambert, Andersen and Rowedder. NAYS: none.
- e) **Set Public Hearing on Denison CSD School Calendar 2020-2021 (June 15, 2020 at 5:30PM at Denison High School 819 North 16th Street, Denison, Iowa 51442 the District Conference Room)** Motion by Lally/Held to Set the Public Hearing for Denison CSD School Calendar 2020-2021 (June 15, 2020 at 5:30PM at Denison High School 819 North 16th Street, Denison, Iowa 51442 the District Conference Room). AYES: Lally, Held, Lambert, Andersen and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Administrator Updates; Denison High School Principal, Dave Wiebers updated the board on the High School required learning plan that began on May 4th. He shared that graduation, this past Sunday, was a very new experience. He has received numerous correspondence on the day, and all are very appreciative of what the district did to honor the Seniors during this challenging time. Chris Schulz, Elementary Principal, reported that the last two months the staff has done a great job of preparing during the pandemic. Teachers have become confident with the online learning process. Mr. Schulz offered his appreciation for staff who have volunteered to distribute student meals. Trevor Urich, Broadway Elementary Principal, gave a special thank you to Darin Johnson, for his leadership in guiding the professional development of the staff during the pandemic. Patti Ryan, Middle School Principal, has been meeting with staff to develop a plan to address the skill gap that will need to be addressed when school resumes in the Fall. Denison Middle School has been a testing site for Test Iowa. Greg Gunderson reported that the technology department has been very busy with online learning. Summer technology projects are getting started and the eRegistration project is about 70% complete.

Adjournment – Being no further school business a motion to adjourn at 6:10 pm was made by Lally/Andersen AYES: Lally, Andersen, Held, Lambert and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.

Kris Rowedder, President
Approval of May 18, 2020, Minutes

Lori Ahart Board Secretary