

**Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting**  
of the Board of Directors of the Denison Community School District  
October 16, 2023

- Call to Order** President Lambert called the meeting of the Denison Board of Education to Order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023.
- Members Present:** Dr. Derek Lambert, Louis Scheuring, Kris Rowedder, John Held and Rachel Desy.  
**Absent:** None
- Administration:** Mike Pardun-Superintendent; Scott Larson-Business Manager; Patti Ryan-Middle School Principal; Trevor Urich-Broadway Elementary Principal; and Chris Schulz-Denison Elementary Principal.
- Board Secretary:** Lori Promes
- Others Present:** Gordon Wolf-Denison Free Press
- Consent Items:** Motion by Schuering/Desy to approve the consent items (agenda, minutes, bills, and financial reports). AYES: Schuering, Desy, Held, Scheuring and Lambert. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

**5:30PM Public Hearing on Renewal of Whole Grade Sharing Agreement with Schleswig Community School-** President Lambert declared the public hearing open at 5:32 PM. There were no written or oral comments. President Lambert declared the hearing closed at 5:33PM.

**Personnel Report:**

- a) Resignations- Three resignations were presented to the board for consideration. Jessica Pauley-Health Assistant, Jamie Koch-Health Assistant, and Sharon Graham-Transportation. Motion by Held/Rowedder to accept the resignations as presented. AYES: Held, Rowedder, Desy, Schuering and Lambert. NAYS: none.
- b) Appointments- Three appointments was presented to the Board for consideration. Jocelin Aguilar Perez-Associate \$15.88 per hour, Hannah Walker-Associate at \$15.88 per hour, Kathy Kahl-Associate at \$16.87 per hour and all staff estimated salary list for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion by Rowedder/Held to approve the appointments. AYES: Rowedder, Held, Desy, Schuering and Lambert. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

**Denison Middle School Presentation on student Robotic Unit-**Middle School Principal, Patti Ryan, gave a presentation to the board highlighting the GTT Program at Denison Middle School. This program is one component of the Project Lead the Way engineering offerings at Denison Community Schools.

**Superintendent Report:**

- a) **Discussion on IASB Convention and Delegate Assembly-** Superintendent Pardun shared the upcoming dates for the Annual IASB Convention on November 16, 2023. If board members would like to attend, they need to let the District know, so they can be registered.
- b) **Discussion on Certified Enrollment 2023-**A summary of certified and served enrollment was shared with the board. Certified enrollment is down approximately 65 students, however served enrollment is down approximately 36 students. This was anticipated with the largest grades currently attending Denison High School and all incoming grade levels are stable however smaller than the remaining four grades attending Denison High School.
- c) **Approval of Board Policy #503.08 Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or**

**Cause Incident of Violence**-Motion by Rowedder/Schuering to approve Board Policy #503.08 Discipline of Students who make threats of violence or cause incident of violence waiving the second reading. AYES: Rowedder, Scheuring, Desy, Held and Lambert. Nays: none.

- i) **Update on Broadway Elementary Addition and Renovation Project**- New water service has been installed and will be ready for cut over on October 27, 2023. Sanitary sewer connections will begin next week along 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South and Broadway. This work has been coordinated with the City of Denison and Denison Municipal Utilities. Tuckpointing is underway restoring the south side of the main building. New footings are scheduled to begin in the new few weeks. Asbestos abatement work is being completed in the gym building along with preparations for deenergizing the building.
- e) **Approval of Auditing Firm**- Motion by Scheuring/Desy to approve the district auditing firm of Nolte, Cornman and Johnson P.C. for five years beginning with FY24. AYES: Scheuring, Desy, Held, Rowedder and Lambert. NAYS: none.
- f) **Administration Updates:** Dave Wiebers-High School Principal was absent but provided a written report that the high school hosted a College Fair on September 21<sup>st</sup> with over 45 colleges in attendance. DHS REACH Day was hosted on September 27<sup>th</sup> over 40 businesses were in attendance including guest speakers on cyber safety, distracted driving, health, along with various other topics. Trevor Urich, Broadway Elementary Principal, shared the elementary staff had finished the first round of academic screening assessments. Grade level teams recently had professional development on student engagement. Chris Schulz, Denison Elementary Principal, enjoyed giving tours of Denison Elementary to the class of 1973 and 1978. He shared that homecoming activities went very well and shared his appreciation for Heather Langenfeld and other sponsors coordinating the event and arranging student leaders. Patti Ryan, Middle School Principal, reported on Middle School Ag Safety Day for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The Middle School is celebrating Unity Day next week. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in all buildings this week and next week as scheduled.

**Adjournment:** Being no further school business a motion to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. was made by Rowedder/ Held AYES: Rowedder, Held, Desy, Schuering and Lambert. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

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Dr. Derek Lambert, President  
Approval of October 16, 2023 Minutes

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Lori Promes, Board Secretary