

Community School District of Fort Dodge, Iowa  
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 25, 2024

Note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the board at the next regular meeting.

Members present: Dan Altman, Emily Dencklau, Zach Mason, Molly Nelson, Brian Pederson, Diane Pratt, and Keenan Schuur.

Absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Porter, Executive Director of Financial Services Hansel, Executive Director of Educational Services Davidson, Director of Human Resources Whitmore, Principal Ayala-Thompson, Principal Ahrens, Principal Chesteen, Assistant Principal Miller, one mass media representative, and several other interested parties.

Call to Order.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Fort Dodge Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Altman at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Fort Dodge Community School District's Central Office, with Secretary Utley present.

Approval of Agenda.

Moved by Diane Pratt, second by Keenan Schuur, to approve the Board agenda as presented. All present voting aye, motion carried. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda.

Moved by Molly Nelson, second by Brian Pederson, to approve the consent agenda items 3.1 Approval of minutes of the November 11, 2024, Annual Meeting; 3.2 Personnel; 3.3 Open enrollment requests; 3.4 Approval of contracts from Luther College and Musical Theatre International; 3.5 Approval of fundraising requests from HOSA, FFA, and Cooper Booster Club; 3.6 Approval of gifts received from Cargill, Shutterfly, Calvert and Johnson Insurance, and Fort Dodge Foundation; 3.7 Approval of out of state travel for A. Paulson, B. Robison, and the FDSH Band and Orchestra Students to attend the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, TN, December 26-30, 2025; and 3.8 Allow for payment the attached listing of bills from the general, management, physical plant, equipment, capital projects, activity, and nutrition funds. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Recognition/Awards.

Superintendent Porter shared an overview of the Employee and Students of the Month Awards and exemplary academic performance and character. Board Member Pratt presented certificates and gift cards to Fort Frenzy, as well as car wash gift cards, to the following individuals from November:

Elementary: Everly Burns

Middle School: Camilo Villanueva

High School: Conrad Greathouse and Madden Bailey

Employee: Curtis Bell

Communications/Announcements.

None

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions.

Moved by Emily Dencklau, second by Keenan Schuur, to approve the purchase of iPads for Tier

3 Literacy Instruction from Apple Inc. in the total amount of \$61,192.50. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Brian Pederson, second by Molly Nelson, to approve the purchase of Computer Aided Design (CAD) Student Dell Desktop Computers from CDW Government in the total amount of \$71,830.00. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Zach Mason, second by Diane Pratt, to approve the purchase of Staff Laptop Computers from CDW Government in the total amount of \$217,170.00. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Keenan Schuur, second by Molly Nelson, to approve the purchase of Replacement iPads for Students in Grades K-2 from Apple Inc. in the total amount of \$122,385.00. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Diane Pratt, second by Zach Mason, to approve the purchase of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) Pathway Package Supplies for Health Occupations at Senior High from RealityWorks in the total amount of \$26,820.30. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Brian Pederson, second by Zach Mason, to approve the purchase of Metals and Welding Machines for the Metals Workshop at Senior High by Greenway & Associates, Ltd. in the total amount of \$261,875.90. All present voting aye, motion carried.

MOTION by Emily Dencklau, second by Diane Pratt, to approve the Immediate Adoption of Board Policy 804.05 Stock Prescription Medication Supply and Exhibit 804.05-E(1) Stock Prescription Medication Supply - Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of a Voluntary School Supply of Stock Medication for Life Threatening Incidents. Due to the stocking of Narcan in District buildings, the policy was adopted immediately. Roll Call: Dan Altman - Yes, Emily Dencklau - Yes, Zach Mason - Yes, Molly Nelson - Yes, Brian Pederson - Yes, Diane Pratt - Yes, Keenan Schuur - Yes, Motion carried (7-0).

Moved by Emily Dencklau, second by Diane Pratt, to approve the Fall 2024 SBRC Application for Modified Supplemental Amount for Increasing Enrollment (\$0.00), Open Enrollment Out (\$384,675.00), and LEP Beyond 5 Years (\$43,121.00). All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Molly Nelson, second by Diane Pratt, to accept the monthly financial reports from October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. All present voting aye, motion carried.

#### Communications/Updates.

ECC Principals Ayala-Thompson and Ahrens provided a brief update on the adoption of the new literacy curriculum, highlighting positive attitudes and initiatives from staff. An appreciation video featuring students and staff was shared. Current data shows that with the implementation of the new curriculum, 87% of students are at or above grade level in Phonemic Awareness, and 73% are at or above grade level in letter sound production.

Middle School Principals Chesteen and Miller emphasized that improving attendance is a priority at the middle school. Administration is introducing incentives like team-building activities to make school engaging and fun. In November, students with perfect attendance two weeks before Thanksgiving will have access to a middle or high school game. In December, an alternative morning schedule will include board games, a movie, or extra time to catch up on work.

Superintendent's update: 1) board members attended the IASB Convention in Des Moines last week with a great turnout; 2) congratulations to tonight's award winners; 3) this is a short week, with no school Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday due to Thanksgiving; and 4) student activities remain in full swing, including the first bowling meet tonight, a girls' wrestling home meet last week, and honor choir event in Ames.

Vice President Pratt congratulated Member Schuur for being selected as the 2024 Readers' Choice Best Realtor. President Altman also thanked the Board for their attendance at the IASB convention last week.

Adjournment

Moved by Diane Pratt, second by Zach Mason, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Adriana Utley  
Board Secretary

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