

DENISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 20, 2011

The Denison Community School District Board of Education met in regular session Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Board members present were Rod Bradley, Kris Rowedder, Mark Johnson, Les Lewis and Larry Andersen. Also present were Superintendent Mike Pardun, Business Manager Scott Larson and Principal Pat Roush. Scott Larson was acting secretary in Ruth Frazier's absence.

Visitors were welcomed by Bradley. Present was Gordon Wolf of the Denison Bulletin/Review.

A copy of a letter from IASB was shared with the board. Benefits of joining the organization were discussed. All but 2 districts joined last year. Concerns remain with issues the organization is dealing with. Benefits to the district include: settlement information that is received, updating of policies and procedures that IASB provides, lobbying efforts that they provide on behalf of member districts, and their annual convention. More discussion will take place in July as to whether or not the district will join for the 2011-12 school year.

Moved by Rowedder/Andersen to approve the consent items as presented. All present voted yes. Consent items include the agenda, board minutes and bills paid between sessions and bills payable.

Three resignations were presented for board approval. Moved by Rowedder/Lewis to accept the resignations of Cindy Phillips, Assistant Cross Country Coach, Callie Nemitz, Elementary Special Education Associate, and Nichole McCollough, Elementary Special Education Associate. AYES: Rowedder, Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, Bradley. NAYS: none.

Six appointments were presented for board action. Moved by Lewis/Johnson to approve Jesse Strong as an Elementary Special Education Instructor, Tiffany Young as 7th Grade Girls' Head Track Coach, Emma Reeve as a High School Instructor, Callie Nemitz as a High School Instructor, Kale McCormick as a High School Instructor, and Cindy Phillips as Head High School Cross Country Coach as per contracts. AYES: Lewis, Johnson, Andersen, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none

The Denison Difference was a sharing of tips/tricks by each board members in regards to their Ipad .

The tentative agreement between the Denison Education Association and the Denison Community School Board of Education for the 2011-2012 school year was reviewed and discussed. Total package settlement is 3.50% with a base salary of \$37,846. The salary portion of the settlement was a 2.21% increase. Average total package increase is \$2,507. Extra duty units have increased to \$261.00 per unit. Pardun noted that the DEA passed the agreement with more than 95% approval. Moved by Lewis/Andersen to approve the agreement between the Denison Education Association and the Denison Community School District for the 2011-2012 school. AYES: Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Pardun explained the District Special Education Plan. There were no significant changes from previous plan. Moved by Andersen/Johnson to approve the District Special Education Plan. AYES: Andersen, Johnson, Lewis, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none.

The Denison Community Schools Affirmative Action Plan for 2011-2013 was reviewed and discussed. Pardun told the board we are required to approve this agreement every other year. The plan shows our

hiring practices and areas needing to improve. Moved by Rowedder/Lewis to approve the 2011-2013 Affirmative Action Plan. AYES: Rowedder, Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, and Bradley. NAYS: none.

Handbooks for faculty, staff, coaches, volunteers and substitutes were briefly discussed. Pardun told the board the only change beside dates and name changes would be to add a Staff Technology Use policy to the handbooks. Moved by Rowedder/Johnson to table the approval of the Denison Handbook changes noted for the 2011-2012 faculty, staff, coaches, volunteer and substitute handbooks until next month. AYES: Rowedder, Johnson, Andersen, Lewis and Bradley. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Board Policies #701.4, 401.13 and #401.13R1, Governmental Accounting Practices and Regulations and Staff Technology Use were introduced and discussed. Larson explained GASB 54 Fund Balance Classifications. Pardun discussed the Staff Technology Use policy. Following discussion it was moved by Lewis/Andersen to approve the first reading of Board Policy #701.4 Governmental Accounting Practices and Regulations and Board Policy #401.13 and #401.13R1 Staff Technology Use. AYES: Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none.

A copy of the Denison Community Schools Job Descriptions was included in the board's meeting folder. Pardun noted that they have not been updated since the early 90s. Board members shared corrections that need to be made to various descriptions. Moved by Rowedder/Johnson to approve the Denison Community Schools Job Descriptions as per changes that were stated. AYES: Rowedder, Johnson, Andersen, Lewis, and Bradley. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

The board was asked to approve the Denison Community School Board priorities for 2011-2012. Priorities are (1) To implement the Iowa Core Curriculum and increase student achievement utilizing a systematic approach which includes Curriculum Mapping, professional development activities, and Professional Learning Communities. (2) To evaluate, study and develop a plan of action for expanding and/or enhancing programming in all subject areas to meet AYP trajectory targets. (3) To maintain and modernize the district facilities. (4) To focus on building strong relationships and good communication between all people both in and out of the district. (5) To engage students and staff in the use of technology to enhance educational opportunities and better prepare for the information age. Following discussion it was moved by Johnson/Lewis to approve the 2011-2012 school priorities as presented. AYES: Johnson, Lewis, Andersen, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

2011 ISAB Legislative Action Priorities and Resolutions were reviewed and discussed. A list of the resolutions was included in the board folder. Moved by Lewis/Andersen to select Resolutions 1, 10, 13, 21, 23, and 32 as our priorities. AYES: Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Approval of sharing Instructional Coaches with NWAEA was discussed. Carrie Caviness and Heather Langenfeld will provide this service and will serve only the Denison Community School District during the time of this contract unless mutually agreed upon by both parties. NWAEA will reimburse the DCSD for 30% of the cost of their base salary and benefits. Moved by Rowedder/Lewis to approve the sharing of Instructional Coaches with NWAEA. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The sharing of a School Liaison with Juvenile Court Services was discussed. Chris Eller has served in this position for a number of years and it has worked very well Pardun told the board. He is located in the Middle School and comes to the High School also. Moved by Andersen/Lewis to approve the sharing of a School Liaison with Juvenile Court Services contract. AYES: Andersen, Lewis, Johnson, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Bids for bread, milk and fuel for the 2011-2012 school year were reviewed. Moved by Rowedder/Lewis to accept the bid of HyVee for bread, Farm Service Coop for fuel and Robert's Dairy for milk. AYES: Rowedder, Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, and Bradley. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Pardun explained the creation of a new state association to help with the purchasing of food and kitchen items. Kathy Christensen is serving on this new association's board of directors. In NWAEA most of the schools are joining. Motion by Johnson/Andersen to approve the Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing Agreement. AYES: Johnson, Andersen, Lewis, Rowedder, and Bradley.

Moved by Lewis/Johnson to approve the SAI Mentoring and Induction Agreement. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

A copy of the Denison Community Schools At-Risk Plan 2011-2012 was included in the board's meeting folder. Pardun noted that by law we are required to have one. He noted that it includes all of our programs. Moved by Rowedder/Johnson to approve the Denison Community Schools At-Risk Plan 2011-2012. AYES: Rowedder, Johnson, Andersen, Lewis and Bradley. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Pardun led a discussion on Tennis Courts. The district would need to know the project's cost and what our commitment would need to be before we would proceed any further. Exploration will take place to begin to answer the two previous questions. This information will be shared at a future board meeting.

Motion by Andersen/Johnson to change the July board meeting to July 18th at 12 noon in Room 119 at the High School. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

ADMINISTER UPDATES— Pat Roush told the board that it was a smooth finish to the school year, summer cleaning is off to a great start, and office staff is already preparing for registration.

Being no further school business a motion to adjourn was made by Johnson/Lewis at 9:04 p.m. AYES: Johnson, Lewis, Andersen, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none.

Rod Bradley – President

Scott A. Larson – Acting Secretary