

DENISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 21, 2011

The Denison Community School District Board of Education met in regular session Monday, March 21, 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 Principals Lynn Torr, Pat Roush and Steve Meinen.

Visitors were welcomed by Bradley. Present were Stephanie Wright, Matt & Leo Kane, Ruben Newell, and Gordon Wolf of the Denison Bulletin/Review.

A copy of a thank you note received from the Karen Reisz family was included in the board meeting book.

Moved by Rowedder/Johnson 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 Johnson/Andersen to accept the resignations of Tom Finley, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Bret Larson, 9th Grade Baseball, and Josh Anderson, High School Special Education Teacher. AYES: Johnson, Andersen, Lewis, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none.

One appointment was presented for board action. Moved by Lewis/Andersen to approve Adam Blum as 9th Grade Baseball Coach as presented. Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none

At 7:04 p.m. Bradley declared the public hearing on the 2011-2012 DCSD school calendar open. There were no written objections. One patron of the district, Stephanie Wright, voiced her objection to the start date of August 17. She noted that starting school that early cuts into family vacations and the State Fair. Following her objection Bradley declared the public hearing duly adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The Denison Difference was a presentation by High School Instrumental Instructor, Ruben Newell. He updated the board on activities and progress they have been making. He noted that he and his wife and Perry & Patti Bekkerus had just returned this evening from taking 12 students to Chicago. Students and chaperones paid their own expenses. 32 students participated in the Southwest Iowa Honor Band that marched in the Fiesta Bowl parade in Phoenix, AZ. This band also marched in the Iowa State Fair parade and won first place for bands. Newell said that the instrumental drive for band instruments had been successful.

The board reviewed the proposed 2011-2012 school calendar. Pardun shared with the board that several schools in the adjoining districts were starting classes on August 17th. Moved by Lewis/Andersen to approve the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented in the board

meeting book with a start date of August 17th. AYES: Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none.

The 2009-2010 financial audit was presented for approval. Moved by Andersen/Rowedder to approve the FY10 Denison CSD financial audit. All present voted yes.

An updated on construction projects was given by Pardun. He noted that the punch list for the Broadway Elementary project has been completed. They are now ready to install the chiller on the building. The bus barn project is scheduled to be completed by April 15th. There was discussion on a fire alarm for that building.

Change Order #13 for the bus barn was presented for board approval. The Change Order in the amount of \$2,282.23 was for the cost to insulate HVU outside air duct. Motion by Johnson/Lewis to approve Change Order #13 in the amount of \$2,282.23. AYES: Johnson, Lewis, Andersen, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none.

A copy of the contract for mowing the Northside Recreation Area was included in the board meeting book. Three contractors submitted bids with the low bid being \$44,280.00 from Phil's Lawn, Landscape and Nursery. The contract is for three years. The city shares in the cost and they have already approved the bid. Motion by Rowedder/Johnson to adopt the Resolution approving the contract for lawn care services for the Northside Recreation Area. AYES: Rowedder, Johnson, Lewis, Andersen, and Bradley. NAYS: none.

The board discussed changing the April meeting to April 13th as the budget for 2011-2012 needs to be certified by April 15th. Moved by Johnson/Andersen to move the April board meeting to April 13th at Noon in room #119 at the Denison High School. All present voted yes.

Motion by Rowedder/Andersen to set April 13, 2011 at Noon in room #119 for a hearing on the FY11 budget amendment and authorize publishing said amendment. AYES; Rowedder, Andersen, Lewis, Johnson and Bradley. NAYS: none.

Larson and Pardun discussed the FY12 budget with the board. Included in the board's meeting books were copies of budgets figured with zero percent, one percent and two percent allowable growth. The board agreed to the budget figured with zero percent allowable growth and see what the legislature approves. The tax levy would be \$14.46823 per thousand dollar valuation. Moved by Rowedder/Lewis to set April 13th, 2011 at 12:05 p.m. in room #119 at the high school for a public hearing on the FY12 budget and authorize publication of proposed FY12 budget. AYES: Rowedder, Lewis, Andersen, Johnson and Bradley. NAYS: none

Moved by Johnson/Andersen to approve Nolte, Cornman, and Johnson for FY12, FY13 and FY14 school audit. All present voted yes.

The board was asked to approve out of state trips for Denison FFA to the National Soils Contest in Oklahoma City, OK on May 3-6th, 2011 and the Denison High School Baseball team to Minneapolis, MN from July 8-11th, 2011. It was noted that these trips are funded by their

programs. Motion by Andersen/Johnson to approve the trips as presented. AYES: Andersen, Johnson, Lewis, Rowedder and Bradley. NAYS: none.

Board members were reminded of the Celebration 2011, May 7, 2011 at the Boulders Conference Center.

ADMINISTER UPDATES—Steve Meinen reported they are updating Professional Development and looking at assessment in grading; open house was well attended. Pat Roush told the board how well the students did at the middle school vocal and band contest recently, with approximately 130-135 band students and 30 vocal students performing; there are 150 out for track; conferences were last week with about 60% attendance; they will be doing English Language Development Assessments (ELDA) this week; John Credele was a speaker at an assembly recently; they recently had a performance by a group of adults and students presenting traditional dances honoring their heritage. Lynn Torr told the board several teachers will be going to Cherokee for a conference with Rick Wormeli as speaker; two high school students were honored by the Hawkeye 10 for their academic achievements; National Honor Society recently held their induction program with about twice as many students as in the past; they will be doing the ELDA testing this week; Larson reported we have received a \$100,000 Harkin Grant. This money will be used for installing Ansul Kitchen Systems in the High School and 20th Street Elementary kitchens.

Being no further school business a motion to adjourn was made by Rowedder/Johnson at 8:17 p.m. AYES: Rowedder, Johnson, Andersen, Lewis and Bradley. NAYS: none.

Rod Bradley – President

Ruth A. Frazier - Secretary