

## DENISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Denison Difference was a tour of the new Bus Maintenance/Storage Facility by those present which took place prior to the board meeting. On Monday, May 16, 2011 the Denison Community School District Board of Education met in the IMC at the Denison High School. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Vice President Kris Rowedder. Answering roll call were Kris Rowedder, Mark Johnson, Les Lewis and Larry Andersen. Rod Bradley was absent. Also present were Superintendent Mike Pardun, Business Manager Scott Larson and Principals Lynn Torr, Pat Roush, Steve Meinen and Chris Schulz.

Gordon Wolf of the Denison Bulletin/Review was welcomed by Rowedder.

Moved by Johnson/Lewis to appoint Scott Larson as acting secretary. AYES: Johnson, Lewis, Andersen, Andersen and Rowedder. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence included in the board meeting book was a fact sheet in honor of National School Board Recognition week, a picture of our 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation Soils team, and a copy of a letter from Ken Livingston regarding the Richard R. Knowles Trusts.

Pardun asked the board to include two bills from Lueder Construction in the amount of \$10,000.00 on the Broadway Elementary project and \$65,077.56 on the bus barn project to the bills payable. Moved by Lewis/Andersen to approve the consent items with changes noted. AYES: Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Consent items include the agenda, board minutes, bills paid between session and bills payable.

Six resignations and two appointments were presented for board approval. Following discussion it was moved by Andersen/Johnson to accept the resignations of Kari Segebart, Middle School Track Coach, Terri Demarest, Elementary Teacher, Amanda Swanson, Elementary Associate, Olivia Van Zante, High School Math Instructor, Justin Brincks, High School PE Instructor, and Sarah Brincks High School Language Arts Instructor. It was also moved to release Justin and Sarah Brincks from their 2011-12 contracts. All present voted yes. Moved by Johnson/Lewis to approve the appointments of Dana Schroeder, High School Special Education Instructor and Maria Blume High School Math per the Master Contract. AYES: Johnson, Lewis, Andersen, and Rowedder. NAYS: none.

Change Orders #17 and #18 for the Denison Bus Barn were presented for board approval. The DLR Group Inc. recommended that the board approve the change orders. Change Order #17 was a deduct for having grass seeded instead of junipers planted between the bus drive and stadium walkway in the amount of \$2544.00. #18 was for cost for installing a dedicated circuit for the fire alarm panel in the amount of \$612.75. Moved by Lewis/Andersen to accept Change Orders #17 and #18. AYES: Lewis, Andersen, Johnson, and Rowedder. NAYS: none

The list of 2011 graduates was presented for board approval. Moved by Andersen/Johnson to approve the list of Denison 2011 graduates pending completion of all requirements. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Proposed 2011-2012 school fees and substitute wages was included in the board's meeting books. Four changes were proposed. High school Ind ILC classes will increase from \$90.00 to \$110.00. Substitute teacher pay will increase from \$107.00 per day to \$110.00 per day. That move will cause long-term substitute teacher pay to increase from \$161.00 per day to \$165.00 per day as this is paid at a rate of 1.5X that of a single day. Nurse sub pay in the Elementary and Middle School buildings will increase from \$11.25 per hour to \$12.00 per hour. Following discussion it was moved by Johnson/Lewis to approve the 2011-2012 school fees and substitute wages. AYES: Johnson, Lewis, Andersen, and Rowedder. Motion carried.

There are no changes in any of the student handbooks, other than dates. Moved by Andersen/Lewis to approve the Denison Handbooks for 2011-2012. AYES: Andersen, Lewis, Johnson, and Rowedder. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the idea of the School Board Meetings going paperless via iPads for our board meetings. Goal is to have things in place for the June meeting. The Denison Difference for the June meeting will be a demonstration on the iPad. Documents for the board meetings will be placed in Dropbox folders by category as they become ready. After discussion board members agreed move forward with this idea.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES—Lynn Torr told the board that the High School is finishing up a great year. Seniors last day is Tuesday, May 17, Awards Day will be Friday, May 20, and Graduation will be on Sunday, May 22. The Soils team had a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish at the National Competition and Derek Rothe was 1 point away from being a National Champion. Pat Roush reported that 9 students made the All-Iowa Honor Band. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Bee team won their annual competition that is held in Sioux City. The Middle School will be holding a lock-in on Friday night, May 20. Swimming, movies, bowling, dodgeball, and minute-to-win-it are some of the activities being planned. There will be at least 300 qualifiers for this event, it is a reward for students who have displayed good conduct, had no detentions or bus referrals. The Middle School Awards assemblies will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Steve Meinen reported that the Character Counts assembly last Friday, May 13 was a huge success. \$3700 was raised and given to the Mapleton Tornado Relief effort. The Art Club will be visiting the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha on Saturday, May 21. The annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade track meet will be held on Friday, May 20, on the high school track. The Broadway Elementary awards day will be on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Chris Schulz reported that the Character Counts speaker did a great job. Hiring is going well. He also reported that the 8 new hires in his building from last year are all working on acquiring endorsements or furthering their education in some way.

Being no further school business a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. was made by Johnson/Andersen. All present voted yes.

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Kris Rowedder – Vice President

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Scott A. Larson - Secretary Pro-tem