

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD
April 14, 2015

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on April 14, 2015, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Barry Joe Wilson. Others present were Vice-president Brad Koen, Secretary Shawanna Wansley, and Board Members Kenneth Graves, Johnny Lockley, Bruce Morgan and Drew Whiting, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne.

Showcase

Carole Anderson gave a report on the EAST grant, along with success of the students at the recent FBLA Convention.

Julie Adams reported on the Fitness Gram.

Kenneth Graves, Johnny Lockley and Shawanna Wansley reported on their trip to Nashville, TN to attend the annual NSBA Conference.

Consent Agenda

Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015, regular meeting and the called meeting March 17, 2015. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 7-0. (7:31 p.m.)

Financial - Mr. Whiting made a motion to approve the March financial report as presented. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 7-0. (7:34 p.m.)

Canopy and Installation - A motion was made by Mr. Graves to purchase a canopy from Monticello Aluminum Company at a total cost of \$8,850.00 as recommended. This will cover the handicap ramp at DeWitt High School. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (7:38 p.m.)

Microsoft Licensing Agreement - Mr. Lockley made a motion to purchase license and software assurance from SHI for district faculty and staff in the amount of \$6,808.00 annually as recommended. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 7-0. (7:43 p.m.)

E-Rate Funding - A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to enter into a contract for Tier II E-Rate funding beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, as recommended. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 7-0. (7:50 p.m.)

Student Insurance Renewal - Mr. Koen made a motion to renew student/athletic insurance with Health Special Risk, Inc. at a cost of \$12,347.00 for the 2015-16 school year as recommended. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 7-0. (8:07 p.m.)

Custodial Contract - Mr. Koen made a motion to enter into a three-year contract with GCA Education Services, Inc. (GCA) in the amount of \$313,380.00 plus tax annually. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 7-0. (8:10 p.m.)

Baseball/Softball Contract - A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to enter into a contract with DBSA for two fields in the amount of \$3,500.00 for 2015 as recommended. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 7-0. (8:17 p.m.)

2014 Audit - A motion to accept the 2014 audit was made by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (8:20 p.m.)

Requests for use of Facilities -

Gillett High School Auditorium -Mrs. Wansley made a motion to grant the request from the Gillett PTA to use the Gillett High School auditorium for the Miss Gillett pageant on April 25, 2015. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried 7-0. (8:22 p.m.)

Gillett High School Auditorium - A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to grant the request from the Gillett Civic Group to use the Gillett High School auditorium on May 16, 2015, for the Gillett Heritage Days Pageant. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 7-0. (8:24 p.m.)

Policy Updates - Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the following personnel policy updates: Licensed policies - 3.6, 3.7, 3.16,3.19, 3.30, 3.38, 3.44,3.49. Also, hold policy 3.31 and 3.46 was not recommended. Classified policies - 8.11,8.13,8.26,8.36. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 7-0. (8:35 p.m.)

Request to use High School Gym -A motion to grant the request from New Life Fellowship to use the high school gym on April 18 if inclement weather occurs was made by Mr. Koen. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (8:37 p.m.)

High School Roofing Project - A motion to accept the bid from Harold Hall Roofing for the high school roofing project for the total amount of \$239,500.00 was made by Mr. Koen. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 7-0. (8:44 p.m.)

Consideration of Contract with The Leadership Academy - was tabled until May on a motion by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (8:49 p.m.)

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Superintendent's Report - Dr. Dardenne reported to the Board on the following:

New building update
Broadband issues
Education laws
Kindergarten registration

PPC Report - Daniel White, chairman of the PPC, reported that the PPC was looking at possible changes to the district Bereavement policy and retirement pay tied to substitutes.

The Board went into executive session at 8:57 p.m. After coming out of executive session at 9:56 p.m. and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

Classified Employee Contract Renewals - A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to renew the contracts of all classified employees who requested renewal, with the exception of those being notified of non-renewal by May 1. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 7-0. (9:57 p.m.)

Employment

I Tech Assistant - A motion to approve employment of an I Tech assistant on a 200 day contract at a salary of \$13.00 per hour was made by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried. 7-0.

Middle School Counselor - Mr. Koen made a motion to accept the recommendation to reduce the number of days worked for the Middle School Counselor from 220 to 205. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 7-0.

DES Special Education -A motion was made by Mrs. Wansley to employ Charley Jo Miller as Special Education teacher at DeWitt Elementary. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried 7-0.

Gillett Elementary - Mr. Morgan made a motion to employ Toshia Dillion as first grade teacher at Gillett Elementary. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0.

DES Resource Room - A motion to transfer Jean Davenport from Resource Room to a self-contained classroom was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Koen. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 7-0 (10:00 p.m.)

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DATE APPROVED _____

BARRY JOE WILSON, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY