

## DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

October 14, 2014

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met for its Annual Report to the Public and regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Present were Board Members Kenneth Graves, Brad Koen, Johnny Lockley, Bruce Morgan, Shawanna Wansley, Drew Whiting, and Barry Joe Wilson, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne.

**Annual Report to the Public** - Reports were given by Rachel Mitchell, Gillett Elementary School principal; Julie Amstutz, DeWitt Elementary School principal; Clay Ashcraft, DeWitt Middle School principal; and Marty Weaver, Dewitt High School principal. They reported on progress toward goals, accreditation standards, and programs to correct deficiencies at each school.

Dr. Lynne Dardenne, Superintendent of Schools, and Julie Adams, Director of Federal Programs, presented the district report. Data and information was shared on accreditation status, achievement, retention, discipline, demographics, choice, and economic indicators. The entire report is available at [www.dewittschooldistrict.net](http://www.dewittschooldistrict.net).

Following the Annual Report to the Public, the Board went into its regular monthly meeting.

Bruce Morgan was present but recused himself from voting due to not yet having been sworn in.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne who asked for nominations for **Board Reorganization**.

**President** - A motion to elect Mr. Wilson as President was made by Mr. Koen. Second by Mr. Lockley.

Motion carried. 6-0 Mr. Wilson presided over the remainder of the reorganization.

**Vice-President** - Mr. Whiting made a motion to elect Mr. Koen as Vice-president. Second by Mrs. Wansley. A motion to cease nominations was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mr. Lockley. Mr. Koen was elected Vice-president. 6-0

**Secretary-** Mr. Koen made a motion to elect Mrs. Wansley as Secretary. Second by Mr. Whiting.

Motion carried. 6-0

**Ex-Officio Financial Secretary** - Mr. Graves made a motion to elect Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne as Ex-Officio Financial Secretary. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried. 6-0 (7:24 p.m.)

## **Consent Agenda**

**Minutes** - Mr. Lockley made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2014, meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried. 6-0

**Financial** - A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mr. Koen. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0 (7:28 p.m.)

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## **Administrative Reports**

**Consideration of Approval of the District School Improvement Plan (ACSIP)** - A motion to approve the ACSIP plan as presented and recommended was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0 (7:32 p.m.)

**Statement of Assurance** - Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the Statement of Assurance report which is required to be filed as part of the October 1 report. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried. 6-0 (7:35 p.m.)

Dr. Dardenne reminded Board members that the **Region 9 Board Meeting** will be held at DeWitt High School on October 27, 2014.

**Consideration of Change to Policy 7.5** (Purchase of Commodities) Mr. Graves made a motion which would allow the superintendent to make purchases over \$10,000.00 when necessary. A list of all purchases of commodities exceeding \$10,000 will be included with the finance report each month for the Board's review. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried 6-0 (7:45 p.m.)

**Consideration of Technology Purchases** - A motion was made by Mr. Graves to allow Superintendent Lynne Dardenne to purchase technology equipment over \$10,000.00 on two purchase orders. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0 (7:50 p.m.)

**Election of Voting delegate to ASBA Annual Meeting December 10-12** - This vote was postponed until a special meeting on October 29, 2014. (7:51 p.m.)

**Board Finance Training and Special Meeting** will be held October 29, 2014 with the training beginning at 2:00 P.M. followed by a special meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**Broadband Letter** - Mr. Koen made a motion to approve sending a letter to our Representatives and Senators regarding the broadband issue facing schools. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 6-0 (7:59 p.m.)

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Dardenne gave an update report to the Board regarding **Facilities** and **Technology**.

**Midwest Band Clinic** - A motion to allow band directors Eric and Julie Rutherford to attend the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago December 17-20 was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried 6-0 (8:31 p.m.)

**PPC Report** - PPC representative, Daniel White stated that the PPC had nothing to report at this time. (8:32 p.m.)

The Board went into **Executive Session** for consideration of personnel. (8:34 p.m.)

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After coming out of Executive Session and declaring the board to be in open session at 9:40 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mr. Koen. Motion carried. 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ BARRY JOE WILSON, PRESIDENT

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