

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

February 10, 2016

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met for an expulsion hearing and its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Brad Koen. Others present were Vice-president Drew Whiting, and Secretary Shawanna Wansley, and Board Members Kenneth Graves, and April Herring along with Dr. Lynne Dardenne. Johnny Lockley and Bruce Morgan were absent.

Student Showcase

Art - Devin Carrington was recognized for placing third in the State Art Contest.

Jr. High Quiz Bowl Team – will be competing in the state level competition on February 20, 2016.

Expulsion Hearing – The board then went into an expulsion hearing at 5:07 p.m. The hearing was closed at the request of the parent. After hearing all evidence presented in the closed hearing, the board declared itself to be in open session at 5:59 p.m. and presented the following recommendation: to expel Joshua Huffman for the remainder of the 15-16 school year with loss of credit. A motion to accept this recommendation was made by Mr. Whiting with a second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Minutes - A motion to approve the minutes from the January 2016 meeting was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (6:00 p.m.)

Financial – Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of January as presented. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (6:01 p.m.)

Administrative Reports

A. Construction Update - was given by Project Superintendent Sheldon Griffis. (6:14 p.m.)

B. GT Program Tech Assistance Visit – Dr. Dardenne informed the board that an on-site visit was conducted of the GT program and that the program is compliant in each of seven areas. (6:17 p.m.)

C. Request for use of DHS Cafeteria – A motion to approve the request to use the high school cafeteria for the athletic awards banquet on May 16, 2016, was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (6:18 p.m.)

D. Pee-Wee request to use gym – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to approve the request to use the DHS gym for pee-wee practices and jamboree. High School basketball coaches will coordinate dates for practice with principals. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 5-0. (6:20 p.m.)

At the request of President Koen a motion to amend the agenda to add a request from the Band of Brothers as item H was made by Mr. Whiting. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (6:21 p.m.)

E. DHS Gym Heating and Cooling unit – Annotated code 6-21-305 allows bid exemption in the event of an emergency. Dr. Dardenne asked the board to declare an emergency in the purchase and installation of a new heating and cooling unit for the high school gym. She had requested two quotes for this: (1) Scott Systems \$23,742.00 (2) Mizell Heating and Air, Inc. \$18,450.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to accept the recommendation to declare an emergency and accept the quote from Mizell Heating and Air. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (6:27 p.m.)

F. APEX Software Renewal – A motion to renew the APEX software subscription in the amount of \$11,650.00 was made by Mr. Graves. This is 406 licenses, one day of professional development, and access by all DMS students. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (6:29 p.m.)

G. 2016-17 Calendar – Mrs. Herring made a motion to accept the recommendation from the PPC and adopt Calendar 2 as the district's calendar for 2016-17. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (6:35 p.m.)

H. Band of Brothers – Mr. Whiting made a motion to grant the request from the Band of Brothers use of the DMS gym in the event of inclement weather for their Sportsman's Day on February 20, 2016. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (6:36 p.m.)

Superintendent's Report

- Board will visit Jonesboro Westside on February 29 to view One to One.
- Game and Fish grants totaling \$10,088.62 will be disbursed to the following:
 - \$5,088.62 - Archery – DeWitt Middle School
 - \$3,000.00 – Outdoor Classroom – DeWitt Elementary
 - \$2,000.00 – DeWitt Trap Shooting
- ASBA Winter updates were given to each member
- Kindergarten numbers are up. Para-pros have been shifted to meet standards

The Board went into executive session at 6:51 p.m. (Bruce Morgan arrived at 6:53 p.m.)

After coming out of executive session at 7:51 p.m. and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken.

Personnel

Resignations

A motion to accept the resignation of Deane McEuen as Jr High Cheer coach was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:51 p.m.)

Mr. Morgan made a motion to release Kathy Trites from her contract as of February 29, 2016. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:52 p.m.)

Employment

A motion to employ Kathy Trites for half days beginning in March and then April and May Fridays only. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:53 p.m.)

A motion to employ Lynn Holzhauer as long term sub with long term pay through Sub-Teach during April and May was made by Mr. Morgan. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0. (7:54 p.m.)

Mr. Graves made a motion to employ David Rowland as math teacher and possible project Lead the Way for the 2016-17 school year. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0. (7:55 p.m.)

A motion to reinstate Mandy Cotten on the teacher's salary schedule was made by Mrs. Wansley. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:55 p.m.)

Mrs. Herring made a motion to renew contracts of the following for 2016-17:

- Julie Adams
- Jeff Rader
- Julie Amstutz
- Bobbie Steeland
- Marty Weaver
- Clay Ashcraft
- Rachel Mitchell

Second by Mr. Morgan. Motion carried 6-0. (7:56 p.m.)

Mr. Morgan made a motion to extend the contract of Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne through June 30, 2019. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 6-0. (7:56 p.m.)

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried.

DATE APPROVED: _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY