

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

May 10, 2016

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

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

Student Showcase - Tyler Corley was recognized for having his artwork chosen to represent DeWitt High School in the 2016 Congressional Art Competition.

Consent Agenda

Minutes – Mr. Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016, regular meeting and the called meeting on April 21, 2016. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:02 p.m.)

Financial – A motion to approve the financial report for April, 2016, was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:05 p.m.)

New Business

Approval of District Accreditation Report – A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to accept the District Accreditation Report as presented. There are no cites or violations for any of the schools. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried. 5-0. (7:07 p.m.)

FBLA Field Trip – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to grant the request from DHS FBLA to attend the national convention in Atlanta, Georgia, June 27 – July 3, 2016. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:12 p.m.)

DES Leadership Academy – Principal Julie Amstutz, Assistant Principal Bobbie Lynn Steeland, and classroom teachers Alisha Jones and Jessica Smith gave a report to the board on their attendance at the Leadership Academy and what they had gained by having the opportunity to attend. (7:22 p.m.)

Curriculum Presentation for Elementary Schools – Chasity Chastain and Meagan Padgett gave a presentation on a new Literacy and Math curriculum consisting of a phonics program, a writing curriculum, and guided reading. After their presentation a motion was made by Mr. Lockley to purchase this. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (7:41 p.m.)

Consideration of Breakfast and Lunch Price Increase – Mr. Whiting made a motion to increase the cost of meals for all schools in the district as follows:

- Breakfast for all campuses – from \$1.00 to \$1.25
- DeWitt and Gillett Elementary – from \$1.50 to \$1.75
- DeWitt Middle School - \$1.75 to \$2.25
- DeWitt High School - \$2.00 to \$2.25

Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:49 p.m.)

ASBA Model Policy Renewal – Mr. Graves made a motion to renew the three-year contract with ASBA Model Policy Service. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:50 p.m.)

Consideration of Purchase for 2016-17 Cheer – A motion to accept the recommendation to purchase items for Junior High Cheer was made by Mrs. Wansley. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (7:51 p.m.)

Proposed Policy of Pay Periods for Newly Employed Personnel – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to approve the recommendation to make the following change to proposed policy 3.1C:

Newly employed licensed staff, on a non-extended contract, who are eligible, will be paid in eleven (11) monthly installments based on the contracted salary amount, beginning in August of the fiscal year for the first year of employment.

All continuing licensed personnel, who are eligible, will be paid in twelve Monthly installments based on the contracted salary amount beginning in July of the fiscal year. Designated pay dates will be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board of Directors.

Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (7:55 p.m.)

Consideration of Contract Renewal with The Leadership Academy – Mr. Graves made a motion to renew the contract with The Leadership Academy for the 2016-17 school year. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 5-0. (8:02 p.m.)

Consideration of Stipend – for licensed staff holding National Board Certification or a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Mr. Lockley made a motion to approve this recommendation with the following amounts to be given as stipends:

Speech Language Pathology - \$3,000.00

NBPTS - \$2,500.00

Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (8:10 p.m.)

Request for use of Facilities – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to approve the request from the Gillett Civic Group to use the Gillett School facilities for Heritage Day on May 21, 2016. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (8:11 p.m.)

Model Policy Updates – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to approve the ASBA policy updates. Mr. Graves then withdrew the motion and will be voted on at a later date. (8:30 p.m.)

Consideration of Cameras for new Middle School – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to move existing operating cameras and add thirteen (13) new cameras from KLC Video Security for the new middle school. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0. (8:35 p.m.)

Correction to Reflect Sales Tax – Furnishings and network cabling for the new middle school were approved in the April Board meeting. However, sales tax was not taken in to consideration. Therefore, a motion to approve sales tax for the new furnishings and cabling was made by Mr. Graves. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 5-0. (8:37 p.m.)

Bus Bids – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to purchase two (2) new Thomas buses with cameras included. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (8:40 p.m.)

Special Ed Assurances/6-B Application – Mr. Lockley made a motion to approve the Special Ed Assurances and Title 6-B for 2016-17. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (8:43 p.m.)

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

- Upcoming events,
- A-F Grades from State,
- Construction Report – Sheldon Griffis,
- Reviewed plaque for new building.

Personnel Policy – had nothing to report at this time.

The Board went into executive session for consideration of personnel at 9:10 p.m. After coming out of executive session at 9:52 p.m. and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken:

Resignations – Mr. Graves made a motion to accept the resignations of the following:

- Sam Davis
- Cole White
- Jean Davenport (Retirement)

Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 5-0.

Employment – A motion to employ Teresa Clawson as elementary teacher at Gillett was made by Mrs. Wansley. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 5-0.

Transfers – Mr. Whiting made a motion to transfer the following:

- Leasa Smith from ISS to Virtual Arkansas facilitator
- Charley Jo Coleman from Special Ed Resource to Special Ed self-contained

Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Lockley. Seconded by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 5-0.

DATE APPROVED: _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

Shawanna Wansley, Secretary