

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

April 11, 2017

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the DeWitt High School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Koen. Others present were Vice-president Drew Whiting, Secretary Shawanna Wansley and board members Kenneth Graves, April Herring, Johnny Lockley, and Bruce Morgan, along with Superintendent Dr. Lynne Dardenne.

Consent Agenda

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017, called meeting, the March 14, 2017 regular meeting and the April 3, 2017 called meeting. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (7:14 p.m.)

Financial - Mr. Graves made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of March as presented. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0. (7:17 p.m.)

Track Refurbishing – A motion was made to accept the bid from Beynon to make repairs to the track and draining issues. Second by Mrs. Herring. After much discussion Mr. Whiting asked that his motion be withdrawn.

A motion to table action on the track until further information could be attained was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mr. Morgan. Dr. Dardenne informed the board that she has a request for a more thorough breakdown of price details from the installation company. Motion carried 7-0. (7:29 p.m.)

Chromebooks and Carts – Mr. Morgan made a motion to accept the bid from Howard Technologies in the amount of \$77,422.50 through Tips and Taps for 225 chrome books and 9 charging carts. Dr. Dardenne reminded the board that there are Title VI funds in the amount of \$26,000.00 and also NSLA funds that can be applied toward this cost. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 7-0. (7:40 p.m.)

High School Infrastructure Bids - A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to accept the bid from Defense Integration Solutions and Natural State Networks to update the infrastructure at DeWitt High School. Total cost is \$110,336.81. Total to be paid by E-Rate, \$47,537.18, district cost is \$62,799.63. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (7:45 p.m.)

Therapy Possibilities Contract - A motion was made by Mr. Graves to enter into a contract with Therapy Possibilities to provide therapy services for the 2017-18 school year. Second by Mr. Whiting. Motion carried 7-0. (7:47 p.m.)

Physical Therapy Contract –Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract with Gayla Like Physical Therapy, Inc. to provide therapy services to the district for the 2017-18 school year. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0. (7:48 p.m.)

Copier Contract – A motion to renew the three-year contract with Arkansas Copier was made by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0. (7:50 p.m.)

Busses – Mr. Whiting made a motion to purchase two new busses at a cost of \$87,309.00 each. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (7:57 p.m.)

Student Insurance Renewal – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to renew the contract with HSR for supplementary insurance for all students at a cost of \$12,347.00. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0. (7:59 p.m.)

Licensed Salary Schedule – Mr. Morgan made a motion to accept the recommendation to approve a new licensed personnel salary schedule by adding \$1,000.00 to the base and add an additional step at step 20. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0. (8:03 p.m.)

Policy Change – A motion to approve the recommended change to policy 3.8-Licensed Personnel Sick Leave was made by Mr. Whiting. Policy will be changed to read, A statement from a physician will be required for every three (3) consecutive days of sick leave absences “or three (3) consecutive days of absence using any combination of sick leave and personal leave”, or full pay will be deducted. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 7-0. (8:05 p.m.)

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Dardenne reported to the board on the following:

- ❖ Summer Maintenance
- ❖ Kindergarten Registration
- ❖ Jr. Sr. Banquet – April 22, 2017
- ❖ FBLA Competition Results

The Board went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for consideration of personnel.

After coming out of executive session and declaring itself to be in open session, the following action was taken:

Resignations – Mrs. Wansley made a motion to accept the resignations of the following:

- ❖ Stacy Carr – Middle School English
- ❖ Kayla Ritter – DES Special Education
- ❖ Kelly Self – DES 3rd Grade Math
- ❖ Mark Courtney – 7th Grade Football Coach
- ❖ Drew Horton – Head Jr. High Football Coach

Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 7-0.

Employment – A motion was made by Mr. Whiting to employ the following for the 2017-18 school year:

- ❖ Lauren Engelkes – DES Teacher
- ❖ Jennifer Hearn – DES Teacher
- ❖ Matt Forester – DHS English Teacher
- ❖ Lindsey Hestir – DHS Math Teacher
- ❖ Douglas Milholen – Social Studies, Assistant Football
- ❖ Lacey Mangrum – Science, Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach

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Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0.

Classified Personnel – A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to renew contracts of all classified personnel who requested renewal with the exception of those who may receive a letter of non-renewal by May 1, 2017. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 7-0.

Vacation – Mr. Morgan made a motion to allow Dr. Dardenne an additional week’s vacation. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 7-0.

DATE APPROVED: _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY