

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

March 14, 2017

The Board of Directors of the DeWitt School District met in its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Offices.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-president Drew Whiting. Others present were Secretary Shawanna Wansley and Board Members Kenneth Graves, April Herring, and Johnny Lockley. Brad Koen (8:30 p.m.) and Bruce Morgan were absent.

Student Recognition and Awards

Wyatt Luebke – All-State Football

Lane Adams – All-Conference Bowling

Shelby Poor – All-Conference Bowling

Adam Hill – All-Conference and All-State Bowling

OEP School Awards

Consent Agenda

Amend Agenda – A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to amend the agenda by adding item M, Early Graduation Request. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried. 5-0. (7:04 p.m.)

Minutes – Mr. Lockley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2017, meeting as presented. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 5-0. (7:06 p.m.)

Financial – A motion to approve the financial report for the month of February was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (7:08 p.m.)

New Business

DeWitt Middle School – Dr. Dardenne informed the Board that DeWitt Middle School has been removed from Focus School status. (7:10 p.m.)

Audit Report – Dr. Dardenne read the following corrective action for the 2015-16 school audit: FINDING: Examination of the fiscal year 2016 claims for reimbursement revealed the total number claimed for breakfast and lunch meals did not agree to the daily count sheets for eight of the ten months with meal reimbursement claims. Breakfast reimbursement claims were understated by 406 meals and lunch reimbursements were overstated by 142 meals. These

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errors resulted in net breakfast under claim of \$825.00 and a net lunch over claim of \$364.00 for a total under claim of \$461.00.

Answer – Upon district investigation the problem involved the transfer of numbers from software generated reports to ADE Child Nutrition required worksheets. The district is currently looking at software that is more compatible with required reporting. I have also established a checking submission for Federal Reimbursement.

A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to approve the 2016 audit report. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (7:15 p.m.)

Practice Field Work - Coach Mark Courtney reported on work being done on the practice field. Everything being done is volunteer and at no cost to the district. Motion to approve this was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (8:00 p.m.)

2017-18 School Calendar – Mr. Lockley made a motion to approve option 2 as the school calendar for 2017-18 as recommended. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (7:20 p.m.)

Use of Facilities Request – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to grant the request from Gillett Farmers and Businessmen to use the Gillett cafeteria for a family night in March. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0 (7:22 p.m.)

Energy Solutions Savings Proposal – Jeff Rader presented an energy solutions saving proposal to the Board. Total project cost will be \$11,687.90 with a cost to the district of \$5,399.00. A motion to approve this proposal was made by Mrs. Herring. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (7:25 p.m.)

Long Term Bus Driver Sub Pay – Mr. Lockley made a motion to approve an addition to policy 8-13A-Long term substitute driver (10 consecutive days driving the same route) same rate as the regular driver to be made retroactive to March 1, 2017. Bus drivers will be removed from policy 3-5D. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (7:30 p.m.)

DHS Curriculum Program – DHS principal Clay Ashcraft presented recommended business career and technical changes to the DHS curriculum. Motion to approve was made by Mrs. Herring. Copy attached. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:38 p.m.)

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Math Facilitator Position – A motion was made by Mr. Graves to grant the request from Dr. Dardenne to establish guidelines for a possible Math Facilitator position for grades 6-12. Second by Mr. Lockley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:40 p.m.)

Professional Development Calendar - Mrs. Wansley made a motion to approve June 1 – May 31 as the professional development calendar for the district. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 5-0. (7:42 p.m.)

Recreational Trails Program Grant Approval - Mr. Lockley made a motion to approve the Recreational Trails program Grant as presented. Second by Mr. Graves. Motion carried 5-0. (7:46 p.m.)

Auction of Surplus Content Property (not real estate) – Mrs. Herring made a motion to select a time and date for an auction of surplus content property at the old Middle School. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0. (7:48 p.m.)

Early Graduation Request – A motion was made by Mr. Lockley to approve the request for early graduation. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 5-0 (7:50 p.m.)

Superintendent's Report

Information was presented on the plans for a band trip during Spring Break. Dr. Dardenne gave information on the baseball contract meeting.

The Board went into executive session at 8:00 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.

Personnel

Resignations

A motion to accept the resignation of Jonathon Eggerman as Assistant Girls' Basketball coach and Teresa Oswald as APED para-professional was made by Mr. Koen. Second by Mrs. Herring. Motion carried 6-0.

Employment

A motion was made by Mrs. Herring to employ the following for the 2017-18 school year:
Ali White – Elementary

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Jay Bly – High School Math

All licensed staff as presented with the exception of those receiving non-renewal notices by May 1.

Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Medical Resignation

Mr. Graves made a motion to accept the medical resignation of Stacy Carr effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Lockley. Second by Mrs. Wansley. Motion carried 6-0.

Date Approved: _____

BRAD KOEN, PRESIDENT

SHAWANNA WANSLEY, SECRETARY