

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

Regular
KIND OF MEETING

High School Library
PLACE

6:30PM 1/15/08
TIME AND DATE

MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Shirley Horstman
Presiding officer

Donna Quinn

Ben Andersen

Terry Schulting

JoAnne Loeffelholz

Jim Puls

Katherine Kelly
Superintendent of Schools

Steve McClain
Secretary to the Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

The East Dubuque Board of Education met in Regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, with 7 members present and 0 members absent.

The pledge to the flag was given.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Puls moved to approve the December 18, 2007 regular minutes, January bills, Treasurer's Report, Concur with suspensions, & the destruction of audio recordings for July 2006. On a second by Loeffelholz the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows:

Quinn aye, McClain aye, Schulting aye, Andersen aye, Loeffelholz aye, Puls aye, & Horstman aye.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND CORRESPONDANCE

CONTINUATION OF Regular BOARD MEETING HELD ON January 15, 2008IV. OLD BUSINESS

Bob Carlile reviewed the annual audit via conference call.

A meeting with The Warrior Booster Club was set for January 24, 2008 at 5:00 PM to discuss the football field project.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Superintendent evaluation forms will need to be completed and returned to President Horstman. A meeting to review the evaluations is set for Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 5:30 PM.

B. The Calendar Committee will meet on February 19, 2008 at 5:00 PM to review the calendar for 2008-2009 school year.

C. Puls moved to adopt the following policies for 2nd Reading:

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
4:60 Operational Services
4:110 Transportation
5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
5:100 General Personnel
5:250 Leaves of Absence
5:330 Leaves of Absence
5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions
6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
6:60 Curriculum Content
6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency
7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
7:70 Attendance and Truancy
7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, & Harassment
7:220 Bus Conduct
7:50 School Admissions and Student transfers To and From Non-School District
6:310 Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs and Course Substitutions
6:110 Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
6:280 Grading and Promotion
7:190 Student Discipline
4:160 Hazardous and Infectious Materials
6:50 School Wellness
6:90 Kindergarten
6:60 Curriculum Content

On a second by Loeffelholz the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay.

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D. Andersen moved to adopt the IMRF Military Service Resolution. On a second by Loeffelholz the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows:

Quinn aye, Schulting aye, Andersen aye, Loeffelholz aye, Puls aye, Horstman aye, & McClain aye.

E. Superintendent Kelly asked to move the final compliance review to executive session.

IV. INFORMATION & PROPOSALSA. COMMITTEE REPORTSB. STAFF REPORTS AND PROPOSALS

1. John Vesely reported the Dubuque Thunderbird Hockey team were guests on January 10, 2008 to help promote reading.

The spelling bee was held on Monday, January 14. The winners, Jenna Oftadal, Keagan Duster and Colton Fleege, will advance to the countywide spelling bee at Galena on February 5, 2008.

Second nine-week awards were presented on Friday, January 11.

We will start an after-school Spanish program for students in grades 3-4 on Tuesdays & Wednesday and for grades 5-6 on Thursdays starting January 22-March 13. Ms. Lily Sprengelmeier will be the instructor. The P.T.O. will be funding this opportunity.

Deb Endress will work with the staff on reading instruction during our next school improvement workshop (February 4). Teacher aides will have someone from the Northwest Special Education Coop talk about working with students who are ADHD.

On Friday, February 8, Mr. Vesely will be attending a principals' meeting in Freeport.

East Dubuque Savings Bank is sponsoring an assembly on Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Bob Welch will be here to present music from the Civil War Era. Grades 5-8 will attend.

Individual Iowa Basic Skill Tests were handed out with report cards. Mr. DeSanti is planning to meet with grade level teachers to discuss the results and ways we can use the results to better instruction.

Jim Jelinske will be meeting with students in K-5 for a Character Education Assembly.

Future dates: ISAT: March 4-14
Kindergarten screenings: February 26-28
Preschool screenings: March 12-14

Current enrollment is 466.

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2. Mr. Loeffelholz - the construction of the vermi-composting building continues.

Over the winter break the following tasks were accomplished; buffed and waxed 19,000 sq feet of floor tile, serviced 45 heat pump units, serviced gym air handling unit, cleaned all three school buildings, and removed snow.

The Pass thru refrigerator in the high school kitchen will need to be replaced. Nieland Refrigeration will be replacing the unit with a Tru Roll Tru Refrigerator for the cost of \$8,495.00.

Mr. Loeffelholz contacted Ryan Engle from Zier's Testing Lane in Lanark to conduct all mandated bus inspections.

3. Mr. Herbst- Academic letters were awarded to students who earn a 3.500 or higher grade point average.

Freshmen Orientation for the 2008-09 school year will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria

East Dubuque High School has been chosen to be one of the four sites for the regional boys' basketball tournament to be held the week of February 18-22, 2008

East Dubuque High School students will be participating in the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) contest on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at Highland Community College.

Current enrollment is 219 students.

4. Ms. Kelly reminded the Board of the upcoming Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor conference.

Puls moved to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, student discipline, and Litigation affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. On a second by Loeffelholz the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows:

Loeffelholz aye, Puls aye, Quinn aye, Andersen aye, Horstman aye, McClain aye & Schulting aye.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:45 PM

Andersen moved to return to open session. On a second by Quinn the motion carried.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:43 PM.

No business came out of closed session.

V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

VI. PRESIDENT'S PREROGATIVE

VII. ADJOURN

Andersen moved to adjourn. On a second by McClain the motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Regular Meeting - February 19, 2008.

Rec. Sec. - Lisa M Barklow

Shirley Horstman - PRES.

Steve McClain - SECY