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Dayton School Board  
609 South Second Streets  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
February 17, 2021 (Virtual Meeting VIA Zoom)

- I. **Call to Order**  
Board Chair Leid called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members met via Zoom. Board Attendees included Katie Leid, David Bailey, Justin Jaech, Grant Griffen, and Fred White.
- II. **Flag Salute-** Board member Leid led the flag salute.
- III. **Recognition of Representatives:** Melissa Gemmell- Dayton Chronicle, Michelle Smith- Waitsburg Times
- IV. **Additions/Changes to Agenda –** Remove retirement policies listed in action items. Add discussion on the board being able to meet in person.
- V. **Consent Agenda:**  
Board member Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from January 20, 2021, and February 3, 2021 meetings: warrants #118374-118417 from the General Fund totaling \$51,948.45; #118418-118419 from Capital Projects totaling \$6,325.88; #3118420-118422 from ASB totaling \$1,337.20; #118423 for \$166.35 from Transportation; #118424-118444 from the General Fund totaling \$410,715.01 for February payroll. Approve hiring of Kent Beasley as Bus Route Driver, approve the donation of \$320 towards a backpack sprayer from a group of caring citizens; approve updated classified salary schedule showing the standby driver pay increase to meet the new minimum wage standard. Motion carried.
- VI. **Public Comment –** N/A
- VII. **Reports:**  
**ASB Report-** Rose reported on current ASB activities. She noted the ASB just wrapped up their Valentine event selling candy grams and roses. She indicated the ASB is planning to amend the constitution to have club representatives attend the ASB meetings.  
**Department Reports:**  
**Maintenance-** John Delp reported on the following items:
  - Cleaning is going well, and other projects are getting done as well.
  - Over Christmas break, they rented a lift and cleaned the ceiling and walls of the Ag shop.
  - Plumbing is starting to be an issue. The drain and pipe in the kitchen deteriorated and needed repair in December. Since the plumbing is 1953 vintage, other areas are starting to show deterioration as well.
  - The parking lot between the high school and gym needs attention.

- Snow plowing is bringing up chunks of asphalt, creating safety issues due to potholes.
- The new boiler is working well. There is some condensation on the return from the high school that needs to be addressed.
- Custodians will be busy with snow removal, keeping sidewalks clear and building access cleared as well as parking areas.
- Plans for the future will include painting projects around the district. The new awning will need to be painted (sealed) not only for the aesthetic value but to seal and protect the exposed metal.

**Food Service- Jana Eaton submitted the following report:**

We are 100+ days into the school year and have developed pretty smooth day-to-day operating procedures. We are still serving grab-and-go breakfasts to our middle/high school students and have seen an increase in the number of students participating in our breakfast program at the MS/HS and in the elementary. The number of participants in the lunch program has remained pretty consistent at the elementary, but we see a rise in the number of students from the middle/high school grabbing a meal when they are dismissed at 12:30 p.m. We fully expect to see a pretty dramatic increase when we move to the 2:00 p.m. dismissal for MS/HS.

**Equipment Assistance Grant** – This year, I submitted a grant request for two items. Both of our stove/oven units in the kitchen show their age and not functioning consistently (the oven units) or, as in the case of the stovetops, take an excessive amount of time to bring food cooked on the stovetop to temp. The 1st request, or priority #1, is for a 36" Lang Range with 2 French Plates and 2 Hot Tops. This would replace the existing Lange Range that we have now, which is over 20 years old. The 2nd request is for a 36" Lang Range with 2 French Plates and a 24" Griddle. This would replace the one we have now that is over 15 years old. Three quotes were gathered for each request. The units cost approximately \$8,000. The amount requested would cover the cost of the unit, tax, and shipping. A small amount was also built to cover any electrical work that may have to be done to install the units. The award notifications should be made sometime this spring. On the day the grant was due, one of our convection ovens went down due to an element that broke when the fan came on. There was a small fire (mostly from the sparking of the element component), which was quickly put out by turning off the oven. We were able to have it repaired, but those ovens are beginning to show their age as well. If the grant is available next year, I will apply for a new convection oven unit to replace these units that are starting to show their age. Parts and services for these units are also quite costly. The part is usually less expensive than the charge for travel and labor.

**Additional Entitlement Award** – I applied for and received an additional \$2,500 in entitlement funds for this year. The majority of the funds will be used for the DoD program (Fresh Fruits & Vegetables), and the remaining funds will be used for commodities. By definition, commodities are foods purchased by the USDA and provided to schools at a minimal cost. We have utilized the commodities program quite a bit this year. Like all programs, not everything is "a good deal." If the kids don't eat it, then we haven't

gained anything.

**Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Program** – Since starting the program in November, we have fine-tuned our process and are now sending home fruit and vegetable boxes every Thursday with all students in preschool through 5th grade. The program has been very well received by students and parents.

**Pandemic EBT Cards** –cards will once again be available to students who qualify. Because our elementary is a CEP school, all students K-5 are eligible to receive the benefit. Students in grades 6-12 who are eligible for free or reduced meals can also receive an EBT card. Preschool students who receive SNAP benefits will be eligible this time to receive a P EBT card. More information is still coming on how the program will operate this year, but instead of the same amount for everyone (like last year), it will be based on the time spent out of school this year. Students who are in schools that were/are remote or hybrid will receive a slightly higher benefit than students who were/are in person and have access to school meals daily. Information is still coming out on how the program will operate, but from the webinar I participated in today, it looks like we will fill out a spreadsheet to identify the time spent in school each month, and the benefit will be calculated and issued to the student on a card that they will receive in the mail. The main idea is to replace meals that students would have received, if not for disruptions to in-person instruction or school facility closure. Pandemic EBT 2.0 will provide food benefits to replace meals missed during the 2020–21 school year. Fortunately for Dayton students, we have been in-person for most of the year and have had few disruptions to our meal program.

**School Meal Review/Audit** – At this time, I have not heard back on whether or not we will have our audit this year or if it will be postponed. We are in a three-year audit cycle and were slated to be reviewed on our regular school breakfast/lunch program this year. I participate in bi-weekly director meetings to try to keep up with all of the changes and new information that is continually coming our way surrounding child nutrition. I am attending a two-day conference this next week sponsored by the Washington School Nutrition Association. It will highlight the food distribution program, changes in nutrition guidelines, and other updates around child nutrition. The training also goes towards my professional standards training that I need each year.

### **Administrator Reports:**

**MS/HS Principal:** Principal Brown reported the following:

#### **Safety:**

To date, we have had two fire drills, one earthquake drill, and three non-critical lockdown drills. Due to restrictions with Covid, we cannot do a Critical lockdown (preparation for an active shooter, etc.). This past drill on February 5 was a non-critical lockdown. We tested the strobes also during this time. A safety walkthrough was conducted on January 8 and January 26 with Christine Poirier, ESD 123 Safety Specialist. The boiler room, basement, and custodian's room are all that is left to walk through.

#### **Update on Mascot for DW Combine:**

The Dayton ASB met with Waitsburg ASB, Bo Stevenson, and Ross Hamann to start the process of creating and choosing mock-up logos for our potential DW

Combine Mascot. The ASB, principals, and designers will meet again via Zoom on February 25 to look at the logos before presenting them to the student bodies for voting. Bo recently sent mock-ups for the three logos that have been chosen for voting by the student body. The principals will release those to the ASB at our next meeting before selecting a date to vote.

**FBLA:**

FBLA is currently participating virtually in a Winter Regional Leadership Competition. Mrs. Slaybaugh is facilitating this with the club.

**SAT Prep:**

Gear Up is sponsoring and working with Mrs. Ortuno for SAT prep. Prep classes will be on February 13, 20, 27, and March 6. Gear Up will be funding all of the expenses. We appreciate our Gear Up support team!

**Elementary Principal:** Superintendent Strot provided a report on the following:  
**Valentines to Booker-** Kudos to Ginger Bryan, Dawn McGhan, and the second-grade classes for making valentines for the residents at Booker. I am sure they loved getting the valentine's wishes. The students went on a "window parade" from the outside so they could greet the residents.

**Leadership Team-**During February, leadership talked about Trauma training, leadership at the elementary next year, curriculum, school-wide behavior, data and interventions, and a host of other issues.

**Counseling-** Ms. Patterson continues to be an asset to our students. She has been here a little over a month, and her schedule is already booked up. She sees anyone in crisis and makes time for students every day while working with her elementary, middle, and high school students.

**Visit from ESD 112-** Last week, Jeffrey Niess, the Executive Director of special services for ESD 112, visited Dayton for two days. Emmy Kirk hosted him while she was on her weekly visit. They got to meet with the special services staff, see some students and answer questions.

**Enjoying the snow:** It always amazes me how little snow it takes for an elementary student to have a great time with the snow at recess. Some days we had 1/8 of an inch, and they still made the base for their snowman. Then there are days like this past Friday when we had an inch or so and snowing hard before school. Students were excited about the snow, having valentine's parties, and the weekend. For 15 minutes, no one stopped running, jumping, sliding, and playing in the snow.

**Superintendent Report:**

**COVID 19 Update-** Superintendent Strot reported the following: The entire state is now in Phase 2. Our volleyball and football teams started to practice this week, and games have been scheduled. Football needs to have ten practices before they can play a game, and Volleyball must have seven. They may need to have a Sunday practice if weather events cause any more cancelations. Superintendent Strot also asked the board to consider whether or not 8<sup>th</sup> graders would be allowed to play up if spring and winter participation is limited.

**Athletics-** Mark and Stephanie joined Paula, Kristina, and me in our weekly athletic call last Friday. We decided on a salary for the coaches of 70%. Once a season starts, we will pay them no matter how many games are played or if the season is cut short because of Covid. We will be posting both an AD for the remainder of this year and the permanent AD position that will begin July 1. This year Dayton will host all volleyball games and practices, and Waitsburg will host all football games and

practices. Mark and Stephanie will take responsibility for the football games management, and Kristina and I will do the same for all volleyball games.

**Additional COVID Relief Funds –**

Dayton will be getting \$464,000 from the Federal Government to help with Covid based expenses and interventions for our students. We have until September 2023 to use the funds. These funds will help pay for an outdoor eating area for the high school and a full-time intervention person for the MS / HS. We are excited to build a plan in the coming months on how to use this money.

**Partnering with Public Health around Mental Health-**

Public Health shares our commitment to the mental health of our students. We both see the need for services and training around this. Over the next year, we will be working together to bring support to our students. More details in the future.

**ASB Fee Review-**

**Budget Status-** Paula Moisieo provided the January Budget Status report and the year-to-date cash flow.

**VIII. Policy Review- 2nd reading**

- Policy 5000 – Recruitment & Selection of Staff
- Policy 4311 – School Resource Officer
- Policy 3413 – Student Immunizations and Life-Threatening Health Conditions
- Policy 6106 – Allowable Costs for Federal Programs

**IX. Policy Review- 1st reading**

- Policy 2255 Alternative Learning Experience Courses
- Policy 3120 Enrollment
- Policy 4300 Limiting Immigration Enforcement
- Policy 6112- Rental or Lease of District Real Property

**X. Policy Deletion/Retired Policy (removed from agenda)**

- Policy 3144- Release of Information Concerning Student Sexual and Kidnapping Offenders
- Policy 4314- Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm

**XI.Public Comment: N/A**

**XII. Action Items:**

Board member Jaech moved to approve the second reading of policies:

- Policy 5000 – Recruitment & Selection of Staff
- Policy 4311 – School Resource Officer
- Policy 3413 – Student Immunizations and Life-Threatening Health Conditions
- Policy 6106 – Allowable Costs for Federal Programs

Motion carried.

Board member White moved to approve the first reading of policies:

- Policy 2255 Alternative Learning Experience Courses
- Policy 3120 Enrollment

- Policy 4300 Limiting Immigration Enforcement
  - Policy 6112- Rental or Lease of District Real Property
- Motion carried.

Board member Bailey moved to approve March 1, 2021, for MS/HS to move to 2:00 p.m. dismissal. Motion carried.

**XIII. Executive Session-** The Board met in executive session starting at 6:42 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation. It was anticipated the session would last no more than 35 minutes. The executive session ended at 7:07 p.m., with no action taken.

The board discussed resuming in-person meetings starting with the next board meeting, and all were in agreement.

**XIV. Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The next board meeting will be on March 3, 2021, and will be a work session in the HS auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Strot, Secretary to the Board of Directors

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