

Dayton School Board
609 South Second Streets
Regular Monthly Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
March 6, 2019

I. Call to Order -

Board Chair Leid called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Katie Leid, David Bailey, Justin Jaech and Fred White. Student Representative Kaleigh White was absent excused.

II. Flag Salute- Board Chair Leid led the flag salute.

Before the work session topics began Bill Dowdy who had been scheduled to speak to the Board last month when the meeting was cancelled, asked the Board to consider supporting the reinstatement of the High School Fall soccer program. The program had been cancelled for the 2018-2019 school year after lack of participants led to forfeiting a portion of the 2017-2018 season. Dowdy believes there are as many as 25 students in Dayton and Waitsburg who are interested in playing soccer next year. The Board asked the superintendent to refer the matter to AD Nicki Luper and the DW Combine.

III. Work Session Topic #1 – Classified Staff and State Apportionment:

Superintendent Johnson conveyed the current classified staff FTE breakdown by program and the amount funded by the State based on the prototypical school model. Classified employees make up an important part of the employee base providing support to educational programs in many areas. While the state provides an allocation, it is woefully inadequate to meet the needs of the nearly 400 students that attend Dayton schools. For example, the state only provides for 30 minutes a day of nursing services, yet requires many tasks to be completed. After crunching the numbers for year round employees and those who work only during the school year the District receives funding for nearly eight employees but has the equivalent of 15 on the payroll. The cost of the additional employees is provided by local levy dollars, an item that has been cut significantly by the legislature in order to meet the recent McCleary lawsuit for Basic Education Funding. The District is concerned about its ability to fund all of the current programs in the coming school years.

IV. Work Session Topic #2- Curriculum Adoption Procedures:

Superintendent Johnson reviewed the practice for curriculum adoption and curriculum materials challenges. Policy and procedure 2020 outlines the processes for selection, adoption, and challenges. A recent challenge on the use of a Temporary Supplemental Material has led to a deeper review of the process to be used when considering the appropriateness of supplementary materials such as newspaper articles and other materials that have a short time use during instruction. The District is in the process of putting together a standing Instructional Materials Committee (IMC) which according to Policy 2020 would determine the appropriateness of the Temporary Material in the event of a challenge. The committee will be comprised of parents, citizens and district employees.

- V. **Work Session Topic #3- District/Superintendent Goals:** Superintendent Johnson provided a second draft of District Goal statements, actions and outcomes. The Superintendent and the board will continue working on the documents and then take comments from employees, parents, and the community as it prepares to adopt the goals for the upcoming school year.

Board Member Dave Bailey, the District's WIAA representative asked for time to share with the board 10 amendments being considered by the WIAA membership. One of the amendments would allow sixth graders to participate in MS sports when they are part of the MS enrollment group. Other amendments would affect the classification formulas used to determine whether a school was 1B, A, 2A etc. Voting by the membership takes place later this spring.

- VI. **Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on March 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Johnson, Secretary to the Board of Directors

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