

PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING

The Delwood Board of Education met for their regular meeting and public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2023 in the Cafeteria of the Delwood School, Delmar, Iowa. President Ryan Hackman called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 PM to discuss the 2023-2024 school calendar. Suggestions had been made, including having a Professional Development day on a 'no school' day, and incorporating a Teacher Quality day on January 2nd. A motion was made by Director Kilburg and seconded by Director Meyer to close the hearing. 5/0, motion approved. At 5:37 PM, President Hackman closed the public hearing.

The regular meeting was then called to order at 5:37 PM by President Hackman. Directors Eberhart, Filloon, Hackman, Kilburg and Meyer answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Fee, Business Manager Crigger, Principal Marshall, and Board Secretary Swanson. Teachers Jessica Durkop and Cathy Pickup were also in attendance, as was Transportation Director Jason James.

Administrator's Report: Principal Marshall shared that the United Way foundation has reached out, offering to provide school supplies to all children in grades K-5. Knowing we have 6th grade as well, plans are to hopefully include supplies for all. As of right now, the donated items will be dispensed at the beginning of the school year. Superintendent Fee shared some federal legislation information, including changes regarding the new Open Enrollment laws and Educational Savings Accounts. Superintendent Fee also noted the last day of school for students will be May 26th for this 22-23 school year.

Board Reports/Requests: The next board meeting will be held April 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Delwood Cafeteria. As of right now, we are planning our joint meeting with Maquoketa to take place on May 15, also to be held in the Delwood Cafeteria. Director Filloon shared his concern with how inclement weather affects our after school program, and further discussion on this topic will be held at a later time.

General Business of the Board:

5.1 Director Kilburg moved and Director Eberhart seconded to approve the consent items as follows: agenda; minutes from February 20; claims totaling \$55,878.60; finances; open enrollments for the 2023-2024 school year as presented – in from Maquoketa – Cole Miller (Kdg), Gracie Dontje (3rd), and Owein Post (4th), as well as open enrollment out to DeWitt for Kyler Miller (Kdg). There were no personnel items. 5/0, motion approved.

5.2 Business Manager Crigger provided the board with a financial overview for the district, and shared several variables, including income surtax and the educational improvement levy. He informed the board about our Management, PPEL/1%, and General funds status. This helps to familiarize board members with options for determining tax rate.

5.3 Superintendent Fee shared updated information regarding the building and grounds. Security has been enhanced by installing new door hardware, cameras, and providing staff with training in regards to these new safety procedures. Vinton Tuckpointing will be providing a quote for repair to be done on the 1916 section of the school, and we are still seeking other bids for this project. The hope is to have this scheduled for this summer. Rick (Bickford), Custodian, is also keeping us updated on repair work to the

gym floor, due to water damage over the years. Foundation issues are also needing addressed, and we are having an inspection on April 10.

5.4 Director Kilburg moved and Director Eberhart seconded to approve the purchase of two electric buses with grant funding in the amount of \$750,000.00, and chargers/charging ports from Lion, amounting to \$23,200. Eberhart-no, Kilburg-yes, Filloon-no, Meyer-no, Hackman-yes. 3/2, motion denied. At 7:40, Jason James and Director Kilburg left the meeting.

5.5 Director Filloon moved and Director Meyer seconded to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar as presented. 4/0, motion approved.

5.6 Renewal of the 2023 ST Math agreement was tabled until we can check on a multi-year discount, as this is something we purchase on a yearly basis.

5.7 Director Filloon moved and Director Eberhart seconded to approve the 2024 AEA Purchasing Agreement as presented, which allows Delwood access to lower rates on select purchased services. 4/0, motion approved.

There were no correspondence items.

The board thanked member Ron Filloon for supporting the Delwood PTO today by providing Dilly Bars to all board members.

Director Eberhart moved and Director Filloon seconded to adjourn the meeting.

At 7:45 PM, President Hackman adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Denise Swanson, Board Secretary