

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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- I. Complete the Following Before Starting the Meeting
- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: December 4, 2015
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  - C. Media who were faxed an agenda: Telegraph Herald; Des Moines Register; KWWL; KCRG; KGAN; Radio Dubuque; Townsquare Media Group; and Chamber of Commerce.
  - D. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee**
  - E. Date and Time of Meeting: **December 8, 2015, 4:00 p.m.**
  - F. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board members present: Tami Ryan, Jim Prochaska, Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Lynne Devaney, Phil Kramer, David Olson.

Ms. Ryan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Forum.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

District/School Improvement Leadership Team Report

The D/SILT meeting was held on November 18. There was no objection to the By Law changes in membership whereby 2/3 of the committee are parents (one from each school), 1/3 administrators and teachers, plus some community leaders. The final approval will take place at the next meeting. The time of the meeting was discussed. It is imperative that the parent representatives are in attendance.

Parent/Teacher Conference Data

Mr. Rheingans reported on Parent/Teacher Conference Comparisons Fall 2014 and Fall 2015. Overall, there was 78.3% attendance this fall. There was discussion around the possibility of discontinuing parent/teacher conferences due to today's technology to gain more instructional days. This will be discussed more in detail at a later date.

Calendar Development Processes

Several calendar versions have been drafted. The calendar may again be posted on the district's web site requesting feedback, but a new plan this year is to send out a calendar (or multiple calendars) to parents through Survey Monkey to hear their voice.

Physical Education Exemption Request

Ms. Devaney reviewed this annual exemption request for Hempstead and Senior High Schools to offer physical education courses five days per week for one semester. Board 12/14/15

Policy #3604 – Early Retirement

This policy was revised from 15 years of service to 10 years, as well as moving up the due date from March 1 to January 30. Board 12/14/15

Policy #6222 – Student Special Health Services

This policy was revised. Board 12/14/15

Other Items

Mr. Rheingans reported that the Activities Council discussed the concept of offering free activities passes to senior citizens (inter-city games not included). Most districts do not offer this. The recommendation is to offer this for citizens age 65 and older. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 7 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary  
Board of Education