

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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  - D. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee**
  - E. Date and Time of Meeting: **June 7, 2016, 2:00 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, David Olson, Nancy Bradley, Bridget Hamilton.

Ms. Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Forum.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Forum Duties and Priorities

Mr. Rheingans updated the committee on Forum reassignments due to budget reductions. 13.8 positions were reduced or eliminated.

Math Curriculum Update

Bridget Hamilton provided an update on the math curriculum. There was a rigorous secondary math study completed in one year with implementation this school year. It had been many years since the last math adoption so teachers were doing their own thing. Now, both high schools are teaching the exact same curriculum as well as common assessments. She shared the 6-12 rubric used to compare the four publishers. The materials selected were Big Ideas Math. Big Ideas Math is a complete math program developed with the Common Core Standards for Mathematical Content and Standards for Mathematical Practice as its foundation. It is the only program to offer multiple pathways through middle school mathematics.

State Assessment Update

The legislature changed the Smarter Balance statewide assessment date to spring of 2018, pending any further legislative action. Mr. Rheingans indicated that in the spring of 2017 the district will begin communicating this change to parents. The cost is an issue. It will cost \$28.00 per student to give this test.

Staff Dress Code Guidelines

Mr. Rheingans shared a draft version of an appropriate apparel policy that basically reinforces the philosophy of professional staff attire. He will add some administrative guidelines listing some examples of inappropriate apparel and bring it back to the committee in July. Board members feel that principals have different guidelines and some do not enforce appropriate dress. Mr. Rheingans will share this at the next Leadership meeting to get principal input.

#6204 - Acceleration

This is a significant topic for parents. MAM (Most Advanced Mathematician) was discussed. Ms. Ryan wants a statement added that if a student fails one of the criteria and, after it has been explained to the parent, the district will allow the student to be in the program if the student and parent feel they can handle the rigor and accelerated pace. She feels it is always the parents' choice. Language will be revised and brought back to the committee in July.

#4009 – Anti-Nepotism

Revised to eliminate the grandfathering of supervising family members. Board 6.13.16

#6219 – Senior Year Plus

The administrative guidelines have been eliminated. The policy states the district will follow the Senior Year Plus Guide for Educators and Educational Administrators. Board 6.13.16

#2200 – Formulation and Revision of Policies

Minor revisions. Board 6.13.16

#4606 – Abuse of Students by School District Employees

Five year review. Board 6.13.16

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary