

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee

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 - D. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee**
 - E. Date and Time of Meeting: **August 1, 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, Shirley Horstman, David Olson, Lori Anderson.

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

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act

Lori Anderson, Transition Facilitator, reviewed the changes in law. The provisions related to Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) work in the schools creates a continuum of services that aligns with IDEA but does not supplant the legal responsibility of the schools and mandates the schools and IVRS to jointly develop a system so students achieve competitive integrated employment, and do not work for a sub-minimum wage.

IASB Legislative Priorities

Every district is asked to select four priorities for the Iowa Association of School Boards to focus on lobbying during the next legislative session. The committee reviewed the 33 options provided by IASB (and districts can write their own) and selected the following as priorities important to the Dubuque Community School District:

2. **STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY:** Supports continued progress in the development of rigorous content standards and benchmarks that reflect the real-world knowledge and skills students need to graduate from high school prepared for college or to enter the workforce.

18. **ARBITRATIONS:** Supports a requirement that arbitrators, prior to the imposition of an award must first consider local conditions, ability to pay, and local settlement history. After the arbitrator determines the school district, AEA or community college has the ability to pay, the arbitrator should then consider comparability based upon similar size and geographic region.

20. **SCHOOL FUNDING POLICY:** Supports a school foundation formula that provides adequate and timely funding; provides a funding mechanism for transportation costs that reduces the pressure on the general fund and addresses inequities between school districts; includes factors based on changes in demographics including socio-economic status, remedial programming, enrollment challenges, *and student mental health needs (new language added by DCSD)*; equalizes per pupil funding; incorporates categorical funding in the formula within three years; and includes a mix of property taxes and state aid.

28. **STATE PENNY:** Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions. Supports repeal of the Dec. 31, 2029 sunset. Board 8.8.16

Staff Dress Code Guidelines

Mr. Rheingans presented three options for staff dress code guidelines. He indicated to principals the importance of appropriate staff dress. It is the responsibility of principals/supervisors to ensure that all employees are properly and professionally dressed. These guidelines will be presented by Phil Kramer at the Staff Kick-off on August 16 and principals will review it with their staff at beginning of the year meetings.

#8090 - Travel

Revised – Board 8.8.16

#6218 – In-District Open Enrollment

Revised – Board 8.8.16

Other

The PPEL vote is September 13, 2016. Informational brochures and posters (facts only) are being prepared. Advocacy groups (after school hours) will be assembled.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 6 at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary