

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: September 2, 2016
 - B. Date media were faxed agenda: September 2, 2016
 - C. Media who were faxed an agenda: Telegraph Herald; Des Moines Register; KWVL; 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: **September 6, 2016, 2:30 p.m.**
 - F. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board members present: Tami Ryan, Jim Prochaska, Lisa Wittman, Mike Donohue. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, David Olson, Shirley Horstman, Nancy Bradley.

Ms. Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. at the Forum.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

School Start Times

School start times have always been a topic of conversation. In light of recent articles about teenagers not getting enough sleep, this topic was once again discussed. Options are to switch start times having the elementary students starting school earlier (which Iowa City has just implemented) or all schools starting at the same time. What are the barriers to having all students starting at the same time – bussing (enough buses, elementary students on the bus with secondary students), athletic schedules, having young students waiting for the bus in the dark, etc. This topic will be on upcoming Ed Programs agendas to provide more data on a monthly basis.

District School Improvement Leadership Team Structure

Mr. Rheingans distributed the proposed D/SILT membership, including parents, teachers, building administrators, students, Forum administration, and community representatives for a total of 52 members. He recommends meeting three times per year in November, February and April. Meetings will be held in the evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Iowa Code is specific as to the requirements of a school improvement committee. The purpose is to give all representation a voice in the educational process.

#7202 – Animals in the Classroom

New – Board 9.12.16

#2004 - Elections

Revised – Board 9.12.16

#2006 – Term of Office

Revised – Board 9.12.16

#2009 – Board Vacancies

Revised – Board 9.12.16

#4308 – Early Retirement (Staff)

Revised – Board 9.12.16

#5401 – Severe Weather Disaster

Reviewed – Board 9.12.16

#6209 – Minimum School Day for High School Students

Reviewed – Board 9.12.16

#6213 – Academic Student Requirements

Revised – Board 9.12.16

#6211 – Special Diplomas

Deleted – Board 9.12.16

Other

The new dress code guidelines are not being followed by all. The broader guidelines do not seem to be working. Nancy Bradley reported that it is on the next elementary principals' agenda. It is in its infancy and may take some time to implement. Building and union leadership need to enforce proper, professional dress.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 4 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education