

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: November 3, 2016
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  - 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: **November 7, 2016, 2:45 p.m.**
  - F. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board members present: Jim Prochaska, Lisa Wittman, Tami Ryan, Tom Barton, Mike Donohue. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Phil Kramer, Shirley Horstman.

Ms. Wittman called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m. at the Forum.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

School Start Times

Superintendent Rheingans distributed an article from *The Atlantic* regarding research on school start times. Amy Hawkins polled Iowa City School District regarding concerns with the later school start time with students in activities – loss of class time when students leave for activity events, reduced time for community use of gyms, practice times go late into the evenings, visiting teams are arriving while students are still on the premises, a lot of morning practices (especially golf), lost coaches because of late practice times. The district transports 3,000 students a day with 56 routes. If all schools started at the same time, the district would have to purchase some additional buses, but not a huge number. This would require the district to discontinue the practice of not having younger students ride the bus with older students.

Current Grading Practices

Mr. Rheingans reported that the district is not looking at any changes to grading practices at the secondary level and only minor changes are being considered at the elementary level. A sample grade three progress report was distributed. There are different reports for each grade. The elementary Progress Report and Smarter Balanced (state required testing) should be in alignment.

2017-2018 School Calendar

Superintendent Rheingans distributed the first draft of a proposed 2017-18 school calendar. It shows a start date of August 22, 2017, as well as a spring break.

#4315 – Return to Work

New Policy – Board 11.14.16

#9011 – Unmanned Aircrafts - Drones

New Policy – Board 11.14.16

#5301 – Fundraising by and for School Approved Organizations

Revised – Board 11.14.16

#5502 – Student Pictures

Reviewed – Board 11.14.16

#6105 – School-to-Work Education

Reviewed – Board 11.14.16

#7000 – Free and Reduced Price for Breakfast/Lunch Program

Reviewed – Board 11.14.16

Other Items

There was a letter to the editor in the *Telegraph Herald* regarding a book available at the high school. The book is not required reading, but is listed as an alternative reading option. The superintendent received a reconsideration request from a community member. According to Policy 6226 – Instructional Materials Selection, Review and Reconsideration, a committee will be formed to review the reconsideration. Mr. Barton feels the policy is extremely cumbersome and ties the hands of the district. Other members did not agree. This appeal process does not happen very frequently.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary  
Board of Education