

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: **December 6, 2016, 2:00 p.m.**
 - F. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board members present: Jim Prochaska, Lisa Wittman, Tami Ryan, Mike Donohue. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Mike Cyze, David Olson, Nancy Bradley, Barb Vrotsos, Mae Hingtgen.

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

The agenda was approved as submitted.

21st Century Grant

Mae Hingtgen, Learning Supports/Equity Liaison, reported that the district received a 21st Century grant from 2011-2016 for after-school programming, but the grant ended the end of last school year. This year's request for applications requires a strong literacy component. There are three goal areas that must be addressed: academic, enrichment and family literacy. The grant requires a certain percentage of free/reduced eligible students. Roosevelt does not meet this criteria; therefore, the grant will be written for after-school programming at Jefferson and Washington Middle Schools. A new component will be a Literacy Room. There will be a literacy instructor once a week at each school for parents. There will be district staff and mentors from University of Dubuque for homework assistance. The tentative budget is \$297,000 (maximum is \$300,000) per year. This is a five-year project through the State of Iowa. It is fully funded for three years and after state review, could be funded 75% for the remaining two years. Board 12.12.16

Policy #6226 – Instructional Materials Selection, Review and Reconsideration

Six parents addressed the Committee. They asked that the district allow parents to partner with the district to accomplish curriculum goals. They are requesting a seat at the table. They also requested parental notification if literature includes obscene, pornographic or harmful materials. The Committee directed administration to bring back to the Committee what notification currently exists, what other school districts and research says, and who/how literature is selected.

Update on Web Site Accessibility

The district received a Civil Rights complaint regarding the accessibility of our web site. Many school districts and government entities across the United States received the same complaint by an organized group. The district responded to the Office of Civil Rights to offer to initiate a voluntary resolution process, which was accepted. The district recently migrated to a new web format (with the assistance of Juicebox Interactive), which is very accessible and accessibility continues to be a priority. The district did not receive any local complaints. Board 12.12.16

School Start Times

No discussion.

School Calendars

Superintendent Rheingans distributed proposed 2017-18 and 2018-19 school calendars. Board 1.9.17

General Accreditation Standards 281-IAC Chapter 12 Exemption Request Form

Amy Hawkins, Athletics/Activities Supervisor, reported that the district has filed this annual physical education exemption for the past seven years. The state requirement is to offer high school physical education each semester. With this exemption, Hempstead and Senior are able to offer physical education five days a week for one semester, allowing students to take another course for the other semester. Board 12.12.16

#6206 – Advertising in Schools

Recommended revisions include allowing advertising on district scoreboards or messageboards with approval by the superintendent or designee. Board 12.12.16

The next meeting is scheduled for January 3 (time to be determined).

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education