

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee

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 - E. Date and Time of Meeting: **April 3, 2017, 2:30 p.m.**
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Board members present: Jim Prochaska, Lisa Wittman, Tami Ryan. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Mike Cyze, Tricia Pitz, Shirley Horstman, Nancy Bradley, Tammy Duehr.

Ms. Wittman called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. at the Forum.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Organizational Chart Review

Mr. Rheingans reviewed the organizational chart compared to last year when several budgetary cuts were necessary.

Strategic Plan Goal Review – Community Engagement

Mike Cyze, Director of School and Community Relations, provided a historical perspective on communication in the district. The goal has always been to push the district past where other districts are. We focus on external communication, especially with parents (registration, messaging, Facebook, Twitter, etc.). In the future, districts may need to shift focus to marketing due to the possibility of school vouchers. This priority initiative was included in the strategic plan due to the board's visionary leadership acknowledging the essential need for excellent communication with all stakeholders. The district will be implementing the eBackpack system, which will include the community flyers that are currently distributed to students in paper form.

#5202 - Weapons

Revised - Board 4.10.17

#5500 – Student Rosters

Revised - Board 4.10.17

#6217A – District to District Open Enrollment/Insufficient Classroom Space

This is an annual review. Board 4.10.17

#10002 – Citizen-Advisory Committees

Reviewed with no changes recommended – Board 4.10.17

Other Items

The district is in the second year of Lexia (reading program) and the request is to purchase the program for two more years. Tammy Duehr, Lead Instructional Coach, wanted it noted that success in the classroom is due to the success of the teacher, not due to purchased programs. Lexia is a diagnostic computer program that every elementary student (K-5) in the district is expected to be on every day (first level of intervention to fill in gaps, also used for summer school). This program includes foundational skills in five areas. There is a placement test to start to determine appropriate level (similar to MAP). When the student correctly answers a question, they go on to the next question. Now that teachers are starting to see the excellent results of this program, they are very supportive of the program.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education