

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: April 27, 2017
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  - C. Media who were faxed an agenda: Telegraph Herald; Des Moines Register; KWWL; 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: **May 1, 2017, 2:30 p.m.**
  - F. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board members present: Jim Prochaska, Lisa Wittman, Tami Ryan. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Mike Cyze, Phil Kramer, Amy Hawkins, Tammy Duehr, Nancy Bradley, Shirley Horstman.

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

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Strategic Plan Goal Review – Student Achievement, Employee Excellence

On May 22, the board will be asked to brainstorm goals/priorities for a new strategic plan. Mr. Rheingans met twice with D-SILT. He will forward 10-15 bullet points (from D-SILT and administration) the week before the board meeting. He projects to have a draft of a new plan in the fall. He distributed data related to the Student Achievement goal “Ensure that all students have the necessary skills to be 21<sup>st</sup> Century College and Career Ready (promote college, career and employability skills).” An elementary math curriculum study will begin next year. Summer school was discussed. In an effort to increase participation, transportation was added this year (funded by the Community Foundation). Upon informal polling as to why students that were invited to attend summer school did not attend, it appears that they do attend the Dream Center, St. Mark’s, Boys/Girls Club, etc. It may be beneficial to partner with these other entities to offer professional development and/or provide teachers to bring summer school to the student so it doesn’t actually feel like “school.” Next summer’s programming will look different from what is currently being offered. The third grade retention requirement has been rescinded, along with the funding. Employee Excellence data was shared related to the goal “Create an environment in which employees strive for excellence, collaborate as part of a team, and are confident and competent in supporting student learning.”

D-SILT Update

Mr. Rheingans reported that D-SILT met twice. The first meeting had greater attendance but there was great conversation around what the district could look like in five years. Meeting dates/times were discussed. It might be beneficial to hold these meetings in the fall and winter, rather than spring when the weather gets nice.

Activities Council Update

Amy Hawkins gave a shout out to Tom Barton who provided lunch for the meeting. Wi-fi is now available on some school buses. The coaches are very appreciative. Secondary facility needs were discussed. Amy will meet with Bill Burkhart to prioritize those needs. Code of Conduct policy changes were drafted. There will be a middle school grade check every 20 days. Participation numbers were reviewed. How to keep athletes engaged in high school? A 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant was written for the LEAP program, but it was not funded. How can this program be sustained?

#7002 – Unpaid Meal Accounts

This is a new policy required by the federal government. Board 5.8.17

#2311 – Preparation of Agenda

Revised - Board 5.8.17

#6226 – Instructional Materials Selection, Review and Reconsideration

Reviewed with no changes recommended – Board 5.8.17

#8015 – Financial Records

This is a new required policy. Board 5.8.17

#8110 – Treasurer’s Monthly Report

Revised – Board 5.8.17

#10200 – Rental of Community Facilities

Revised – Board 5.8.17

#10300 – Acceptance of Donation to Facility and Site

Revised – Board 5.8.17

The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary  
Board of Education