

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee

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 - D. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee**
 - E. Date and Time of Meeting: **October 3, 2017, 4:00 p.m.**
 - F. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board members present: Jim Prochaska, Lisa Wittman, Tami Ryan, Nancy Bradley. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, David Olson, Peter Knutson, David Moeller, Cindy Steffens, Shirley Horstman.

Ms. Wittman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Forum.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Student-led Help Desk

Due to the Anytime, Anywhere Learning initiative (district-issued laptops to all 9th grade students), the district developed the student-led help desk. Megan Lahey and Chip Bishop, along with Senior students Liam Johnston and Grant Haylock were in attendance to answer any questions. Senior currently has six students and Hempstead has eleven students serving in this capacity. This is a credit-bearing, independent study course for one period a day. The student-led help desk is situated in the library at each school, as accessibility is important. The district contracted with NICC in August to train the help desk students. In addition, students will receive HP training during Friday morning professional development to obtain formal HP certification.

Financial Literacy

Peter Knutson, former teacher and now Science Coordinator, was tasked to look at where financial literacy is taught in our classes currently? Other than in 8th grade where there is a concentration of financial literacy, there is very little other exposure at other grade levels (especially high school).

David Olson, Director of Secondary Education, indicated that he reviewed course guides at other UEN districts for comparison purposes. A lot of schools have voluntary financial classes at the high school level. Other districts are in the development stages of requiring a financial literacy course as a graduation requirement. The plan is for the district to add this class as a graduation requirement. A committee has been formed, with meetings being held in October to discuss the graduation requirement policy and necessary revisions. They plan to bring this back to this committee in November.

Policy #10402 – Website Accessibility

New policy – Board 10.9.17

Policy #8012 – Local, State, and Federal Revenue

Reviewed, no changes recommended – Board 10.9.17

Policy #8013 – Fixed Assets

Reviewed, no changes recommended - Board 10.9.17

Policy #8014 – Internal Financial Controls

Revised - Board 10.9.17

Policy #8020 – Student Fees

Reviewed, no changes recommended - Board 10.9.17

Policy #8022 – Refunding of Book Fees

Reviewed, no changes recommended - Board 10.9.17

Policy #8024 – Fines and Charges

Tabled until the next meeting.

Policy #8031 – Depository of Funds

Revised - Board 10.9.17

Policy #8040 – Sale of Bonds

Reviewed, no changes recommended - Board 10.9.17

Policy #8041 – Tax Compliance and Record Retention

Reviewed, no changes recommended - Board 10.9.17

Policy #4615 - Email

Delete policy – Board 10.9.17

Other Items

Superintendent Rheingans and other UEN superintendents met with Governor Reynolds. They attempted to make her understand how urgent the extension of the statewide sales tax is to districts. There is still much work to be done in districts that would be funded by this extension. She thought it had some potential. They also discussed equity in the statewide formula, as well as school vouchers.

He also indicated that for several years the state has been talking about Smarter Balanced as the statewide assessment. This is no longer the recommended assessment.

The next meeting date will be determined when new committee members are seated.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education