

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: **December 5, 2017, 4:00 p.m.**
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Board members present: Jim Prochaska, Tami Ryan, Nancy Bradley, Anderson Sainci, Mike Donohue. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Kevin Kelleher, David Olson, Shirley Davis-Orwoll, Vicki Sullivan, Cindy Steffens, Mike Cyze.

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

The agenda was approved as revised, moving the policies before the Prescott Charter Renewal discussion.

Policy #8024 – Fines and Charges

Revised – Board 12.11.17

Policy #8073 – Bids and Awards for Construction Contracts

Reviewed – Board 12.11.17

Policy #8080 – Payroll Periods

Revised - Board 12.11.17

Policy #8081 – Payroll Deductions

Revised - Board 12.11.17

Policy #8100 – Advance Payments and Discounted Bills

Revised – Board 12.11.17

Policy #8102 – Parent Transportation Reimbursement

Revised - Board 12.11.17

Policy #8062 – Purchase Orders

Delete - Board 12.11.17

Prescott Charter Renewal Discussion

The charter status requires renewal every five years. The timeline for this process includes meetings of the Prescott Advisory Council, as well as a public hearing at the school board meeting on December 11, 2017. The board will take action on January 8, 2018. Comparative data with other Title I schools was shared. This included enrollment, race and ethnicity, Iowa Testing Programs (ITP) proficiency data (math and reading), Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data (math and reading). The mission of Prescott Elementary School, *an Expeditionary Learning School for the Arts*, is to empower each child to achieve to his/her highest potential and to become a strong contributing member of the community. Anticipated outcomes of the charter concept are increased: student achievement, opportunities for students to engage in meaningful and authentic learning

opportunities, engagement in the arts, learning experiences within the community, community involvement with the school, parent involvement, economic and cultural diversity of the school population, daily attendance rate. It was noted that parent participation is high at the Celebrations of Learning. If Prescott did not continue as a charter school, what would change? The board has held reputational credibility in the eyes of the staff, parents, community that allows each school the ability to teach students with the best programming to improve student achievement. Prescott parents were surveyed as to their opinion of the charter school concept. 34 parents responded with strong agreement and positive statements. To get a full comparison, the voice of parents whose students cannot attend Prescott, but live within the boundary, should be heard. Staff concerns with Prescott not being a charter is: class size due to density of need, transportation for some students, instructional resource freedom to align with standards. Two staff members shared their support for the charter status. One parent lives in Marshall district, but chooses Prescott due to student diversity. She is also concerned that her student may not be able to continue at Prescott through open enrollment. Another parent also lives in Marshall district and chose Prescott due to the infusion of the arts and Expeditionary Learning. He feels that without the charter status, the school could choose not to teach Expeditionary Learning, which he feels is not acceptable. A community member spoke through the lens of a nurse in the education field. She feels the data is objective but not subjective. She sees no reason not to renew the charter application. Information was requested for each of the anticipated outcome areas.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education