

**URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012
BOARD WORK SESSION – 5:30 P.M.
WEBSTER ELEMENTARY – 12955 AURORA AVENUE
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
URBANDALE CITY HALL – 3600 86th STREET
ADAM OBRECHT, PRESIDENT**

Work Session - Call to Order and Roll Call

President Adam Obrecht called the work session to order at 5:30 P.M. At roll call, the following Directors were present: Jeff Farrell, Cate Newberg, Shawn St. John, Mark Wierson, and President Obrecht. Vice President Ryan Judas and Director Kyle Kruidenier were absent.

Approval of Agenda

Director Farrell moved, and Director St. John seconded the motion to approve the work session agenda as posted. Motion passed with all ayes 5-0.

Webster Elementary School Tour and Presentations

Dr. Greg Carezza led the Board of Directors on a tour of several classrooms. PTO President Pam Dykstra shared information about the group's initiatives, fundraising efforts, and ways they are supporting the staff and students at Webster Elementary.

Dr. Carezza presented information about strategies that are improving student achievement at Webster, including co-teaching, collaborative planning and preparation time, and staff development that is focused on the development and implementation of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). He also explained the use of differentiated instruction at all ability levels and instructional interventions for struggling students in the areas of reading and mathematics.

President Obrecht announced a recess until 7:00 P.M.

Board Meeting – Call to Order and Roll Call

President Obrecht called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. At roll call, the following Directors were present: Jeff Farrell, Kyle Kruidenier, Cate Newberg,

Shawn St. John, Mark Wierson, and President Obrecht. Vice President Ryan Judas was absent.

Approval of Agenda

Director Newberg moved, and Director St. John seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

Good News

Dr. Stilwell reported that Olmsted teacher Olga Barnes applied for and was awarded a \$5000 English Language Learners mini grant.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Open Enrollment with no student enrolling into the District, nine students enrolling out of the District for 2012-13 and one student enrolling out for 2013-14.
- B. Approval of Personnel Report as submitted and one addendum.
- C. Approval of Request for Overnight Stay for the Girls Track Team to spend the night at Urbandale High School on March 1, 2013 through March 2, 2013 for team building activities.
- D. Approval of Minutes of Board Meetings held September 17, and October 1, 2012.
- E. Approval of Langford International Contract for consulting services provided in October.

Director Wierson moved, and Director St. John seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items A through E. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Strategic Plan / Quality Update

Dr. Doug Stilwell shared information about the Strategic Plan development and the timeline for completion. Dr. Stilwell spoke about the various ways Quality improvements are taking place in Urbandale Schools through staff implementation of Langford International training.

B. Board Policy Review

The Board of Directors discussed how best to review the policy series 500 and 600. Individual PDF files of each policy will be sent electronically to Directors.

C. Authorization to Pay Bills

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, requested the Board's authorization to pay the bills as submitted totaling \$408,465.77. Director Farrell moved, and Director St. John seconded the motion to separate bill

#115 for individual consideration (Iowa Association of School Boards \$10,037.00 for 2012-13 membership fees.) Motion passed 5-1 with Director Wierson voting no. Director Farrell moved to disapprove payment of bill #115, and the motion to disapprove died. Director St. John moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to approve payment of bill #115. Motion passed 5-1 with Director Farrell voting no. Director Farrell moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to approve all other bills as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

Report of the President

President Obrecht led a follow up discussion about information shared at the work session at Webster Elementary, including the proposed parking lot expansion.

Adjournment

Director St. John moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.



Board President Date

ATTEST:



Board Secretary Date

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on October 29, 2012.