

**URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, February 2, 2015  
BOARD WORK SESSION – 5:30 P.M.  
URBANDALE CITY HALL – 3600 86<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.  
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CHRIS GUNNARE, PRESIDENT**

**Work Session Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Chris Gunnare called the board meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Directors Kyle Kruidenier, Mark Wierson, Vice President Cate Newberg, Adam Obrecht and President Gunnare. Director Graham Giles arrived later and Director Aaron Applegate was absent.

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Wierson moved, and Director Obrecht seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed with all ayes 5-0.

Director Giles arrived at 5:40 P.M.

**Quality Update**

Denise Wood, Quality and Continuous Improvement Coordinator, Loren DeKruyf, Middle School Principal, and Dr. Greg Carenza, Webster Elementary Principal, provided the Board of Directors with a review of the Baldrige categories and the alignment of those categories across all levels of the system.

President Gunnare announced a short recess until 7:00 P.M.

**Board Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Chris Gunnare called the board meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Directors Graham Giles, Kyle Kruidenier, Mark Wierson, Adam Obrecht, Vice President Cate Newberg, and President Gunnare. Director Aaron Applegate was absent.

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Wierson moved, and Director Obrecht seconded the motion to approve the agenda, amended to move the Legislative Update item forward to take place after the Quality Update. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

**Student Senate Update**

Seventh Grade Student Lauren Siembieda, and Middle School teacher Lori Russell provided an update on Middle School Student Senate activities, including the Boxes of

Love to be sent to military personnel, and fundraising for an upcoming dance. Senior Jessie Carver reported that the High School is working to fundraise for Chef D's Pizza, a local restaurant that provides free pizza every Monday for the homeless. The High School Student Senate is also planning a blood drive.

### **Communication from the Public - Check Presentation**

Robert Brownell, Polk County Supervisor and Prairie Meadows Representative, Michele Wilkie, presented the Board of Directors with a donation to the Urbandale Community School District in the amount of \$47,158.69. The funding will be used to offset the cost of transportation for student activities events.

### **Quality Update – UHS Vocal Music**

Vocal Music Director Theodore Brimeyer, and Students Nick Battani, Peter Clinkscales, Danielle Pack, Emma VanZante, and Lizzy Erickson presented information about Quality Tools used for vocal music instruction in their student-centered classroom, and how students review their own performances and analyze and track their improvement. Under Mr. Brimeyer's direction, the presentation featured a short performance by a large group of high school vocal music students.

### **Legislative Update**

Dr. Tom Lane provided a legislative update about educational issues under consideration in the current Legislative session, including school funding and school start date.

### **Superintendent Search Update**

Vice President Cate Newberg reported that the position has been posted to educational websites such as Teach Iowa, and also in a print ad in the Des Moines register. A recent survey was successful in gathering information for the search committee. Interview teams have been formed, along with a timeline for interview days.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

A. Minutes of the Monday, January, 19, 2015 Board meeting as submitted,

B. Personnel Report as submitted,

C. Approval of District Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Plan,

D. Approval of Teacher Leadership and Compensation Interview Team

Director Newberg moved, and Director Graham seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items A through D as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

### **Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

A. Discussion and Approval of Adventuretime Fees

Ashley Becker, Director of Adventuretime, requested board approval of the proposed Adventuretime Preschool and Childcare Fees. Director Wierson moved

and Director Obrecht seconded the motion to approve the new Adventuretime fees as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

B. Special Education Budget Update

Jason Volmer, Coordinator of Special Education, provided an update on the current Special Education budget and Special Education funding deficits in prior years.

D. Authorization to Pay Bills

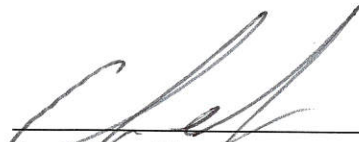
Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, requested approval to pay the bills as submitted, totaling \$454,514.31. Director Obrecht moved, and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion to approve the payment of bills as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

**Report of the President**

The Community was reminded of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy special election to be held February 3, 2015

**Adjourn**

Director Wierson moved, and Director Giles seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 P.M. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

  
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Board Secretary

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These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on February 16, 2015.