

**URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
URBANDALE CITY HALL – 3600 86th STREET
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
ADAM OBRECHT, PRESIDENT**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Adam Obrecht called the board meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. At roll call, the following Directors were present: Directors Jeff Farrell, Kyle Kruidenier, Cate Newberg, Shawn St. John, Mark Wierson, Vice President Ryan Judas, and President Obrecht. None were absent.

Approval of Agenda

Director St. John moved, and Director Judas seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

Student Senate Report

Eighth grader Rhea Gaskins and Seventh graders Leah Ingraham and Macee Ellis provided a Middle School Student Senate report, highlighting several upcoming events and fundraising activities.

Check Presentation

Robert Brownell, Polk County Supervisor for 1st District, and EJ Giovannetti, Prairie Meadows Board Member, presented President Adam Obrecht with a donation to the district for \$53,302.67. The donation is from Prairie Meadows and the Polk County Board and will be used to defray the cost of officiating and security services at school sponsored activities events.

Meet with Your Legislators

Invited guest speakers Senator Brad Zaun and Representative John Forbes spoke to the Board of Directors about school funding and other Iowa Legislative topics related to schools and education. The Board and Superintendent Stilwell voiced their concerns about zero allowable budget growth and the lack of Legislative action on education issues.

Good News

Urbandale Middle School's 7th grade Math and Science teacher, Karli Keithahn received the WHO-TV 13 and Allied Insurance sponsored Golden Apple Award. She was nominated by one of her students, Emma Torrey.

Staff at Webster Elementary School hosted nearly 300 parents and students at their 3rd Annual Family Reading Night on Thursday, January 17th with a theme of "Be A Super Reader!"

The HS Ensemble Acting group received a I rating from all three judges at State. This event can potentially go to All-State on February 16th.

The HS Short Film competing at State received two II ratings and one I rating, for an overall rating of II.

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Monday, January 21, 2013 Board Minutes as submitted,
 - B. Open Enrollment of nine students into the district, and none enrolling out for the 2012-2013 school year. Nine students into the district, and one student out of the district for the 2013-2014 school year,
 - C. Personnel Report as submitted,
 - D. Approval of Out-of-State Travel,
 - E. Approval of the Spilt U License Agreement with the University of Miami,
 - F. Approval of Lions Park Lease Agreement,
- Director St. John moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items A through F as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

- A. Discussion and Approval of the SBRC Modified Allowable Growth Request for Excess Costs of ELL Programming.
Student Services Director Brenda Auxier-Mailey, and Chief Financial Officer Shelly Clifford, presented a proposed request for modified allowable growth from the School Budget Review Committee for excess costs of providing an English Language Learner's program. The excess costs not provided through the school foundation formula for the current fiscal year are estimated to total \$558,589. With SBRC approval, this amount could be levied on next fiscal year's property tax to restore the District's cash reserves. Director Judas moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to approve the request for modified allowable growth for excess costs of ELL programming from the SBRC. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.
- B. Authorization to pay Bills.
Chief Financial Officer Shelly Clifford requested the Board's authorization to pay bills as listed, totaling \$441,027.49. Director St. John moved and Director Newberg seconded the motion to authorize payment of bills as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

Report of the President

President Adam Obrecht announced that the next public meeting of elected officials sponsored by the Urbandale Chamber will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013.

Adjourn

Director St. John moved, and Director Farrell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

ASOUT 2/18/13
Board President Date

ATTEST:

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Board Secretary Date

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on February 18, 2013.