

**URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014  
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.  
URBANDALE HIGH SCHOOL – 7111 AURORA AVENUE  
ADAM OBRECHT, PRESIDENT**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Wierson moved, and Vice President Kruidenier seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

**Presentation of the Proposed 2014-15 Certified Budget**

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, presented financial information and details of the proposed Certified District Budget for 2014 – 2015. The proposed tax rate of \$17.62 per \$1000 of taxable valuation is a five-cent rate reduction compared to prior year.

**Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014-15 Certified Budget**

President Obrecht announced the start of a public hearing on the District's Proposed 2014-15 Certified Budget, inviting public comments and testimony. No one from the public came forward to speak; therefore, Director Giles moved, and Vice President Kruidenier seconded the motion to close the public hearing.

**Adoption of the 2014-15 Certified Budget**

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent, recommended adoption of the proposed 2014-15 Certified Budget as presented. President Obrecht proposed an additional two-cent rate reduction, with the idea that the District could raise the rate up again the following year if necessary. The Board of Directors discussed the proposed budget and tax rates, with additional details provided by the Administration. Director Giles moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to adopt the 2014-15 Certified Budget as was published, with a tax rate of \$17.62. Motion passed 5-1 with Obrecht voting no.

**Public Hearing on the 2013-14 Budget Amendment**

President Obrecht announced the start of a public hearing on a Proposed Amendment to the 2013-14 Certified Budget, inviting public comments and testimony. Chief Financial Officer Shelly Clifford explained that the amendment was necessary to account for

additional expenses to defease existing general obligation bonds with crossover refunding bond proceeds that are currently held in escrow. No one from the public came forward to speak; therefore, Director Giles moved, and Vice President Kruidenier seconded the motion to close the public hearing.

#### **Approval of the 2013-14 Budget Amendment**

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent, recommended approval of the proposed 2013-14 Budget Amendment as published. Director Wierson moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to approve the 2013-14 Budget Amendment as was presented and published. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

#### **Communication from the Public**

John Hollebrands, 4217 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale, spoke in support of the Board's decision to approve the 2014-15 Certified Budget at the published tax rate. He spoke about the importance of maintaining healthy cash balances in light of recent news that other area school districts are facing deep budget cuts.

#### **Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Approval of Monday, March 24, 2014 Board Minutes;
- B. Approval of Monday, March 31, 2014 Special Board Minutes;
- C. Approval of Open Enrollment, with three students enrolling into the District for 2013-14. Also, four students enrolling into the District, three students enrolling out, and one denied enrollment into the District for 2014-15;
- D. Approval of Personnel Report as submitted;
- E. Approval of Website Additional Budget Options with Flying Hippo;
- F. Approval of Audit Services with Van Maanen, Sietstra, and Meyer, PC for fiscal years 2014 through 2018;
- G. Approval of Iowa Association of School Boards Services Agreement for actuarial services associated with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement #45 reporting requirements on other post-employment benefits;
- H. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request – Karen Acres Elementary, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE on March 16, 2014;
- I. Approval of IGHSAU Cooperative Sharing Agreement with DM Christian for Tennis.

Directors discussed item E – Website Additional Budget Options, with regard to the District's website redesign project with Flying Hippo. Director Newberg moved, and Vice President Kruidenier seconded the motion to approve all website additional budget options except the customized home page. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

Director Newberg moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to approve all consent agenda items A through I, with exceptions as noted on item E. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

A. Authorization to Pay Bills

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, requested Board authorization to pay the list of bills as submitted. Director Newberg moved, and Director Applegate seconded the motion to authorize the payment of all bills listed, totaling \$215,263.25. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

**Report of the President**

President Obrecht reported that the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce final meeting forum for elected officials is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Discussion of Other Matters**


Director Newberg reported that HyVee is conducting some fundraising at their Urbandale store for the High School Prom.

**Adjourn**

Director Wierson moved, and Vice President Kruidenier seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

  
Board President 4/21/14  
Date

ATTEST:

  
Board Secretary 4/21/14  
Date

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on April 21, 2014.