

**URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
URBANDALE CITY HALL – 3600 86th STREET
MONDAY, December 10, 2012
BOARD WORK SESSION – 5:20 P.M.
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
ADAM OBRECHT, PRESIDENT**

I. Outside Tour of the Proposed Parking Lot Expansion

At 5:20 P.M., Board members and interested community members were invited to informally tour the site of the Proposed Parking Lot Expansion project at Rolling Green Elementary. The group was led by Jim Huse, DLR Group, and John Lees, Maintenance Supervisor. After the tour outside, Mr. Huse also provided drawings and answered parent questions as to proposed traffic flows during the work session.

II. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meanwhile, President Adam Obrecht called the work session to order at about 5:45 P.M. At roll call, the following Directors were present: Kyle Kruidenier, Cate Newberg, Mark Wierson, Vice President Ryan Judas, and President Obrecht. Director Jeff Farrell arrived later and Director Shawn St. John was absent.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Tour of Rolling Green Elementary School

Directors were led on a tour of the building by Principal Julia Taylor. Mrs. Taylor explained the school's project-based programing. As the group toured each classroom, Mrs. Taylor spoke about each instructor and how the student learning is facilitated. Director Farrell arrived at 5:55 P.M.

V. Discussion with Parents in the Media Center

Representatives from the First American Bank and several students spoke positively about the branch bank that has been set up at Rolling Green for student deposits and savings. Parents had the opportunity to ask questions of the School Board and Administration on the possibility of project-based programing at the Middle School level, school technology purchases, English Language Learner programing, and the proposed Parking Lot Expansion Project.

President Obrecht announced a Recess before the start of the regular Board Meeting.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Adam Obrecht called the board meeting at City Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. At roll call, the following Directors were present: Jeff Farrell, Kyle Kruidenier, Cate Newberg, Mark Wierson, Vice President Ryan Judas, and President Obrecht. Director Shawn St. John was absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Presentation and Acceptance of Independent Audit for 2011-2012

Jeff Van Maanen, of Van Maanen, Seitstra & Meyer, PC presented information on their issuance of the District's audit report for fiscal year 2012. Mr. Van Maanen stated that the District's financial status is favorable and he commended District management on financial and accounting operations. Director Farrell moved, and Director Kruidenier seconded the motion to accept the Independent Audit Report for 2011-12. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

IV. Student Senate Report

Urbandale Middle School and Urbandale High School Student Senate representatives reported on various holiday activities that were planned and fundraising efforts for the Urbandale Food Pantry.

V. Elementary Math Team Update

LouAnn McClain, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, and the Elementary Math Team, provided an update on the work the Elementary Math Team has been doing to study and plan for implementation of Iowa Core Mathematics.

VI. Recognition of the Middle School Mock Trial Teams and Coaches

Parent Volunteer Eric Muller updated the Board of Directors about the Middle School Mock Trial Team competition and recognized students and coaches for their hard work and dedication.

On Thursday, December 6th, a team of predominately 6th graders (one seventh grader) represented UMS in the State Mock Trial competition held at the Polk County Convention Center, formerly known as Vet's Auditorium. These students defeated another UMS team, made up of 8th graders, at the Regional competition for the right to go to the State event. The students on this team are:

Audrey Krukow, Sydney Hartman, Anna Perdue, Josh Muller, Alex Economos, Jenna Booth, Olivia Sobek, Varun Vepa, Aditya Kotla, and Lauren Johnson.

These students are taught and coached by adults/parent volunteers, Al Womble, Eric Muller, and Lisa Perdue. The following UHS student coaches assist them: Aaron Jones,

Justin Dodd, Robert Muller, Indigo Womble, Will Admussen, John Heinrich, Jake Heinrich, Raelynn Meade, Noah Chalfant, and Nathan Cooper
Congratulations to all involved!

VII. Quality Update

Myron Peterson, Director of HS Bands, and Nick Rueckert, Assistant Director of HS Bands, provided a Quality Update. A student centered approach to individual music lessons has made a difference in student responsibility and their musical achievements.

VIII. Communication from the Public

None

IX. Good News

The Valerius Character Council sponsored a food drive for the Urbandale Food Pantry and a Pajama Day to raise money for the Animal Rescue League.

Jensen will receive \$2,620 and Rolling Green will receive \$780 for their participation in the Merle Hay Mall Promotion "Be True to Your School."

Parents at Karen Acres pitched in to cut up hundreds of sheets of card stock for the new Words Their Way word study program.

Rolling Green's Student Council raised \$552, with the help from students and families, for the American Cancer Society.

The Urbandale Jaywalkers placed 3rd in Kick in Division 1 at the Iowa State Dance Team Competition on Friday, November 30th in Des Moines. The Jaywalkers also received a Division 1 rating in both Jazz and Lyrical Dance in the competition.

X. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monday, November 26, 2012 Board Minutes
 - B. Approval of Open Enrollment report, including seven students into the District, and four enrolling out for the 2012-2013 school year; and for no students open enrolling into the District and no students out of the District for the 2013-2014 school year;
 - C. Approval of Personnel Report as submitted.
 - D. Approval of Sylvan Learning Center's Contractual Services Agreement for Karen Acres Elementary
 - E. Approval of 2013 UHS Early Graduates
 - F. Approval of 2013-2014 Modified Allowable Growth Application for Dropout Prevention Budget in the amount of \$826,024.
- Director Farrell moved, and Director Judas seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items A through F. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

XI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Iowa Assessment Administration Update

LouAnn McClain, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, updated the Board of Directors about the Iowa Assessment Administration.

B. Human Resource Report

Maggie Lichtenberg, Human Resources Manager, provided a Human Resources Report, including statistics with regard to the level of education of the District's certified teachers and various types of employee absences.

C. Approval of DLR Group, Inc. Agreement

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent, had discussed DLR Group Inc.'s proposed changes to their standard agreement with the District's Legal Counsel and recommended approval.

Director Farrell moved, and Director Judas seconded the motion to approve The DLR Group, Inc. Agreement. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

D. Approval of Central Iowa Dirt Works Agreement

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, and John Lees, Maintenance Supervisor, provided information regarding the proposal submitted by Central Iowa Dirt Works, LLC., for mitigating storm water run-off at the High School. The District will opt to restore the grade and grass areas after the project is complete.

Director Farrell moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to approve the Central Iowa Dirt Works Agreement, without the optional restoration work for grading. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

E. Authorization to Pay Bills

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, requested Board authorization to pay bills as submitted. Director Farrell moved, and Director Kruidenier seconded the motion to pay bills as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

F. Final Approval and Release of Retainage for Middle School Addition and Renovation project

The Middle School project is complete and the Architectural Firm has approved the work. Jim Huse, DLR Group, Inc., was available to answer any questions about the project and Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer requested Board of Director approval for final release of funds.

Director Farrell moved, and Director Judas seconded the motion to approve satisfactory completion of the project and for final release of funds. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.


XII. Discussion of Other Matters

A. Silver Cord Program

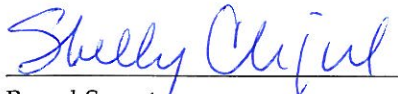
The Board of Directors postponed discussion on the Silver Cord Program.

XIII. Adjourn

Director Judas moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 P.M. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

 1/7/13
Board President Date

ATTEST:

 1/7/13
Board Secretary Date

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on January 7, 2013.