

URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012
WORK SESSION 5:30 P.M.
URBANDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 7701 AURORA AVENUE
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
URBANDALE CITY HALL – 3600 86th STREET

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Director Farrell moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried with all ayes 4-0.

Directors Newberg and Obrecht arrived at 5:35 P.M.

III. Tour of Urbandale Middle School

Principal Dan Meyer led the Directors and guests on a tour of the Middle School, highlighting the new and renovated areas of the building. Stahl Construction Company is nearly finished with their work, a three year phased project, funded through the Statewide Sales Tax Revenues.

IV. Presentation by PTO and Staff

Deb Bremser, Middle School PTO President, shared information about the school's parent volunteer activities and fundraising efforts.

At 6:30 P.M., President Judas announced a 30 Minute Recess between Work Session and Board Meeting

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II. Communication from the Public

None

III. Good News

Jackie Meunier, 5th grade teacher at Olmsted Elementary School was named Urbandale Educator of the Year. Realtor Rick Wannamaker donated \$3,500 to the building trades program. Mike Moreno of Millennium Construction Products donated 23 cartons of ceiling tiles to the District, over \$1,200 value. Elizabeth Whitver, 3rd grade teacher at Webster Elementary School, was awarded the MyABC 5 "One Classroom at a Time" \$1,000 grant to help develop Math Centers. Webster Elementary School's Second Annual Family Reading Night themed "Be a Reading Rockstar!" was a success with 295 family participants and over 30 staff members. Urbandale Studio 2012 has dominated a Show Choir Invitational for two weeks in a row. J-Hawks beat Southeast Polk Rams, 5th win in 6 games. Urbandale senior Gabriel Moreno won the individual

Ed Winger Invite Title at 145lbs. Check out the hallway of banners between the north and south gymnasiums at Urbandale High School, each banner highlights team achievement of nearly 120 state qualifying teams dating back to the 1960's; the banner project was funded by the Urbandale Booster Club. Rolling Green and Jensen students send "Thanks" to Hy Vee and Fareway for providing fresh fruit for snacks during Iowa Assessment week.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

A. Monday, January 9, 2012 Board Minutes; B. Personnel Report as submitted; C. Agreement with Iowa Realty for Lot Purchase; and D. Early Childhood Contracts with St. Pius X School and Apple Tree Children's Center.

Vice President Obrecht moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to approve items A through D in the consent agenda. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

V. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Quality Update – Rolling Green

TAG teacher, Laura Hecht, and three of her students, Blake Arntzen, Hannah Marshall, and Katherine (Kit) Stoelk presented information about the 'store' that the students are operating as part of their Talented and Gifted program, and the real-life business skills they are learning.

B. Presentation by RSM McGladrey, Inc. of the District Technology Assessment

Aaron Donaldson and Dean Lemons of RSM McGladrey, Inc. presented their overall evaluation of the District's technology needs, as well as technology support, delivery, communication, training and planning. The first step in implementing their firm's recommendations is to form a Technology Steering Committee.

C. Discussion and Approval of First Reading of Board Policies in Series 300 –Administration, 400 – Personnel and Any Other Policy Revisions as Identified

Vice President Obrecht moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to table the approval of changes to Board Policies in the 300 Series – Administration, and the 400 Series – Personnel, pending District legal counsel review for removing administrative positions referenced in policy that are currently unfilled. Motion passed with all ayes, 6-0.

Vice President Obrecht moved; and Director Farrell seconded the motion to approve the first reading of all other board policy revisions as identified: 211 – Open Meetings; Closed Sessions, 537 Library Records, 627 – Instructional Materials: Selection, Inspection, and Reconsideration, 627 Exhibit A – Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, 627 Exhibit B – Appointment of Instructional Material Reconsideration Review Committee, 627-R1 – Instructional Materials: Selection, 627A – Use of Information Resources, and 632 – Libraries. Motion passed with all ayes, 6-0.

D. Accept the Financial Report

Shelly Clifford, Director of Business Services, submitted financial reports through December 2011 and summarized the District's financial status as favorable at mid- fiscal year. Director Wierson moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to accept the financial reports for fiscal year to date through December 2011. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

E. Authorization to Pay Bills

Shelly Clifford, Director of Business Services, requested Board authorization to pay bills as submitted. Vice President Obrecht moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to pay the bills as submitted, totaling \$636,916.87. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

VI. Report of the President

President Ryan Judas reminded attendees about the Chamber of Commerce's legislative forums on upcoming Saturday mornings.

VII. Discussion of Other Matters

None

VIII. Closed Session

A. Mid-Term Evaluation of Superintendent

Director Farrell moved, and Vice President Obrecht seconded the motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa, and as requested by the individual, to evaluate the professional competency of the individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation. Upon roll call vote, motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

B. Return to Open Session

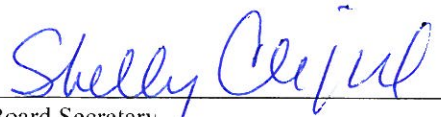
The Board of Directors returned to open session at 9:29 P.M.

IX. Adjourn

Vice President Obrecht moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 P.M. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.


Board President Date 2/6/12

ATTEST:


Board Secretary Date 2/6/12

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on February 6, 2012.