

**URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015
WORK SESSION – 5:30 P.M.
URBANDALE HIGH SCHOOL – 7111 AURORA AVENUE
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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 5:30 P.M. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Directors Kyle Kruidenier, Mark Wierson, Vice President Cate Newberg, and President Gunnare. Director Graham Giles arrived later, and Directors Aaron Applegate and Adam Obrecht were absent.

Approval of Agenda

Director Wierson moved, and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed with all ayes 4-0.

Board Systems Work

Director Giles arrived at 5:35.

Board President Gunnare facilitated a Board of Directors systems check using the Baldrige system. Each board member rated the Board's progress on several quality factors.

President Gunnare announced a 30-Minute Recess between Work Session and Board Meeting

REGULAR 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, Vice President Cate Newberg, Adam Obrecht and President Gunnare. Director Aaron Applegate was absent.

Approval of Agenda

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

Quality Update

Amy Brown Luke, High School Social Studies teacher, provided an update on the transformation in her student-centered classroom. Students in her AP History class are more involved in their own learning and use data folders to track their progress.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Hearing Date for Proposed Rolling Green Elementary 2015-2016 School Calendar

Julia Taylor, Rolling Green Elementary Principal, and Superintendent Stilwell submitted the proposed 2015-2016 Rolling Green Elementary School calendar and requested approval for publication of notice for a public hearing on May 4, where public comments will be heard regarding the 2015-2016 Rolling Green school calendar. Director Obrecht moved, and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion to approve the publication of a hearing notice. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

B. Approval of Extended Learning Program (ELP) Handbook

Julia Taylor, Rolling Green Elementary Principal, and Crista Carlile, Director of Teaching and Learning, requested the Board of Directors approval for the ELP Handbook, (formerly TAG). Director Wierson moved, and Director Giles seconded the motion to approve the ELP Handbook. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

C. Math Acceleration Update

Crista Carlile, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided information on the Math Acceleration program

D. Approval of Addendum to Course Flow for UHS English Course Offerings

Crista Carlile, Director of Teaching and Learning, requested Board of Directors' approval of the Addendum to Course Flow regarding UHS English Course Offerings. Public Speaking would be moved to the elective course offerings to align with Des Moines Area Community College curriculum, since it is a concurrent credit course. Director Obrecht moved and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion to approve the Addendum. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

E. Energy Update

Damon Staker, UCSD Energy Manager, presented information on District utility usage, comparisons by building and year, and total energy savings to date.

F. District Budget Discussion

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent, and Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, and members of the Facility and Finance Committee led a discussion on Certified Budget and Tax Rates for 2015-2016. The Legislature has not set State Supplemental Aid

(SSA) for the 2015-16 fiscal year. If no SSA is set by June 30, 2015 the rate of growth will be zero. If a rate is set before the June 30 deadline, the District will have the opportunity to make any necessary adjustments to levy rates before the Iowa Department of Management finalizes school budgets to the county auditors.

- G. **Approval of Board Policy Series 900, Building & Sites** – Board of Directors (228)
Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent, requested approval of the final reading of Board Policy Series 900, including policies 909, 910, & 924. Director Obrecht moved, and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion to approve the final readings of Series 900, Board Policy numbers 909, 910, & 924. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

Consent Agenda Items

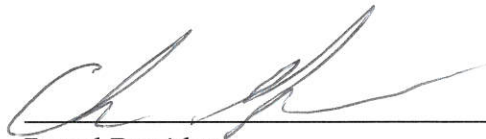
- A. Approval of Wednesday, March 4, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of Thursday, March 5, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
 - C. Approval of Monday, March 9 Board Meeting Minutes
 - D. Approval of Thursday, March 12 Board Meeting Minutes
 - E. Approval of Monday, April 6, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
 - F. Approval of Open Enrollments
 - G. Approval of Personnel Report
 - H. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request - Karen Acres Elementary, Fourth Grade, May 15, 2015, Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE
 - I. Approval of Administration Office Renovation
 - J. Approval of US Cellular Consent to Sublease
 - K. Approval of 2015 State Fair Dairy Bar Contract
 - L. Approval of Metro West Academy 2015-2016 School Calendar
 - M. Approval of Date for Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Public Hearing date set for May 20, 2015
 - N. Approval of February Financials
 - O. Approval of March Financials
 - P. Authorization to Pay Bills
- Vice President Newberg moved, and Director Kruidenier seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items A through P as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

Discussion of Other Matters

Director Obrecht reported that the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce will introduce Steve Bass at their luncheon on July 15. Mr. Bass was recently hired for the position of Superintendent of Schools, replacing Dr. Doug Stilwell, who will retire on June 30. A reception honoring Dr. Stilwell is planned for May 18th at 6:30 P.M. at the high school.


Adjourn

Director Obrecht moved, and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.


Board President

5/4/15
Date

ATTEST:


Board Secretary

5/4/15
Date

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on May 4, 2015.