

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Waterloo Schools
County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa
March 9, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Waterloo Schools, County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa, was called to meet in regular session at 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2020, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, 1516 Washington Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

Present: Board members: Endya Johnson, Jesse Knight, Sue Flynn, Shanlee McNally, Stacie Mills, Astor Williams and Lyle Schmitt
Superintendent, Dr. Jane Lindaman
Associate Superintendent for Educational Services, Dr. Stephanie Mohorne
Chief Officer of Human Resources/Equity, Kingsley Botchway II
Chief Financial Officer/Board Treasurer, Michael Coughlin
Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Secretary, Pam Arndorfer

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. McNally at 5:00pm.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Mission Statement

The Waterloo Schools Mission Statement was read by Ms. Mills.

V. Board Celebration – Irving Elementary Named Healthiest School in Iowa

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Johnson that the Board of Education accepts and acknowledges with gratitude the \$5,000 donation to Irving Elementary presented by the Healthiest State Initiative. Tara Thomas, Director of School and Community Relations, introduced Cory Arensdorf, Irving PE teacher, and Zach Zimmerman, Irving principal, who shared information about the award and donation. This is the 2nd consecutive year that Irving has been named the Healthiest School in Iowa. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. Resolution Supporting the Partnership with the 2020 Census

It was moved by Ms. Flynn and seconded by Ms. Johnson that the Board of Education adopt the resolution affirming the Waterloo Schools' support of and partnership with the 2020 Census. Tara Thomas, Director of School and Community Relations, provided information. Motion carried 7-0.

**A Resolution in Support of a Complete Count
in the Decennial U.S. 2020 Census**

WHEREAS, The United States Census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, enumerates every person in the country, regardless of citizenship status, and is fundamental to fair and representative government;

WHEREAS, The 2020 decennial census has critical implications for the state of Iowa, and determines its allocation of seats in the House of Representatives and billions of dollars in federal funding;

WHEREAS, A fair and accurate count on the 2020 U.S. Census will help ensure that Iowa's communities, families and students are represented in our democracy and receive critical services and supports for education, healthcare, transportation and infrastructure, including rural utilities and broadband;

WHEREAS, Census counts of school-aged children and children in poverty at the state and school district levels are used to determine funding for the U.S. Department of Education's two biggest elementary and secondary programs, Title I (compensatory education) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (special education), as well as the National School Lunch Program; and

WHEREAS, Census data are used to calculate the rate at which federal funds match state spending on programs that support the health and well-being of Iowa students, including Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waterloo Schools Board Education pledges to:

- Inform its families, staff and other leaders within the community about the critical importance of a complete count and participation in the 2020 U.S. Census;
- Provide appropriate resources and support to assist in securing a complete count;
- Work in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as organizations focused on traditionally undercounted communities to explore other activities and maximize opportunities to ensure a complete count;
- And, further, recognizes that every Iowa child and adult counts.

ADOPTED by ACTION of the BOARD this 9th day of March 2020.

By: Shanlee McNally, Board President

VII. Information from Individuals and Delegations

- Britt Jungck, teacher and parent, urged the District to make sure steps are being taken to ensure the emotional wellbeing of both students and staff.

VIII. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Flynn and seconded by Ms. Johnson that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as revised. Motion carried 7-0. The following items were approved:

- Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Bills Due & Payable and Bills Paid Between Board Meetings
- Set Date of Public Hearing – Lowell Elementary Construction Project

Exhibit D: Personnel Appointments and Adjustments

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Flynn that the Board of Education approve the personnel items as listed. Kingsley Botchway II, Chief Officer of Human Relations & Equity, provided information. Motion carried 7-0.

Exhibit G: Donation from R.J. McElroy Trust

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Johnson that the Board of Education accepts with gratitude this donation in the amount of \$3,900 from the R.J. McElroy Trust for the 2019/20 Youth Emergency Fund as presented. Dr. Jane Lindaman, Superintendent, provided information. Motion carried 6-0-1; Ms. McNally abstained.

IX. Superintendent’s Report

- We are closely monitoring Coronavirus; partnering with UnityPoint Health, Black Hawk County Health, State Health Dept. to make sure we stay up to date and prepared for any necessary action
- Saturday had the opportunity to take tickets at NEIBA Jazz Festival, participated in the Academic Decathlon at East High as a question reader, and attended the East High Swing Show – reminder of all the great things activities offered in our District
- ISASP Update
 - 15 instructional days before testing begins (April 6)
 - Parents should look for information coming home from school
 - Practice tests are available online on the ISASP website

XIII. Information from Board Members

Each board member was given the opportunity to comment.

XIV. Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Knight and seconded by Ms. Flynn that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela G. Arndorfer, Board Secretary

Date Approved by the Board of Education

THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION IS:

“the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020, Regular Board meeting.”