

Board of Education Meeting 04/08/2024 - 05:00 PM

Education Service Center 1516 Washington Street Waterloo, IA

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Astor Williams, Board President Lyle Schmitt, Board Vice President Jonathan Cox, Board Member Jesse Knight, Board Member Krystal Madlock, Board Member Stacie Mills, Board Member

Absent

Janelle Ewing, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Jared Smith, Superintendent Anthony Spurgetis, Chief Human Resources Officer Jeff Sommerfeldt, Chief Financial Officer / Board Treasurer Pam Arndorfer, Board Secretary

I. Call to Order

President Williams called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Mission Statement

The Waterloo Schools mission statement was read by President Williams.

V. Public Hearing: East High Auditorium and Pool Roof Replacement Project

The Public Hearing for the East High Auditorium and Pool Roof Replacement project was declared open at 5:06pm.

No public comments were brought forth.

The Superintendent's recommendation is to close the Public Hearing for the East High Auditorium and Pool Roof Replacement project.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight Motion seconded by: Stacie Mills

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:07pm.

VI. School Presentation: Becker Elementary

This item was presented as Information Only. Brandy Welch, Becker Elementary principal, and Amber Megivern, Becker support staff, provided information regarding their efforts to increase student, parent and family engagement within the school and community.

VII. Board Celebration: FIRST Tech Challenge and FIRST Robotics Competition

This item was presented as Information Only. Dick Hurban, along with several student members of FIRST Tech Challenge and FIRST Robotics, provided information and shared a demonstration of their robots.

VIII. Information from Individuals and Delegations

- Forest Dillavou, 1725 Huntington Road, Waterloo, spoke about the recent property purchase on Katoski Drive and asked for any written communication from the City regarding the flood plain issue. He also expressed his appreciation to the board member who met him and walked the property.
- Faythe Kubik, 1569 Corrine St, Waterloo, expressed her concerns regarding the proposed high school project, stating that she believes it will be too large and diminish opportunities for student engagement. She also fears there will be more cliques and less diversity among groups.

IX. Consent Agenda

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda including items i, iii, and v as presented.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight Motion seconded by: Stacie Mills

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

i. Approval of Minutes: March 25, 2024, Regular and Special Board Meetings

ii. Personnel Appointments and Adjustments

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education approve the personnel items as listed.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight Motion seconded by: Stacie Mills

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Anthony Spurgetis, Chief Human Resources Officer, Dr. Jared Smith, Superintendent, and Amy Schmidt, Director of Secondary Education, provided information.

iii. Bills Due & Payable and Bills Paid Between Board Meetings

iv. Acceptance of SLFRF Safety Grant

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education accepts the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) grant in the amount of \$900,000 to provide safety improvements in District school buildings.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight Motion seconded by: Stacie Mills

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Jeff Sommerfeldt, Chief Financial Officer, and Dr. Jared Smith, Superintendent, provided information.

v. Set Date of Second Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget Certification

X. Time and Attendance System Purchase

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the UKG Ready system as presented.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight Motion seconded by: Stacie Mills

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Matt O'Brien, Director of Technology, provided information.

XI. Bid Approval: East High Auditorium and Pool Roof Replacement Project

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education accept the recommendation from ISG and approve the bid from Service Roofing for the East High Auditorium and Pool Roof Replacement as outlined for a total contract cost of \$364,000.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight

Motion seconded by: Krystal Madlock

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Nathan Compton, Senior Architect with ISG, provided information.

XII. Resolution Amending Revenue Purpose Statement to Authorize Expenditures from Revenue Received from SAVE for Radon Testing

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Amending the Revenue Purpose Statement to Authorize Expenditures from Revenue Received from the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund for Radon Testing as presented.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight Motion seconded by: Stacie Mills

Voting:

Astor Williams - Yes Lyle Schmitt - Yes Jonathan Cox - Yes Jesse Knight - Yes Krystal Madlock - Yes Stacie Mills - Yes

Jeff Sommerfeldt, Chief Financial Officer, and Zach Kelly, Director of Operations, provided information.

RESOLUTION AMENDING REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FROM REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE SECURE AN ADVANCED VISION FOR EDUCATION FUND FOR RADON TESTING

WHEREAS, the School District receives revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund ("SAVE Revenue") pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the School District approved a Revenue Purpose Statement at the March 3, 2020 election; and

WHEREAS, the School District's Revenue Purpose Statement authorizes the use of SAVE Revenue for multiple purposes, including to provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the School District; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the General Assembly enacted House File 2412, an act requiring radon testing and mitigation in public schools as required by Iowa Code section 280.32; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HF 2412, the General Assembly amended Iowa Code section 423F.3(3)(a) to provide that boards of directors may adopt a resolution to use SAVE Revenue to pay for radon testing and may approve a revenue purpose statement for that purpose without submitting the revenue purpose statement to a vote of the electors; and

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to amend its Revenue Purpose Statement that includes all proposed uses of SAVE Revenue, to provide for the use of SAVE Revenue to pay for radon testing mandated pursuant to lowa Code section 280.32:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATERLOO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF BLACK HAWK, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the Board hereby authorizes spending SAVE Revenue to pay for radon testing mandated pursuant to Iowa Code section 280.32 and, in doing so, hereby approves the following amendment to its Revenue Purpose Statement.

Section 2. That the School District's Revenue Purpose Statement, as approved by the voters at an election held on March 3, 2020, be amended to provide that, in addition to all previously authorized purposes, revenue received by the School District from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund may be spent to provide funds for radon testing required pursuant to Iowa Code section 280.32.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of April, 2024.

XIII. Superintendent's Report

• We are excited to share that Lowell Elementary received news the day following their Board presentation that they have been approved as a Lighthouse school!

- We are looking forward to the Board Recognition breakfast on Thursday morning at the WCC. We will be joined by a number of WCC students who will share their experiences at the WCC and the impact taking WCC classes has had on their lives.
- Earlier today we made the announcement of three new administrative level hires, pending board approval:
 - Ryan Christoffer Lincoln Elementary principal
 - Cassandra Hart Kittrell Elementary principal
 - Sunni Hart Associate Director of Special Education

XIV. Information from Board Members

Each board member was given the opportunity to comment.

XV. Adjourn

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight Motion seconded by: Stacie Mills Voting:

Unanimously Approved

The meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Pamela G. Arndorfer, Board Secretary