DeSmet School District #20

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:00 pm Monday, October 23rd, 2023
In the School Library

Board Members Present: Synthia Wendell, Laura Zumpfe, Jasmine Dahlquist, Heather Burgad
Board Members Absent:
Others Present: Matthew Driessen, Freyja Hughes, Carly Aho

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited at 6:13pm
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II. Introduction/Comments of Guests on Items not on the Agenda

III. Recognition of Students and Staff

Mr. Driessen relayed that Ms. Mullis has raised approximately $2,000 for a music fundraiser, and Mrs. Bateman has raised approximately $1,000 through concessions.

IV. Board Correspondence

V. Business Manager's Report

A. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the 9.18.23 Minutes was made first by Laura Zumpfe and seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Warrants
   [September Claims Detail Report]
   [October Claims Detail Report]

A motion to approve the September and October warrants was made first by Heather Burgad and seconded by Laura Zumpfe. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. Discuss: Tax Increment Finance District

Mr. Driessen relayed that the county is currently accepting public comment on the TIF District. Statements by the county commissioners indicate that the TIF District will be approved regardless of public comment. The board would like to organize a special board meeting for public comment after the week of November 6th, and invite the county to discuss the impact that the TIF District will have on the school district.

B. Discuss: Board Policies 2150, 3300, 3310

Mr. Driessen discussed board policies that will be coming forward in the future, pending legal review.

C. Discuss: Fire Hydrant Estimates, Intercap Loan

Mr. Driessen discussed remaining cost estimates for the fire hydrant going in on the school property. Professional Consultants had estimated about $58,000 in supplies and labor to finish the fire hydrant. The board discussed potentially acquiring an intercap loan to assist paying for this.

VII. Personnel Report

A. Approve/Disapprove: Addition of Landon Youbles to the Sub List, pending background check.

A motion was made to approve the addition of Landon Youbles to the sub list, pending a background check first by Laura Zumpfe and seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion/Possible Action: $800 Stipend, Concessions Manager

A motion was made first by Heather Burgad to approve the position of a Concessions Manager, to receive a stipend of $800. This motion was seconded by Laura Zumpfe, and carried unanimously.

C. Discussion/Possible Action: Para Matrix Discussion

A motion was made to table the Para Matrix Discussion until further notice first by Laura Zumpfe and seconded by Jasmine Dahlquist. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Committee Updates

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. 6:00 pm Monday, November 13th

X. Comments of Guest & School Board Members on Items Not on the Agenda

XI. Adjourn

A unanimous motion was made to adjourn at 6:58pm.

Minutes transcribed and typed by Freyja Hughes, District Clerk:

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Minutes approved by Aaron Foster, Board Chair:

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