



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Astor Williams, Board President
Lyle Schmitt, Board Vice President
Jonathan Cox, Board Member
Janelle Ewing, Board Member
Jesse Knight, Board Member
Krystal Madlock, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Jared Smith, Superintendent
Amy Schmidt, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning
Anthony Spurgetis, Chief Human Resources Officer

Absent

Stacie Mills, Board Member
Pam Arndorfer, Assistant to the Superintendent/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 Director Knight.

V. Information from Individuals and Delegations

- Susan Padget, 153 Linwood, spoke in support of the proposed new high school and the positive effect it will have by enhancing students' access to WCC courses and career pathways.
- Joshua Jebe, 2919 Sherwood Lane, spoke regarding the prevalence of students vaping. He urged school board members to reach out to legislators regarding the ease of minors acquiring vaping devices and encouraged the district to consider more restorative rather than punitive consequences.

VI. Donation from John Deere for Purchase of 2nd Grade FIRST LEGO League Explore Materials

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education accepts with gratitude this donation in the amount of \$12,741 from John Deere to purchase Cargo Connect kits for use in 2nd grade classrooms throughout the District.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight

Motion seconded by: Janelle Ewing

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Erin Sale, District STEM Coach, Mindy Schmidt, Community Relations Manager with John Deere, and Amy Schmidt, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, provided information.

VII. Donation from R.J. McElroy Trust

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education accepts with gratitude this donation in the amount of \$8,900 from the R.J. McElroy Trust for the 2024-2025 Youth Emergency Fund as presented.

Motion made by: Janelle Ewing

Motion seconded by: Krystal Madlock

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Jeff Sommerfeldt, Chief Financial Officer, provided information.

VIII. Consent Agenda

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

Motion made by: Jesse Knight

Motion seconded by: Janelle Ewing

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

i. Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

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: Lyle Schmitt

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Anthony Spurgetis, Chief Human Resources Officer, provided information.

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

IX. Special Education 2024 Modified Allowable Growth Request

The Superintendent's recommendation is that the Board of Education approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee for allowable growth and supplemental aid of \$4,639,197.95 for the

negative special education balance for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion made by: Jesse Knight

Motion seconded by: Krystal Madlock

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Jeff Sommerfeldt, Chief Financial Officer, along with Megan Allen, Director of Special Education, and Sunni Hart, Associate Director of Special Education, provided information.

X. Board Policy Changes - First Reading

This item was presented as Information Only.

XI. Superintendent's Report

- Thank you to Erin Sale & Mindy Schmidt for bringing forth the information regarding Lego League, and for the tremendous support of John Deere in helping to provide this programming to our students
- Mayor's Fun Run was this past week - this is a great event promoting wellness to our students
- We had our first Town Hall last week, next meeting is tomorrow at Bunger Middle School

XII. Information from Board Members

Each board member was given the opportunity to comment.

XIII. Adjourn

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

Motion made by: Jesse Knight

Motion seconded by: Krystal Madlock

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

The meeting adjourned at 6:19pm.

Pamela G. Arndorfer, Board Secretary