

**URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
URBANDALE CITY HALL – 3600 86th STREET
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012
WORK SESSION – 5:30 P.M.
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
ADAM OBRECHT, PRESIDENT**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Adam Obrecht called the work session to order at 5:30 P.M. At roll call, the following Directors were present: Jeff Farrell, Kyle Kruidenier, Cate Newberg, Shawn St. John, Mark Wierson, Vice President Ryan Judas, and President Obrecht.

II. Approval of Agenda

Director St. John moved, and Director Judas seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

III. Discussion of Strategic Plan

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Denise Wood, and Mark Lane reviewed with board members the process of the District Strategic Plan, "Our Call for Transformation: Trailblazing Excellence in Education 2013-2016." The steering committee, facilitated by Bruce Benard, will be working on system goals and then breaking each of the six proposed goals down and expanding each goal into milestones and data points. Dr. Stilwell will bring the Guiding Principles page to the Board meeting on November 26, 2012 for approval.

At 6:30 P.M. President Obrecht called a 30-minute recess.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Adam Obrecht called the board meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. At roll call, the following Directors were present: Jeff Farrell, Cate Newberg, Shawn St. John, Mark Wierson, Vice President Ryan Judas, and President Obrecht. Director Kyle Kruidenier was absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Student Senate Report

Middle School Student Senate members 8th grader Rhea Gaskins, 7th graders, Leah Ingraham and Macee Ellis, reported that toys are being collected November 16th thru December 12th for Toys for Tots, \$112 was made and donated to the Urbandale Police for Hat Day during Red Ribbon Week, and a food drive for non-perishable foods was just completed on November 15th with over 200 items

donated to Urbandale Food Pantry. No High School Student Senate report was given.

IV. Communication from the Public

None.

V. Good News

Ten Urbandale instrumental music students have been accepted to participate in the All-State Music Festival: Sara Chen, 12th grade – 1st Alternate; Michaela Gyure, 10th grade – 1st Alternate; Brittany Schultz, 9th grade – 2nd Alternate; Nick Bartschat, 12th grade – 2nd Alternate; Brian Rye, 12th grade – 1st Alternate; Kate Newendorp, 12th grade – 1st Year Oboe; Jennifer Van Riessen, 12th grade – 1st Year Clarinet; Emma Shipley, 12th grade – 2nd Year Clarinet; Peter Weihs, 12th grade – 2nd Year Percussion; and Krista Yourstone, 12th grade – 2nd Year Alto Saxophone. Eleven Urbandale vocal music students have been accepted to participate in the All-State Music Festival: Sarah Dougherty, 12th grade – 3rd Year Soprano I; Amanda Owens, 12th grade, 2nd Year – Soprano I; Bethany Schultz, 11th grade – 1st Year Soprano II; Annika Andrews, 11th grade – 1st Year Alto I; Maddie Bouslog, 12th grade – 1st Year Alto I; Kylie Pelletier, 12th grade – 1st Year Alto II; Miranda Riegel, 12th grade – 2nd Year Alto II; Bailey Whitsitt, 12th grade – 1st Year Alto I; Sam Coon, 11th grade – 1st Year Tenor II; Andrew Hess, 12th grade – 1st Year Tenor II; and Evan Stearns, 11th grade – 2nd Year Bass II. The Urbandale Drama Department successfully presented the play, “The Miracle Worker.” Emilee Erichsen and Kyla Inderski were named to the Central Iowa Conference’s First Team, All-Western Division Volleyball Team, as voted on by the coaches. In addition, Inderski was a 1st Team All CIC selection and was named to the *Des Moines Register’s* All-State First Team. Logan Augustine, Markell Colemon, Redzo Ibisevic, Allen Lazard and Shaquille Wells were named First Team Western Iowa Division I All Division First Team in Football. Sixteen Urbandale Middle School students were recognized during Optimist Youth Appreciation Week November 5 – 9; Erika Bartschat and Spenser Pack were selected to represent UMS at the honorary luncheon on November 7. Karen Acres Elementary School held its First Annual Math and Literacy Night on November 1.

VI. Consent Agenda Items

A. Open Enrollment with two students enrolling into the District, no students enrolling out of the District for 2012-2013, and one student enrolling and one student denied enrollment into the District, no students enrolling out of the District for 2013-2014,

B. Personnel Report as submitted, and

C. Board Minutes October 29, 2012 Meeting as submitted.

Director Farrell moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items A through C as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

VII. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Presentation by Student Services Department

Brenda Auxier-Mailey, Director of Student Services; Jason Volmer, Coordinator of Special Education; and Denise Wood, Coordinator of Instructional Support; presented updates and answered questions on the five departments of Students Services.

1) At-Risk – Brenda Auxier-Mailey

The At-Risk Program continues to focus on students at risk of dropping out of school. Through family outreach 74 students received services, 36 students received help in Language Literature/Reading, 23 students were served at Metro West Learning Academy, 35 students served at the Middle School level in OASIS, 60 students were served at the High School in RECESS, 43 students during summer school, and 11 students received a J-Hawk Diploma. Urbandale has 49 homeless students in 2011-12, a rise of 20 from 2010-11.

2) 504 – Brenda Auxier-Mailey

Historic enrollment of students with a 504 Plan has gone up 10 students from last year.

3) English Language Learners (ELL) – Brenda Auxier-Mailey

The ELL population, represented by 44 different languages, dropped by 15 students in 2011-12. Mrs. Auxier-Mailey has implemented a corrective plan, Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (part of NCLB & Title III). Students have exceeded goal #1 and #2 to the proficient level of the corrective plan, but are still not meeting goal #3 Annual Yearly Progress.

4) Special Education – Jason Volmer

There has been a greater than anticipated number of students entering the district's special education program in the fall of 2012 by 21 students, and the intensity of special education student's needs has increased. The Special Education Program has made improvements by shifting staff, increased number of Behavior Analysts, better use of program associates, and better usage of subs to allow teachers to focus on behaviors.

5) Talented and Gifted – Denise Wood

395 students with Personalized Education Plans (PEPs) have been served by District TAG teachers in 2011-12. There continues to be great collaboration between TAG teachers and other teachers. Other districts are adopting a similar identification process.

B. Board Policy Review Timeline, Series 100, Series 500, and Series 600

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent, called for any discussion regarding revision or changes to board policies in Series 100, 500, or 600. Dr. Stilwell asked that board members look over policies in these series and email any changes to him and President Obrecht; and these will be forwarded to Sue Seitz for final changes. First reading of changes and revisions to Board Policies in Series 100 – Educational Philosophy, Series 500 – Student Personnel, and Series 600 – Educational Program will be at the January 21, 2013 board meeting and second reading at the February 18, 2013 board meeting.

C. Parking Lot Plans for Webster Elementary and Rolling Green Elementary Schools

John Lees, Maintenance and Construction Supervisor, updated board members on proposed parking lots at Webster and Rolling Green Elementary Schools. This would mean 43 additional spots at Rolling Green and approximately 100

spots at Webster. December 5th is the City deadline for this to be on the Board of Adjustments Committee meeting agenda.

D. Authorization to Pay Bills

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, requested the Board's authorization to pay the bills as submitted totaling \$556,894.28. Director Judas moved, and Director Farrell seconded the motion to approve the bills as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.

VIII. Report of the President


President Obrecht reminded board members of the Iowa Association of School Boards 67th Annual Convention November 14 – 16, 2012.

IX. Discussion of Other Matters

Director Cate Newberg presented the Silver Cord Program, which recognizes students for community service. Several surrounding High Schools currently participate in the Silver Cord Program, and Director Newberg is asking that Urbandale look further into the program to possibly offer to Urbandale students. After board discussion, Director Newberg will invite a representative from a school that currently participates in the Silver Cord Program to answer questions regarding their program at the December 10th board meeting.


X. Adjourn

Director St. John moved, and Vice President Judas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M. Motion passed with all ayes 6-0.


Board President

11-26-12
Date

ATTEST:


Board Secretary

11/26/12
Date

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on November 26, 2012.