

URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
URBANDALE CITY HALL – 3600 86TH STREET
CHRIS GUNNARE, PRESIDENT

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Chris Gunnare called the board meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Directors Aaron Applegate, Graham Giles, Kyle Kruidenier, Mark Wierson, Adam Obrecht, Vice President Cate Newberg, and President Gunnare.

Approval of Agenda

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

Meet With Legislators

Senator Brad Zaun and Representative John Forbes reported on pending legislation with regard to education funding and start date. Both are in the minority in their respective branch. The Governor and the Republican-controlled House of Representatives have proposed 1.25%. The Democratic-controlled Senate recently passed a supplemental state aid rate of 4%. Neither Legislator believes that the supplemental state aid rate will be set before the District's deadline to submit its Certified Budget on April 15th.

Quality Update – UMS

Mica Ramsey, Art Teacher at Urbandale Middle School, presented information about the quality and continual improvement work occurring in her classroom. Students Cassidy Killam and Lauren Siembuca spoke about their art projects and showed the steps they followed, including the idea, conceptual and design stages to complete their finished project.

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Monday, February 2, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Open Enrollment
- C. Approval of Personnel Report
- D. Approval to Sell/Dispose of District's 2000 Chevrolet Venture Passenger Van
- E. Agreement for Ethernet Services
- F. Agreement for Computer Buyback from PowerON Services

Director Wierson moved, and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items A through F as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

A. Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, requested Board members to approve the Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement with Ahlers and Cooney P.C., for the upcoming refunding bonds issuance. Director Obrecht moved and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion of approve the Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

B. Resolution Fixing the Date of Sale, Approval of Electronic Bidding Procedure, and Approval of Official Statement for \$5.8M Refunding Bonds

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, consulted with the District's Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor to prepare a resolution and The Preliminary Official Statement for the Board of Directors' consideration. The proposed date of sale for \$5.8M refunding bonds is March 2, 2015 at 12:00 P.M. The electronic bidding procedure outlined is customary for the bond marketplace, and the Official Statement has been drafted by the District's CFO and Financial Advisor, and reviewed by the Legal Counsel. The Official Statement is subject to Federal Securities Law regulation. Director Obrecht moved and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion of approve The Electronic Bidding Procedure and Official Statement for Refunding Bonds. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

C. Facility Planning Discussion

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent, updated Board members about facility planning underway by DLR Group and school administrators.

D. Special Education Update

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent, provided an update on questions from the February 2nd board meeting regarding Special Education expenses and deficit.

E. First Reading of Board Policies as Identified

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent, requested approval of the first reading of Board Policies in the 800 Series – Business Procedures and 900 Series – Building and Sites. Directors discussed the policies and made several suggestions for further revision. Director Obrecht moved and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion of approve the first reading of Board Polices in the 800 Series. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0. Director Wierson moved and Vice President Newberg seconded the motion of approve the first reading of Board Polices in the 900 Series. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

E. Adventuretime Revised Fee

Ashley Becker, Director of Adventuretime, submitted a revised Adventuretime Fees schedule to include additional options for families who only need childcare from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Director Obrecht moved and Director Wierson seconded the motion of approve the revised Adventuretime fees. Motion passed 6-1 with Director Giles voting no.

F. Accept Financial Reports

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, requested acceptance of the financial reports through January 2015. Director Obrecht moved and Director Kruidenier seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

G. Authorization to Pay Bills

Shelly Clifford, Chief Financial Officer, requested approval to pay the bills as submitted, totaling \$479,068.10. Vice President Newberg moved, and Director Obrecht seconded the motion to approve the payment of bills as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.


Report of the President

Superintendent Search Update

Cate Newberg reported that the Ray and Associates Search Firm is assisting the Board with their Superintendent Search, and that the Board Search Committee is planning to have preliminary interviews during the week of March 2nd and select final candidates for interviews to be held March 9th.

Adjourn

Director Wierson moved, and Director Giles seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.


Board President 3/2/15
Date

ATTEST:


Board Secretary 3/2/15
Date

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on March 2, 2015.