

URBANDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2012
WORK SESSION – 5:30 P.M.
BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
URBANDALE CITY HALL – 3600 86th STREET

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Director Wierson moved, and Vice President Obrecht seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried with all ayes 6-0.
Director Newberg arrived at 5:34.

III. Results of District Quality Efforts/Discussion with David Langford – Quality and Improvement

John Parrot, teacher at Urbandale Middle School presented information on how he utilizes capacity matrices in his classroom to help students become organized and responsible for their learning. Olmsted Principal Mark Lane presented information on how teacher collaboration and other Quality tools have improved reading results in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. Marc Hermon presented information about how his students are tracking the progress and data associated with their own learning by using statistical calculations. David Langford, Langford International Inc., who was the keynote speaker at the district-wide staff development day, summarized that he was impressed with the progress that the District has made in the last 18 months and that it is well positioned to continue on the path of improvement into the future.

At 6:45 P.M. President Judas announced a 15-minute recess.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Ryan Judas called the board meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Directors Jeff Farrell, Kyle Kruidenier, Cate Newberg, Shawn St. John, Mark Wierson, Vice President Adam Obrecht and President Ryan Judas.

II. Communication from the Public

There was no communication from the public.

III. Good News

Polk County Supervisor E.J. Giovannetti presented the District with a check for \$52,712 on behalf of the Prairie Meadows – Polk County partnership. Five wrestlers led the J-Hawks to an 11th place finish at State competition; Urbandale senior Gabriel Moreno, State champion, junior Colby Knight, 4th place, senior Nate Harms, 5th place, junior Shaquille Wells, 6th place, and senior Nick Jepsen, 7th place. Urbandale senior Bailey Egger was named to the CIML Central Conference's 2nd Team, All-Conference Basketball Team. Jensen and Karen Acres Elementary Schools received a grant of \$15,000 each for technology purchases for their buildings. Valerius' Character Council sponsored a Hat Day and raised \$142.00 for the Blank Children's Hospital.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Monday, February 6, 2012 Board Minutes,
 - B. Personnel Report as submitted,
 - C. Modified Allowable Growth request from the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Excess Costs of Serving ELL Students in the amount of \$656,765,
 - D. Co-Curricular Sharing Agreements with Des Moines Christian,
 - E. Agreement with Windstream Company for local and long distance telephone service,
 - F. Business Associate Agreement with Mark J. Becker and Associates for insurance consulting services, and
 - G. Out-of-State Travel by Jensen Elementary 4th graders and Webster Elementary 5th graders to the Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE as requested.
- Vice President Obrecht moved, and Director St. John seconded the motion to approve items A through G in the consent agenda. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

V. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

- A. Discussion and Approval of Second Reading of Board Policies in Series 300 –Administration and Series 400 – Personnel

Vice President Obrecht moved, and Director Newberg seconded the motion to approve the second reading of Board Policy Series 300 – Administration. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

Vice President Obrecht moved, and Director St. John seconded the motion to approve the second reading of Board Policy Series 400 – Personnel. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

- B. Discussion and Approval of 2013-2014 School Calendar

Elementary Principals Jill Karch and Julia Taylor facilitated development of the 2013-2014 school calendars and Dr. Stilwell recommended approval. Director Wierson moved, and Director St. John seconded the motion to approve the traditional calendar and flex calendar for Rolling Green Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year leaving Spring Break week flexible so it may be aligned with surrounding Districts. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

- C. Certified Budget Process Overview

Shelly Clifford, Director of Business Services, presented an overview of the Certified Budget Process and reported that the District's tax levy rate for next fiscal year will likely stay the same as current year. The proposed Certified Budget will be presented by Ms. Clifford at 7:00 P.M. on March 5, 2012, and a public hearing on the District's 2012-13 Certified Budget will be held on April 2, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

- D. Accept the Financial Report

Shelly Clifford, Director of Business Services, submitted financial reports through January 2012. Vice President Obrecht moved, and Director St. John seconded the motion to accept the financial reports for fiscal year to date through January 2012. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

- E. Authorization to Pay Bills

Shelly Clifford, Director of Business Services, requested the Board of Directors' approval to pay bills as submitted. Director St. John moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to pay the bills as submitted, totaling \$410,002.12. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

VI. Report of the President

President Judas reminded attendees about the Community Forum on Saturday, February 25th at 10:30 A.M., held by Urbandale Chamber of Commerce. The topic will be education and Vice President Adam Obrecht will represent the School Board.

VII. Discussion of Other Matters

None

At 8:30 P.M., President Ryan Judas announced a five minute recess.

VIII. Closed Session

A. Discuss Strategy with Counsel

At 8:35 P.M. in open session, Director Farrell moved, and Director Wierson seconded the motion to enter into closed session, as provided in Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Code of Iowa to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the District in that litigation. Upon roll call vote, motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

B. Return to Open Session

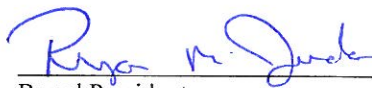
The Board of Directors returned to open session at 9:28 P.M.

C. Action Regarding Recommendation of Counsel

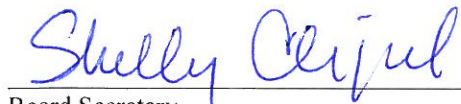
At 9:29 P.M. in open session, Director Farrell moved, and Vice President Obrecht seconded the motion to direct the District's legal counsel to draft a settlement document consistent with discussions in closed session, and to authorize the Board President to sign the document on behalf of the Board of Directors. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

IX. Adjourn

Director St. John moved, and Vice President Obrecht seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M. Motion passed with all ayes 7-0.

 3/5/12
Board President Date

ATTEST:

 3/5/12
Board Secretary Date

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on March 5, 2012.