

**KEOKUK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**TORRENCE GYM
JULY 18, 2016**

The Board of Directors met in regular session in the Torrence Gym, 1721 Fulton St., Keokuk. Board President Abell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Directors present: Jane Abell, Gary de Gala (*via phone*), Russ Derr, Janne Long, and Kim Wyatt

Directors absent: Alka Khanolkar and Carrie Steele

Student Rep present: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Abell welcomed the media and visitors.

There was nothing heard during Constituent Communications.

Director Wyatt moved, Director Long seconded, to approve the agenda and meeting minutes of the 6-13-16 Closed—Personnel #1, 6-13-16 Closed—Personnel #2, 6-20-16 Closed—Personnel, 6-20-16 Regular, and the 6-27-16 Special Open meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. (***Exhibit A***)

Director Long moved, Director Wyatt seconded, to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$\$678,877.60. Director Derr moved, Director Long seconded, to amend the motion to pay all but the invoice to the National School Board Association in the amount of \$2675. All ayes. Motion carried. (***Exhibit B***)

Director Long moved, Director Wyatt seconded, to approve the monthly financials. All ayes. Motion carried. (***Exhibit C***)

The following was heard during Reports:

- Sarah Wetzel gave an in-depth report to the Board of the District's Food Services Department.
- Dev Kiedaisch and Fred Seay addressed the Board to explain the KARE group (Keokuk Association for Rights and Equality.)

The following was heard during Old Business:

Director Long moved, Director Derr seconded, the list of top four 2016 IASB Legislative Priorities as follows. All ayes. Motion carried. (***Exhibit D***)

1. #6: DROPOUT/AT RISK: Supports the inclusion of drop-out prevention and funding for at-risk students in the foundation formula and the inclusion of socio-economic status as a factor in determining a student's at-risk status. Opposes changes to compulsory age of attendance requirements unless sufficient funds and research-based programs are provided.
2. #20: SCHOOL FUNDING POLICY: Supports a school foundation formula that:
 - Provides adequate and timely funding;
 - Provides a funding mechanism for transportation costs that reduces the pressure on the general fund and addresses inequities between school districts;

- Includes factors based on changes in demographics including socio-economic status, remedial programming, and enrollment challenges;
 - Equalizes per pupil funding;
 - Incorporates categorical funding in the formula within three years; and
 - Includes a mix of property taxes and state aid.
3. #21: SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID: Supports setting supplemental state aid:
 - For FY 2017, by January 29, 2016;
 - For FY 2018 and future budget years, within 400 days (or 14 months) prior to the certification of the school’s district budget; and
 - At a rate that adequately supports local districts’ efforts to plan, create and sustain world-class schools.
 4. #28: STATE PENNY: Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for School infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions. Supports repeal of the Dec. 31, 2029 sunset.

Director Long moved, Director Wyatt seconded, to approve 2016-2017 Board meeting calendar as amended. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit E*)

The following was heard during New Business:

Director Derr moved, Director Long seconded to approve Superintendent’s job description.

Director Derr moved, Director Long seconded, to amend by crossing out “and spouse” on line #5.

Director Derr moved to withdraw the motion.

A workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 18th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Torrence Gym to discuss Supt. Job Description.

Director Wyatt moved, Director Long seconded, to approve the Donations List as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit F*)

Director Derr moved, Director Long seconded, for Business Manager Heidi Harness to communicate with all parties and continue moving to Woodriver and approval of Gas Contract. Supt. Hood went on record to state that he believed that the District should stay with CenterPointe. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Derr moved, Director Long seconded, to approve the 2016-17 HS Handbook Schedule adjustment as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

*Director Wyatt asked that a short presentation of how this new change is working at the end of the year next year be presented.

Supt. Hood along with Directors Derr, Long and Wyatt were appointed on a Board Policy Review Committee to review the changes needed to make and then to be sent to the attorney for review. President Abell asked all Board members to start looking at their Policy Handbooks and give suggestions for changes to be reviewed starting with the 100’s and 200’s.

Director Wyatt moved, Director Long seconded, to approve the Board Policy Review Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following was heard during Announcements:

- A. George Washington & Torrence – Henrichs: Kevin was not here but the new principal, Nicole Nemecek was present. She stated she was moved in and that she signed her administrative contract the same day as her father did 47 years ago.
- B. Hawthorne – Marsden & Weis– Go Math materials came in. Thanks to Aaron Hinton and his crew that helped move some things around. Trying to make Hawthorne more appealing to come in. August 27th is PBIS Kickoff event from 9-11 a.m.; going to put emergency directions around the building; creating sub folders for those unplanned absences.

- C. MS – McCloskey – Registration is Friday Aug 5th from 8 am to 6 pm; E-registration opens up next Monday; Block Party is Aug 18th for MS/HS at MS practice field – 5 pm to ?; Lots of updates to our gym – thanks to our PTO for paying for that; MS alternative program is moving back to the Alternative school – facility looks great! Big shout out to the maintenance crew for getting the buildings looking fantastic!
- D. HS – Magliari & Davis – doing home visits with 9th grader at-risk students; Adam trying to meet with all teachers and staff; Jason – trying to meet with as many coaches and sponsors; working with Ft Madison Air Evac to bring the game ball in for the Green Out – playing Central Lee;
- E. District – Moritz & Hood - Admin team is set; branding – with soap dispensers going in; Jeri – really wonderful transition and everyone very welcoming; meeting set up with instructional coaches; will meet with all points of view to get the district inline; first SIAC meeting Aug 8th; Aug 15 – new teacher staff.

Director Long moved, Director Wyatt seconded, to approve the Personnel list. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit G*)

President Abell adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Jane Abell, President

Heidi Harness, Board Secretary