

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

**TORRENCE GYM
AUGUST 21, 2017**

The Board of Directors met in regular session in the Torrence Gym, 1721 Fulton St., Keokuk. Board President Long called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Directors present: Jane Abell, Gary de Gala, Russ Derr, Alka Khanolkar, Janne Long and Kim Wyatt

Directors absent: Carrie Steele

Student Rep present: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Long welcomed the media and visitors.

There was nothing heard during Constituent Communications.

Director Abell moved, Director Khanolkar seconded, to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit A*)

Director Wyatt moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the following meeting minutes: 7-17-17 regular session. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit B*)

Director Derr moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$1,222,504.96. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit C*)

Director Abell moved, Director Khanolkar seconded, to approve the monthly financials. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit D*)

There was nothing heard during Recognition.

The following was heard during Building Reports:

- **Hawthorne** – Marsden – our focus is the level 1 of our school – safe environment for our students; have new murals and rug for added warmth to our building; added a TV for scrolling announcements; put up a swing gate in our driveway to prevent any unsafe driving in the morning; Open House is on Wed from 4-6 - each age level has a block of time; Kindergarten has a new start to the year – try to accommodate the new kiddos into our building – instead of 1st day starting, they are having appointments with students and parents first to have 1 on 1 opportunity with teacher – split the class into 2 different groups to only come ½ day on that Friday – Monday come full-time.

The following was heard during Reports:

- Hitting Facility Committee gave an update as follows: Ground was broken last week and dirt work completed; 10-12 weeks will have cement poured; got an extension from Baseball Tomorrow Fund grant – finish Dec 1; New balance of fundraising is \$146,898 not including some funds promised but not funded yet – approximately \$148,000 to include all; donated labor to install lights; industrial tech kids doing the interior finishing work; another subcontractor wants to donate all their labor---\$10-15k in costs; Would like to Thank Baseball Tomorrow for the extension.
- Heidi Harness gave a registration update – we are currently 89.33% complete with 1775 students registered.

The following was heard during Old Business:

- The Strategic Plan was discussed – will the Board approve it? What is the time-frame? Would like to see the Board play a role in the Strategic Plan.

Director Derr moved, Director Wyatt seconded, to approve four 2018 IASB Legislative Priorities (#2, 3, 4 & 8.) All ayes. (*Exhibit E*)

- **#2: STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY:** Supports continued progress in the development of rigorous content standards and benchmarks that reflect the real-world knowledge and skills students need to graduate from high school prepared for college or to enter the workforce, including the following state actions:
 - Provide and fund technical assistance to help school districts fully implement the Iowa Core Content Standards which define what students should know and be able to do in math, science, English language arts, social studies, and 21st Century skills in areas such as financial and technological literacy.
 - Adopt high-quality summative and formative assessments, aligned to the skills students should know and be able to do to succeed globally and locally
 - Support research-based professional development that provides educators with training, support and time to work together so that they can successfully teach a rigorous curriculum to all students. Ensure that curriculum decisions about how to teach remain in the hands of local schools and teachers.
 - Include and fund all the components of successful standards systems; assessments aligned to high expectations, improved and aligned instruction and quality professional development.

IASB Supports development of model content standards, recommends assessments and professional development supports in additional content areas but opposes expanding accountability, reporting and accreditation requirements in these areas.

- **#3: PRESCHOOL:** Supports an increase in funding from the current weighting of 0.5 to 1.0 full-time equivalent to ensure all 4-year-olds have access to a high quality public school preschool program. Districts should be given maximum flexibility to assign costs to the program.
- **#4: EARLY LITERACY:** Supports the continued development of and funding for research on best practices for improving proficiency in early literacy strategies.

Supports continued funding for professional development and classroom intervention strategies focused on implementing best practices for early literacy in grades PK-3.

Supports the continuation of programs currently funded by the early intervention block grant program with flexibility to use those funds for other K-3 literacy programs if approved by the school board.

- **#8: SPECIAL EDUCATION – STATE:** Supports predictable and timely state funding to serve students receiving special education services at a level that reflects the actual cost including educational programming and health care costs.

Director Khanolkar moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the additional 2017 Graduation Recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit F*)

Director Derr moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the Bus Barn/Maintenance Roof bid of Modern Builders for \$210,600. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit G*)

Director Abell moved, Director Khanolkar seconded, to approve the cancelling of the Personal Appliance Rates. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Wyatt moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the Teacher Sharing Agreement with Harmony (65/35) for Leo Clark. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit H*)

The following was heard during New Business:

Director Derr moved, Director Khanolkar seconded, to approve the Wrestling Room Roof Bid of Seither & Cherry Company bid with clarification that all the materials will be new as what is specified by the insurance company. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit I*)

Director Derr moved, Director Abell seconded, to approve the Joyce Park Roofs bid of Meyers & James Construction. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit J*)

Director Abell moved, Director Wyatt seconded, to create an Energy Efficiency Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Derr moved, Director Khanolkar seconded, to approve additional security cameras. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit K*)

Director Abell moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the Personnel List. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit L*)

Director Wyatt moved, Director de Gala seconded, to adjourn.

President Long adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Janne Long, President

Heidi Harness, Board Secretary