

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

**TORRENCE GYM
MAY 14, 2018**

The Board of Directors met in regular session in the Torrence Gym, 1721 Fulton St., Keokuk. Board Vice-President Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Directors present: Jane Abell, Gary de Gala, Russ Derr, Donell Rule, David Wendt and Kim Wyatt

Directors absent: Janne Long

Student Reps: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice-President Wyatt welcomed the media and visitors.

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

Director Wendt moved, Director Derr seconded, to approve the 4-6-18 special open retreat, the 4-10-18 closed—expulsion, the 4-10-18 regular and the 4-30-18 work session. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit B*)

Director de Gala moved, Director Derr seconded, to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$490,626.53. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit C*)

Director de Gala moved, Director Derr seconded, to approve the monthly financials. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit D*)

The following was heard during Recognition:

- Kaylee Adams was honored as the Congressional Art Contest Award winner.
- Three of the four History Day students were recognized.
- Six students were recognized for their participation in the yearlong project of planting trees at Rand Park.
- Industrial Tech students were honored for taking 2nd Place with the group project at the Southeast Iowa Industrial Tech Expo.

The following was heard during Building Reports:

- **HS** – Magliari and Davis – see handout; students made finals in battle of the books for the 1st time – 4th overall; 1st Run for Wrieden – great success; new art tables for KHS from the Class of 1962; Building and Trades doing a great job on the press box; Man Country trivia to donate for AP exams, donate 3 tickets for incentive, \$700 towards negative lunch balances; \$2000 scholarship from Gene Haas Foundation; majors decreasing – FY16-768, FY17-529, FY18-379; overall attendance has increased – FY17-91.85%, FY18-93.9%; girls state track has broken many records – see sheet for state qualifiers; Zach/Adam created a new flyer for all 9th grade students (handout); had move up day last week – went great! (*Exhibit E*)

- **MS – Billings & Henrichs** -- Student learning – always #1 priority at MS; outside group came in for audit – stated we have a committed staff – from suggestions will create 2-3 goals; need to also make sure we are moving those accelerating students forward too; PTO have done a great job and want to thank them for all the great things they are doing at the MS; working on the positions of Assistant Principal, behavior interventionist Tier 2-3, and other open teacher position from internal moves; many events happening with end of the year – KSM showcase of Excellence, PBIS awards, etc. Would like to thank Kevin for his service to the district

The following was nothing heard during Reports:

- Juvenile Court Liaisons Reports were given by Officer Brad Johnson and Amy Johnston.

The following was heard during Old Business:

- Hitting Facility – *Committee* – Open house was on May 5th – went great!; got final clearance from state Fire Marshall; still need to finish up the security camera quotes – internet is \$200 a month; Received Cardinal Care grant; almost to the \$200,000 goal; Kim was honored for her dedication to the Hitting Facility.

The following was heard during New Business:

- Supt. Barnes honored the School Board members for School Board Appreciation month.

Director Derr moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the practice facility change order in the amount of \$11,978 from Keokuk Contractors. All ayes. (**Exhibit F**)

Director Derr moved, Director Abell seconded, to approve the Class of 1962 Donation for Art Tables in the amount of \$6000. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit G**)

Director Rule moved, Director Wendt seconded, to approve the Torrence Preschool request for the Hatch Early Learning Program in the amount of \$36,901.50. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit H**)

Director Abell moved, Director Rule seconded, to approve the 2018 Graduation Recommendation list. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit I**)

Director Derr moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the 2018-2019 MS Student Handbook. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit J**)

Director Rule moved, Director Wendt seconded, to approve the 2018-2019 MS Staff Handbook. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit K**)

Director Wendt moved, Director Abell seconded, to approve the 2018-2019 MS Parent Handbook. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit L**)

Director Derr moved, Director Wendt seconded, to approve the 2018-2019 HS Student Handbook as amended with changes. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit M**)

Director Derr moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the bus barn change order in the amount of \$5,210.10 from Modern Builders. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit N**)

Director Rule moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the new Spanish curriculum in the amount of \$21,387.53 from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. All ayes. Motion carried. (**Exhibit O**)

Director Wendt moved, Director Rule seconded, the approval of expanding the Reading Wonders curriculum into 6th Grade in the amount of \$16,223.08 from McGraw-Hill Education. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit P*)

Director Derr moved, Director de Gala seconded, to approve the inclusion of the 2019 graduation date of Sunday, May 19, 2019, and the 2018-19 registration date of Thursday, July 26th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Director Abell moved, Director Wendt seconded, to approve the 2018-2019 KEA Contract. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit Q*)

- The 2019 Legislative Priorities were discussed. (*Exhibit R*)

There was nothing heard during Other Discussion Items.

Director Wendt moved, Director Abell seconded, the 2018-2019 Band trip to Florida. All ayes. Motion carried. (*Exhibit S*)

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

- Recommendation to the Board was given to terminate the teaching and coaching contract of Donnie Merle Jones pursuant to the IA Code section 279.27. Mr. Jones has requested a hearing at this time, therefore we will be setting that process up and no action will occur on this recommendation at this time. (*Exhibit U*)

The following was heard during Constituent Communications:

- Teachers at Hawthorne thanked the Board for their hard work on negotiations.
- Shannon Tackes thanked the Board for the cookies and advocacy.
- Janet O’Bleness thanked the Board for their work.
- Diane Berner thanked the Board for their willingness to tackle the difficult issues and for involving all stakeholders.

Director Derr moved, Director Rule seconded, to adjourn.

Vice-President Wyatt adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Kim Wyatt, Vice-President

Heidi Harness, Board Secretary