February 19, 2025
Dike, Iowa

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on this date at 5:00 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting with Lotts presiding and members Badker, Horner, McCarter and Petersen. Also present was administrator Stockdale.

Visitors present included Travis Druvenga, Brian Petullo, Tom Textor, Chad Bixby, Waylon Bern, Abbie Banwarth, Elisa Russ-Poggemiller, Luke Osterhaus, and Liz Donnelly.

The regular meeting agenda was approved as amended on motion of Badker and second of Horner. Vote all aye. Amendments included approval of the student teaching agreement with the University of Northern Iowa, the discussion of adding a high school track coach for the 2024-25 track season, and approval of the quote from Doors, Inc. to replace the steel doors on the New Hartford concession stand. The agenda had already been completed before receiving the student teaching contract from UNI as well as the quote from Doors, Inc. The track and field team meeting to finalize the number of student athletes on the team was also held after the agenda had been completed.

Minutes of the January 15, 2025 regular meeting were approved as written on the motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Focus on Learning - Travis Druvenga and Elisa Russ-Poggemiller presented to the board on the FFA program and the different projects, competitions, and National FFA Week as well as an update on the agricultural curriculum for the 2024-25 school year.

Principal, Technology and Building & Grounds Reports were reviewed with no action taken.

On motion of Petersen and second of McCarter, the early graduation requests from Kaley Biscardi, Noah Niedert, and Colton Kucera were approved. Vote all aye.

The student teaching agreement with Northwestern College was approved on motion of Badker and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

The student teaching agreement with the University of Northern Iowa was approved on motion of Horner and second of McCarter. Vote all aye. This item was acted upon as an amended item because the agreement was received after the agenda was posted.

Resignations were approved on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen:

- Austin Maske - Assistant HS Boys Track and Field Coach

Vote all aye.

Contracts were approved on motion of Horner and second of Badker:

- Addy Reynolds - Assistant HS Softball Coach
- Deana Brown - New Hartford Custodian
- Ron Westerman - HS Paraeducator

The board discussed adding a new high school boys track coach position due to the increase of 15 additional student athletes compared to 2024. A total of 53, committed to joining the boys track and field team for the 2024-25 season. An additional position was approved on motion of Petersen and second of Horner. Vote all aye. This item was acted upon as an amended item due to the timing of the track meeting and when the season started. Need to have the coach in place before the first day, or as close to it as possible.

The termination of the sharing agreement for HR Director with Waverly-Shell Rock and Grundy Center was approved on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Grundy Center was simply removed as one of the participants in the agreement. Vote all aye.

The sharing agreement for HR Director with Waverly-Shell Rock was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Horner. Vote all aye. DNH will still see 1-day a week of service from the agreement.

The special education work experience letter of intent with Central Rivers AEA was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

The bid from Albers Construction for both labor and materials for the New Hartford concession stand wall construction was approved on motion of Badker and second of McCarter in the amount of $14,950.00 including labor and materials. Vote all aye.

The quote from Doors, Inc. to replace the steel doors on the New Hartford concession stand was approved on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye. This amended item was acted upon so the sequence of work could be aligned for the project.

The second reading of board policies 103, 505.8, 606.6, 804.2, 102, 401.1, 501.9, 501.9R1, and 710.1E1 were approved on motion of McCarter and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

The first reading of board policies 401.6, 710.1E2, and 710.1R1 were approved on motion of Petersen and second of Horner. Vote all aye.

Bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved for payment on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Financial Reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved as presented on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

The 5-year facility plan was reviewed with the board to discuss both current and future projects for the district.

Other items of discussion with no action taken included a legislative session update, discussing the PPEL and Management Fund for Wind/Hail Insurance, and setting the date for the dual sporting work session for February 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dike-New Hartford High School. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Following the regular meeting, the board held a work session for certified budget planning. Superintendent Stockdale reviewed options for the 2025-26 certified budget. After considering different scenarios, Option C, freezing the total rate at $14.81 for publication was chosen. Budget Hearing #1 will be held on March 26 and Hearing #2 on April 16 (both followed by the regular monthly meeting). The work session adjourned at 6:45 p.m. An exempt session was held following the adjournment of the work session.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary