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Dayton School Board
609 South Second Streets
Regular Monthly Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
January 20, 2021 (Virtual Meeting VIA Zoom)

I. Call to Order
Board Chair Leid called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members met via Zoom. Attendees included Katie Leid, David Bailey, Justin Jaech, Grant Griffen, and Fred White.

II. Flag Salute- Board member Leid led the flag salute.

III. Recognition of Representatives: Melissa Gemmell- Dayton Chronicle, Michelle Smith- Waitsburg Times

IV. Additions/Changes to Agenda – N/A

V. Consent Agenda:
Board member Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the December 16, 2020 and January 6, 2021 meetings: warrants #111296-118315 from the General Fund totaling $394,094.19 for January payroll; 118316-118368 totaling $114,413.28 from General Fund; 118369-118370 totaling $5,937.50 from Capital Projects; 118371-118372 totaling $839.34 from ASB; and 118373 for $114,125.56 from Transportation for the purchase of a new school bus. Approve the hire of Jeanne Walter as 6-12 Distance Learning Teacher; approve hire of Timothy Pollan as full time custodian. Motion carried.

VI. Public Comment – N/A

VII. Reports:
ASB Report- Trista Villaro reported on current ASB activities. Trista noted ASB Valentine events coming in February. The ASB is working with the Waitsburg ASB on getting graphic design options for mascots.

Department Reports:
Special Education- Emmy Kirk
Ms. Kirk noted her appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Special Education Department at Dayton. She expressed admiration for the level of engagement between the general education staff with IEP meetings, and noted the partnership should be celebrated and recognized. She also mentioned how impressed she is with the Special Education staff to learn, be flexible, and to try new strategies. Ms. Kirk discussed the challenges brought with the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the ways that the ESD 112, the Dayton Staff and the students have all worked to adapt practices to meet regulations. Other areas in her report included:

- Dayton Special Education Numbers remain stable-with approximately 50 students receiving services
- There are currently several new referrals incoming students that are being

evaluated
- A continued focus for the ESD this year is to improve professional development opportunities for the certificated staff
- Classified staff are working on completing their remaining courses and have until September 1, 2021
- The staff in the elementary and life skills program recently engaged in professional learning and collaboration regarded student centered planning.
- OSPI Rule Making Process for Special Education are being reviewed and public hearing and comment period run through today- proposed changes are being monitored

Technology- Scott Underwood and Dave Phillips:
The technology report provided information on:

- Helpdesk and ticketing overhaul
- Student Chromebook rollout included 280 new Chromebooks, and 250 that are approaching their end of life
- Teacher laptop migrations
- Document camera deployments
- Upcoming projects include E-Rate Network enhancements, a wireless link to the football field, and server upgrades
- A review of ticket statistics show it took an average of 9.89 minutes to respond to tech help tickets, 9 tickets have been opened this week, 4th Quarter had 328 tickets which followed 329 in the 3rd Quarter

Administrator Reports:

MS/HS Principal: Principal Brown reported the following:
Safety- Mrs. Brown noted there have been two fire drills, one earthquake drill and two non-critical drills. They are working on door coverings to use in emergencies. She also noted that building walkthroughs with the ESD 123 Safety Specialist have been conducted and more are scheduled.
Class of 2020 Bench-Principal Brown shared a picture of a bench that was donated by the Class of 2020- with assistance from Class Advisor Doug Yenney and Wood Shop Teacher Tracy Pearson. The bench is made from old bleacher wood and bears a plaque reading “DHS Class of 2020 Covid-19 ended our senior year! “It is what it is”.
Star Testing- Mrs. Brown reported the winter Star testing has started
Mascot- still working on ideas, mock ups and logos. The information will be rolled out to students at both schools and the students will be able to vote on the mascot.

Elementary Principal: Superintendent Strot provided a report on the following:

- Today is the end of the first semester
- Leadership team update- the leadership team discussed topics ranging from Washington Improvement Framework to Trauma training.
- Noted the challenges presented by Covid since the return from winter break. He noted his appreciation for the staff and particularly for Clayton Strong, who has been very flexible and helped out in many areas.

Superintendent Report:
COVID 19 Update- Superintendent Strot reported the current county case information from the Department of Health. Currently there are no new Covid cases and no Covid related absences at the school.

MS/HS Release at 2:00- Superintendent Strot reported that Martha Lanman has recommended the MS/HS remain at the current schedule until at least mid-February. He had planned to recommend the MS/HS go to a 2:00 release February 1, 2020 but would like to defer to the Public Health Office recommendation.
Athletics- Superintendent Strot noted we have to be in phase 2 in order to participate in sports. Our league is scheduled to start in February, but there cannot be any games until the area is in phase 2. The first sports that could start are football, golf and volleyball Spring sports will follow in March/April and fall sports in May with abbreviated schedules
Vaccine Update- The school staff are part of the B2 group for vaccinations. Currently, the over 65 age group are being vaccinated, and our group will follow.
Additional Covid Relief Funds- The information will be coming out soon, and the year to date budget items will be reviewed February 2, 2021 prior to discussion at the February 3, 2021 board workshop. He noted that we have had many unplanned expenses including distance learning staff, personal protective equipment, storage containers, etc. The additional funding will be utilized to support the safety and learning of our students.
National School Board Appreciation Month- Superintendent Strot noted his appreciation to the board for their hard work and dedication.
Budget Status- Paula Moisio provided the December Budget Status report and the year to date cash flow.

VIII. Policy Review- 1st reading

- Policy 5000 – Recruitment & Selection of Staff
- Policy 4311 – School Resource Officer
- Policy 3413 – Student Immunizations and Life Threatening Health Conditions
- Policy 6106 – Allowable Costs for Federal Programs

IX. Policy Review- 2nd reading

- Policy 6220- Bid or Proposal Requirements
- Policy 2004- Accountability Costs
- Policy 2106- Program Compliance
- Policy 2163- Response to Intervention

X. Public Comment: N/A

XI. Action Items:

Board member Bailey moved to approve the first reading of policies:

- Policy 5000 – Recruitment & Selection of Staff
- Policy 4311 – School Resource Officer
- Policy 3413 – Student Immunizations and Life Threatening Health Conditions
- Policy 6106 – Allowable Costs for Federal Programs

Motion carried.

Board member Jaech moved to approve the second reading of policies:

- Policy 6220- Bid or Proposal Requirements
- Policy 2004- Accountability Costs
- Policy 2106- Program Compliance
- Policy 2163-Response to Intervention

Motion carried.

Board Chair Leid noted it has always been the desire to bring the MS/HS release time to 2:00, but safety is still a concern. Board member Bailey noted that it has been the plan all along to move to the 2:00 release. Board member White noted that he would like to see a full day return, and also acknowledged the challenges and opposition. Board member Bailey noted it is for the student's success and that safety will need to remain the same. Board member Jaech wanted to see a plan that will work for everyone. Board member Griffen agreed that we should get back to a later release but we need to heed what the public health office recommends. Mr. Griffen noted that it is important that collectively the school works out a comprehensive plan for the longer days. Board member Leid asked that a coordinated plan be presented at the February 3 meeting.

Tanya Patton thanked the board members for voicing their opinions. Ms. Patton noted that student grades are lower. She noted that the students and staff are struggling through the pandemic and there have been many challenges. Mrs. Patton noted the grades that have been presented are not conclusive as there are a lot of assignments being turned in and the grades will be improved over the currently reported information. She noted that students and staff have been working very hard and the schedule is only one piece of the puzzle.

The action item to approve a date for the MS/HS 2:00 dismissal was removed.

XII. **Executive Session-** The Board met in executive session starting at 6:42 p.m. to discuss the performance of an employee. It was anticipated the session would last no more than 15 minutes. The executive session ended at 6:54 p.m, with no action taken.

XIII. **Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The next board meeting will be on February 3, 2021, and will be a work session.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Strot, Secretary to the Board of Directors

BOARD MEMBERS:

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