January 15, 2025
Dike, Iowa

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on this date at 5:00 p.m. for the annual 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, Angie Callan and Shelby Dove.

The regular meeting agenda was approved as amended on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Vote all aye. Amendments included approval of the Special Education contracts with College Community School District and Iowa City School District as well as removing Sue Pederson's early retirement request.

Minutes of the December 18, 2024 Annual, Organizational, and Regular meeting were approved as written on the motion of Horner and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

Focus on Learning - Tom Textor and Shelby Dove presented to the board on the work that the Dike Elementary Pride Team has done throughout the school year.

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

A Public Hearing was held regarding the 2025-26 proposed school calendar. In the absence of any oral or written comments, the hearing was closed. On motion of Horner and second of Petersen, 2025-26 School Calendar Option C was approved. Vote all aye. The first day of school will be on August 25, 2025 and there is a full week of spring break.

On motion of Petersen and second of McCarter, the early graduation requests from Daniel Dodge and Cooper Penwell were approved. Vote all aye.

The special education contracts with Cedar Falls CSD, College Community School District, and Iowa City CSD were approved on motion of McCarter and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

On motion of McCarter and second of Horner, the 3-year College and Career Transition Counselor 28E Agreement with Aplington-Parkersburg and Hawkeye Community College was approved. Vote all aye.

The Driver Education program fees were reviewed. On motion of Badker and second of Petersen, the driver education student fee will remain at $400 for the summer 2025 session and for the 2025-26 school year. Vote all aye.

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

- Kennedy Baker - JH Volleyball Coach
- Shannon Peverill - School Nurse
- Brian Petullo - JH Girls Basketball Coach
- Sherree Sharp - Dike Elementary Secretary (Early Retirement)

Vote all aye.

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

- Shantel Garland - JH Assistant Play Director
- Abbie Banwarth - JH Volleyball Coach

The bid from Egan Supply for $17,480.00 to recoat the gym floors in the Dike Elementary, New Hartford Elementary, Competition Gym, and High School Gym were approved on motion of Horner and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

The Nutrition Audit was presented to the board by Angie Callan. The audit report was approved on motion of Badker and second of Petersen. Vote all aye.

The first reading of board policies 103, 505.8, 606.6, and 804.2 were approved on motion of Badker and second of McCarter. Vote all aye.

The first reading of board policies 401.1, 501.9, 102, 501.9R1, and 710.1E1 were approved on motion of Petersen and second of Badker. Vote all aye.

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

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

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

The Board discussed the options for funding the wind and hail insurance deductible (1% of building values). Specifically, the conversation centered around whether to utilize the PPEL or Management fund for this purpose. After a thorough discussion, the board decided to take no action at this time. Additionally, the board explored the idea of using one of the school's CDs as a supplement to the insurance plan. This option was discussed in terms of its feasibility and impact on the school's financial standing.

Other items of discussion with no action taken included the certified budget calendar for the 2025-26 school budget, a tentative dual sporting work session on February 26, 2025, or February 27, 2025, and the upcoming exempt session for salary negotiations. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Christa Lotts, President Kayla Sabbah, Secretary