

DENVER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Denver Community School Board of Education was brought to order by President Krebsbach at 4:45 P.M. on the above date in the Denver Community School Board Conference Room, 520 Lincoln Street Denver, Iowa. Board members present: Pat Giesler, Scott Krebsbach, Ryan Sheridan, and Heather Prendergast. Absent: Jeff Schumacher. Staff members present were Chris Krueger, Paul Gebel, Brad Laures, Josh Sinram, and Becky Walters.

Giesler/Sheridan to approve the July 18, 2019 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

There was nothing brought up under **Cyclone Brainstorm**.

Sheridan/Giesler to approve the following July 18, 2019 **Consent Items**: July bills & financial reports and June 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Under **Conflict of Interest**, Board member Giesler stated that he wished to abstain from voting on contracts for coaches since his wife is one of the coaches being voted on.

There was nothing brought up under **Public Forum**.

Sheridan/Giesler to approve Bimbo Earthgrains for the **bread bid** and Anderson Erickson Dairy for the **milk bid** for the 2019-2020 school year under the nutrition program. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Giesler/Sheridan to table all items in payment application Request #35 High School Gymnasium & Auditorium Project as follows:

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>WORK</b>
6,725.69	MODERN PAINTING INC	RETAINAGE
4,812.77	MATTHIAS LANDSCAPING	RETAINAGE

Superintendent Laures explained there are some remaining punch list items that need to be completed. For Modern Painting, there are paint touchups and for Matthias Landscaping there are some small areas to be seeded. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Sheridan/Giesler to approve the following technology purchases:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade MacBook Airs - \$53,830

New Staff Laptops - \$9,294

K-2 iPads - \$11,760

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ChromeBooks - \$19,401.75

Superintendent Laures explained that the KIDS Group funded \$3000 towards the K-2 iPad purchase. The Board thanked the KIDS Group for their time and contribution to the elementary school. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Sheridan/Giesler to approve an increase in teacher substitute pay from \$100 to \$105 per day and substitute associate pay from an hourly basis to \$75 per day. Laures reported that most schools paid their subs around \$100 per day during the 2018-2019 school year and some are increasing those rates. Krebsbach stated that he was in favor of an increase to be in line with other schools. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Krebsbach/Prendergast to approve a list of confirmed coaches and assistants. Ayes-Three. Abstentions: Giesler. Motion carried. Note: Prendergast entered during this agenda item discussion at 4:53 p.m.

Giesler/Prendergast to approve the resignation of Danielle Schell. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

There was nothing brought up under **Student Council** report.

There was nothing brought up under **Elementary Principal** report.

There was nothing brought up under **Secondary Principal** report.

Under **Superintendent's report**, Superintendent Laures pointed out that new food service director is excited about expanding our menu. He led a brief discussion on whether to increase student lunch pricing. He explained that the nutrition fund balance has over the years decreased to around \$78K, which is still a healthy balance, and increasing pricing would offset any increases in food costs and still maintain the current fund balance. The consensus of the board was to maintain the current student pricing, and revisit in one year.

Under **Board President's report**, President Krebsbach reported that the district has the ability to refinance our now callable tax revenue bond for a total interest savings of around \$150,000 over the remaining life of the bond. The savings included the bonding and attorney costs. The consensus of the board was to move forward with the refinance of said bond to realize interest savings. There would be future board proceedings for board approval. Krebsbach added that this fall's election would be a good time to renew the district's Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS), whereas an election is required. The RPS is a statement of a districts long range ability to spend SAVE funds. Krebsbach added that the district is currently asking legal groups when it can start the renewal of the PPEL levy. Krebsbach stated that due to continued enrollment growth, the district is currently looking into the costs of portable classrooms. Current rental costs are estimated to be approximately \$4,000 per month plus an initial cost of \$100,000 in site preparations such as utilities, plumbing, and electrical work. The estimated cost of purchasing a portable is around \$250,000 with an approximate resell value of \$50,000. This fall's enrollment will help determine when and if the district will run out of space and whether the temporary classroom will be needed in the future. Laures added that the lists of potential space is limited and still would displace existing employees.

There being no further discussion, Sheridan/Giesler to adjourn at 5:05.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Scott Krebsbach, Board President

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Becky Walters, Board Secretary