

Records and Proceedings
Board of Directors
De Queen School District #17
March 8, 2021

The De Queen School Board met in regular session Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. in the high school cafeteria with the following members present: Mrs. Gloria Caldwell, Dr. Kenny Martin, Mr. Barry Reed, and Mr. Skip Bell. Ms. Sandy Huntsberger was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Martin, and invocation was given by Mr. Sanders.

With a motion by Mr. Reed and a second by Mrs. Caldwell, the February minutes were approved. 4-0

There were no PPC Policies to discuss at this time.

With a motion by Mrs. Caldwell and a second by Mr. Bell, the February expenditures and financial statement were approved. 4-0 Mr. Sanders also sought approval for future expenditures. Due to bids not being received by the January deadline, the District sought out bidders to do a paving project. Tri State Asphalt came in with the lowest bid of \$61,500.00. On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Reed, the board accepted the bid. 4-0 The next expenditure is for courtyard awnings. Mr. Sanders said that he received a bid from Custom Fab in the amount of \$22,750.00 for labor on this project. He sought approval from the board to okay the District purchase the materials to keep the project cost low. It would keep it under \$92,000 with other bids coming in turn key in an amount in excess of \$130,000. On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Bell, the board accepted this bid. 4-0 The last bid Mr. Sanders wanted approval was for HVAC systems across the District. With ESSER funds the district received, the District wanted to help improve air quality. Reliance came in with a bid of \$1,154,015.00. On a motion from Mr. Reed, and a second by Mr. Bell, the board accepted this Tips Taps contract. 4-0

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Sanders reported that Prom would be held April 24th. Misty Gentry spoke to the board about partnering with UA Cossatot with a nursing program. This would allow Prerequisites to be taken during high school with the intention of being able to move into a medical program after graduation. Mr. Sanders reported to the board that Grubbs has done core samples at the football field. Mr. Lance Pinkerton reported to the board that we are still seeking sponsorships for the turf project. He also reported that additional cameras have been placed in blind spots around the district. Clark Construction is set to start the renovation of bleachers at the football field March 19th. Mr. Shelton reported that the District will receive more ESSER funds. Currently, with use of some of these funds, after school tutoring and credit recovery is being utilized. We are looking at hiring interventionists for the next 2 years.

On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Bell, the board voted to approve American Fidelity as benefits agent on Record and Section 125 Provider beginning 21-22 SY. 4-0

The board went into executive session at 6:10 P.M. At 6:16 P.M. the board returned to regular board meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Reed, the calendar for 21-22 SY was approved. 4-0

The board discussed the hiring of a Middle School Dean of Students. Mr. Sanders recommended that Jonathan Lindsey be transferred into this position part time. On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Bell, the board voted to approve this hire. 4-0

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Bell, the board voted to accept the resignation of Deanna Miller. 4-0

On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Reed, the board voted to accept the resignation of Shirley Ruth. 4-0

On a motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Reed, the board voted to accept the resignation of Marilyn Murphy. 4-0

The next board meeting was set for April 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Reed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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