

Records and Proceedings
Board of Directors
De Queen School District # 17
April 13, 2021

The De Queen School Board met in regular session Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. in the High School Cafeteria with the following members present: Dr. Kenny Martin, Mr. Barry Reed, Mrs. Gloria Caldwell and Mr. Skip Bell. Ms. Sandy Huntsberger was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kenny Martin.

Invocation was given by Dr. Kenny Martin.

Ray Beardsley with First Security Beardsley presented some motions for the board to adopt. The first motion to adopt is in the resolution authorizing a \$608,700 Lease Purchase agreement for the purpose of financing renovations and improvements to various campus facilities; designating the Lease Purchase agreement as a Qualified Tax Exempt obligation; and authorizing and prescribing other matters related thereto and to employ First Security Beardsley as Fiscal Agent. On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Reed, the board voted to approve 4-0. The next 3 motions he presented gave Mr. Beardsley the authority to shop interest rates on current bond issues. A motion to submit an "Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds", with related documents, for \$910,000 in Refunding Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley as Fiscal Agent, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept or reject the best bid submitted in connection with the public sale of the proposed bonds in consultation with the fiscal agent. On a motion by Mr. Reed, and a second by Mrs. Caldwell, the board approved 4-0. On motion to submit an "Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds", with related documents, for \$6,465,000 in Refunding Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley as Fiscal Agent, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept or reject the best bid submitted in connection with the public sale of the proposed bonds in consultation with the fiscal agent. On a motion by Mr. Bell, and a second by Mrs. Caldwell, the board approved 4-0. On motion to submit an "Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds", with related documents, for \$6,135,000 in Refunding Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley as Fiscal Agent, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept or reject the best bid submitted in connection with the public sale of the proposed bonds in consultation with the fiscal agent. On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Bell, the board approved 4-0.

Johnny Gibbs and Ryan Scott with Diamond Bank were present at the board meeting. Mr. Sanders presented the Tips/Taps GeoSurface Invoice to the board in the amount of \$880,467. This is the invoice for the astroturf for Leopard Stadium. Mr. Pinkerton said that so far, the Community has helped raise \$535,000 to the field project. The board approved this expenditure and along with the expenditure of up to \$125,000 for the cost of cement stabilization on a motion by Mr. Reed, and a second by Mrs. Caldwell 4-0. The board also approved to finance this amount with Diamond Bank over a 10-year period with an interest rate of 3% on a motion by Mr. Bell, and a second by Mr. Reed 4-0.

The board approved March minutes on a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Reed 4-0.

The board voted to approve March expenditures and the financial statement on a motion by Mrs. Caldwell and a second by Mr. Reed 4-0.

Mr. Sanders presented an expenditure in the amount of \$21,228.84 to Cooper Band Instrument Repair. The board approved on a motion by Mr. Reed, and a second by Mrs. Caldwell. 4-0

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Sanders let the board know that the Senior Class wanted to do their annual Six-Flags trip this year. On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Bell, the board voted to approve the trip. 4-0. Mr. Sanders reported to the board that currently enrollment is at 2,322. Mr. Shelton presented a 3-year budget for the ESSER III funds that we will be receiving. He did explain to the board, that within 3 years, anything amount wise could change. He is looking to add positions for improving student achievements, tutoring, cleaning supplies, purchasing some property, and removing carpet throughout the District. Mr. Pinkerton said that there is a delay with the Bleachers at Leopard Stadium and that a fiber optic line will be ran to run the scoreboard. Expected date to be completed is Mid-June. He also said that the District will go ahead and look to purchase shot clocks and update the scoreboard in the Coliseum.

On a motion by Mr. Bell, and a second by Mr. Reed, the board voted to approve the Professional Development year to run from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. 4-0

Mr. Shelton presented the Ready for Learning plan to the board. He said for the rest of this year, that the District would continue to encourage wearing masks and follow safety protocols. He said that next year, we would be back on campus and not offer virtual unless is was an emergency circumstance. He also said that the District has been approved for 10 AMI days for next year if needed. On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Reed, the board approved. 4-0

On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Reed, the board voted to approve the building improvement plan for 21-22 SY. 4-0

On a motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Caldwell, the board approved Jason Sanders, ex-officio financial secretary and Susan Alspaw, District Treasurer for 2021-2022 school year. 4-0

Mr. Sanders presented to the board the opportunity to purchase land that is conjoined with school property. With ESSER III funds, the State approved the purchase of approximately 3 acres of land from Don Bradley in the amount of \$60,000 plus closing costs. On a motion by Mrs. Caldwell, and a second by Mr. Reed, the board approved. 4-0

On a motion by Mr. Bell, and a second by Mrs. Caldwell, the board voted to approve the Legislative Audit for 19-20 SY. 4-0

The board voted to approve a COVID-19 compensation package for employees. The rate will be based on a 178 day school year. Classified will receive \$8.50 a day, and certified will receive \$17.00 a day. On a motion by Mr. Reed, and a second by Mrs. Caldwell, the board approved 4-0.

With a motion from Mrs. Caldwell, and a second from Mr. Reed, the board accepted resignations of Stacey Payne, Telisha Subia, and Amanda Wyatt. 4-0

On a motion by Mr. Bell , and a second by Mrs. Caldwell, the board voted to hire the following personnel 4-0: Anabel Torres- Primary; Jacqueline Rodriguez-Primary; Celestina Medina-Ortega-Primary; Julia Halter-High School; Gloria Pritchett-Elementary; Keisha Steel-Middle School

The next school board meeting was set for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mr. Reed and a second by Mrs. Caldwell at 7:05 P.M.

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