

SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
5740 NE 14th STREET
DES MOINES, IA 50313

BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

6:05 PM

Saydel District Office Board Room

April 25, 2016

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order by President Pro-Tem Jenn Van Houten at 6:10 PM
- A. **Roll Call** – Chad Vitiritto, Roland Kouski Jr., Henry Wood, Doug Kayser, Jenn Van Houten, present. Brian Bowman, Melissa Sassman, absent.
- B. **Approve Agenda** – Motion to approve the agenda by Roland Kouski, Jr., seconded by Chad Vitiritto. Motion carried 5/0.
- II. **Board Committee Reports**
- A. **Operations & Management** – Representing the Operations & Management Committee, Chad Vitiritto reported that Vic Scott Landscaping will be sprucing up the high school grounds, a new mower was purchased for Saydel maintenance, and the committee is looking at options to update lighting in the high school gym. He shared an update on the status of the Durham School Services contract, an update on the water main project at the high school, and noted progress on selecting custodian uniforms.
- B. **Opportunities** – Jenn Van Houten said the Opportunities Committee has worked on clarifying their mission and vision statement. They also discussed the Public Education and Recreation Levy (PERL) vote, which did not pass during the most recent election. The committee would like to propose PERL to the Saydel voting community again in the fall; this time with a grassroots effort to communicate the many benefits of the levy.
- C. **SIAC** – Representing the SIAC Committee, Roland Kouski Jr. said they have been collaborating on the grading increments for the Grading for Growth conversion chart. The committee also discussed the advantages/disadvantages of a homework policy.
- III. **Board Development** – Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler engaged the Board with a group learning experience called “Whose Job Is It?” The Board reviewed several scenarios and discussed the role of the Board acting together while honoring existing structures. Four indicators of micromanagement generated over time by IASB staff were also reviewed.
- IV. **Discussion / Action Items**
- A. **TAP Program Update** – Executive Master Teacher Mary Salazar provided an update on TAP. She reviewed the four domains of TAP and explained progress in the elements of ongoing professional growth and instructionally focused accountability. Weekly job-embedded professional development (cluster meetings) are facilitated by master teachers. The focus for each cluster cycle is based on identified areas of student need. Mary reviewed progress made in the 2015-16 cluster cycles at Cornell, Woodside, and Saydel High School. She shared CODE data, refinement goals for 2015-16 and explained the purpose of TAP Leadership Teams (TLT) and some of the TLT areas of focus.
- V. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Henry Wood, seconded by Chad Vitiritto. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Jenn Van Houten, Board President Pro-Tem

Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary