

SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
5740 NE 14<sup>th</sup> STREET  
DES MOINES, IA 50313

BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

6:05 PM

Saydel District Office Board Room

July 25, 2016

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order by President Brian Bowman at 6:47 PM
- A. **Roll Call** – Melissa Sassman, Chad Vitiritto, Roland Kouski Jr., Henry Wood, Doug Kayser, Jennifer Van Houten, Brian Bowman, present.
- B. **Approve Agenda** – Motion to approve the agenda by Melissa Sassman, seconded by Roland Kouski Jr. Motion carried 7/0.
- II. **Board Committee Reports**
- A. **Opportunities** – Speaking on behalf of the Opportunities Committee, Jennifer Van Houten said the Public Education & Recreation Levy (PERL) flyer was mailed to every voting household in the District. The committee reviewed talking points about the election when fielding questions from community members and local businesses. A fitness center open house will be held August 1-5 at Saydel High School. The weight room and cardio center will be open to the public from 6 pm – 9 pm. Jennifer shared additional avenues in which the PERL Special Election is being publicized. She said a representative from Amanda the Panda was a guest speaker at the last meeting, and she shared ideas for recruiting and recognizing volunteers.
- B. **Operations & Management** – During their last meeting, Melissa Sassman said the committee was updated on District work tickets, summer projects, and the trail project. She said the committee discussed the PPME contract language. They also discussed the water main project at Cornell as well as the Cornell 1:1 Chrome books.
- C. **Policy** – Doug Kayser reported that the last policy meeting focused on discussion related to policies and procedures for transgender students. This discussion is in relation to several questions due to recent federal attention to the matter. The committee discussed the fact that transgender is a protected class in Iowa. Saydel already has a policy on all protected classes; therefore, no new policy is needed at this point. Since the committee met, IASB released an official policy on this issue, which the Board has reviewed.
- III. **Discussion/Action Items**
- A. **Yearly Activities Report** – Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler welcomed Activities Director Adam Busch who shared statistics and information with the Board on the following topics: Saydel Activities Participation, Saydel’s Sportsmanship Rating Comparisons, the Activity Budget Report, and the HOIAC Activity Standings. Adam shared details about Saydel’s Homecoming parade and upcoming sporting events. He also reviewed a draft of the Saydel Activities Department 3-Year Improvement Plan.
- IV. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Van Houten, seconded by Melissa Sassman. Motion carried 6/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

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Brian Bowman, Board President

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Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary

The next scheduled Regular Board Meeting is Monday, August 8 at 6 PM in the Board Room at the Saydel District Office.