

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

November 28, 2016

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order by Board President Brian Bowman at 6:20 PM
- A. **Roll Call** – Melissa Sassman, Chad Vitiritto, Roland Kouski, Jr., Doug Kayser, Henry Wood, Jennifer Van Houten, Brian Bowman, present.
- B. **Approve Agenda** – Motion to approve by Jennifer Van Houten, seconded by Chad Vitiritto. Motion carried 7/0.
- II. **Board Committee Reports**
- A. **Opportunities** – Jennifer Van Houten said the Opportunities Committee met with the members of the newly formed Community Education Advisory Council. They reviewed community education programs utilized by surrounding schools, and discussed ideas for possible program procedures, facility usage and instructor conduct. Members provided feedback on interest levels for the various work groups that will be formed within the Advisory Council.
- B. **Operations & Management** – Melissa Sassman reported for this committee. At their last meeting they were updated on the Cornell project. They discussed the idea of a video scoreboard for the football field (with fundraising done by the Athletic Boosters). They reviewed initial findings from the audit, discussed the budget forecast, reviewed work tickets, and talked about summer projects.
- C. **SIAC** – Roland Kouski, Jr. said the School Improvement Advisory Council (SIAC) recently discussed the Title I Plan. They were also presented with an update on implementing Grading For Growth. Teachers at Saydel have been working hard to create tiered learning targets based on Iowa core standards. SIAC members did an activity that provided perspective on giving zeros to unfinished work. G4G adopters from Woodside and the High School are in their second year of using G4G in their classes. All schools are using Habits for Success to assign students scores for more behavior based things such as working with others and personal responsibility. Decisions will be made in the spring about G4G for the 2017-18 school year.
- III. **Discussion/Action Items**
- A. **Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Update** – Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Mary Salazar updated the Board on Rubric Cycle 1 and 2. She gave an overview of the assessment conference held in St. Louis, MO, and the plan moving forward based on the information from the conference. Along with that came an assessment mapping timeline. Mary gave a Grading for Growth update and discussed toxic grading practices. Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler and Mary discussed their work on state initiatives that included Smarter Balanced Assessments and Differentiated Accountability. The last thing discussed was materials review and adoption practices.
- IV. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Van Houten, seconded by Doug Kayser. Motion carried 7/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

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Brian Bowman, Board President

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Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary

The next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, December 12 at 6 PM in Saydel District Office Board Room.