

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

BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

6:00 PM

Saydel District Office Board Room

November 2, 2015

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order by President Brian Bowman at 6:23 PM
- A. **Roll Call** – Melissa Sassman, Chad Vitiritto, Roland Kouski Jr, Henry Wood, Doug Kayser, Jenn Van Houten, Brian Bowman, present.
- B. **Approve Agenda** – Motion to approve the agenda by Jenn Van Houten, seconded by Chad Vitiritto. Motion carried 7/0.
- II. **Discussion/Action Items**
- A. **Board Development**
Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler facilitated an interactive Board Development activity. He displayed a list of acronyms used by Saydel CSD, and the Board used those to create BINGO cards. Using the BINGO game format, Mr. Wheeler familiarized the Board with acronyms used for general school purposes as well as for Student Services, Business & Finance, Special Education, and Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.
- B. **Special Education & Student Services**
Director of Special Education & Student Services Julie McKibben shared an update reviewing data for ELL, ELP, the homeless population, bullying and harassment, and special education. Julie then focused on the topic of behavior and special education. Prior to 1940, people with disabilities were excluded from society and considered unable to learn. From 1940-1960, there was a general shift in society's attitudes toward people with disabilities, parent advocacy groups developed, and the Civil Rights Movement happened. Since 1970, many new laws have been passed, due to an increase in court cases and a shift toward the philosophy of inclusion. Julie shared the legal protections for persons with Disabilities in IDEA and explained Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). She reviewed the special education process, IEP development and the process of reevaluation. Other topics Julie covered were how students qualify for special education services, approaches and an overview of the FBA/BIP process, functional behavior assessments, and the behavior intervention plan. She discussed methods of reinforcement, the modeling process and intervention and safety techniques, including the district approved method of non-violent intervention through Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) in which a team of district employees is trained.
- III. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Jenn Van Houten, seconded by Chad Vitiritto. Motion carried 7/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

Brian Bowman, Board President

Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary

The next scheduled Board meeting is Monday, November 9 at 6 PM in the Board Room at the Saydel District Office.