

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

BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES
6:05 PM
Saydel District Office Board Room
May 4, 2015

- I. Call the Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order by President Brian Bowman at 6:05 PM
- A. Roll Call – Paul Breitbarth, Ray Livingston, Melissa Sassman, Brian Bowman, present. Rob Stephenson, Henry Wood, absent. Kyle Prendergast arrived at 6:36 PM
- B. Approve Agenda – Motion to amend the agenda by Melissa Sassman, adding a Board Report from Paul Breitbarth on the Saydel Eagles Endowment Scholarship, seconded by Ray Livingston. Motion carried 4/0.
- II. Site Master Planning Process Update
Sam Stagg and Arthur Baumgartner of HAILA Architecture presented an update on progress made with Site Master Planning. HAILA will conduct two meetings with each school in the District. The first meeting is for gathering input on master planning and the second meeting is to show scenarios of floor plans, schemes and ideas back to teachers, staff and administrators to get additional feedback. HAILA has completed both meetings with the High School so they presented the Board with a broad view of some refined floor plan images that reflect a 21st Century learning environment. Discussion centered on overarching concerns at the high school for common spaces and classroom spaces, strategies for daylight and space, expansion opportunities, and the re-organization of space. Some of the goals outlined for the master plan included:
1. Creating and improving District facilities to deliver the new curriculum
 2. Improving the culture and image of the District
 3. Making places that are exciting and fun to be in
 4. Enhancing student experience and increasing student achievement
 5. Creating a consistent image throughout the District
 6. Making sure success after graduation is attainable whether its college or career oriented
 7. Meeting the needs of all students
 8. Incorporating collaborative spaces
 9. Creating flexibility in the classroom
 10. Utilizing what the schools have to enhance student experiences
 11. Maintaining a student centered design so everything that is done is for the students
- A timeline of deliverables was also discussed so a strategic plan can be conveyed to the Saydel community prior to the June 30 vote on the PPEL Fund.
- III. Summer Meeting Logistics & Planning
Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler shared an outline of topics and dates for upcoming Board meetings this summer. He also shared some ideas on proposed changes for The Communicator.

- IV. Strategic Planning Process
Mr. Wheeler shared proposed wording to outline a three-year Strategic Plan for the District. The Board provided their input on the District's mission, vision, collective commitments, learner outcomes, non-negotiable goals, strategic plan objectives and strategic plan outcomes. Mr. Wheeler also shared an example of a proposed format that outlined targets, strategies, deliverables, and metrics.
- V. Saydel Eagles Endowment Scholarship Board Report
Paul Breitbarth reported he was part of the interview process for the Saydel Eagles Endowment Scholarship. There were 20+ students who applied and interviewed and the students were each asked what teacher had the greatest impact on their education at Saydel. Many of the students named Matt Tesdell when they answered. Matt is not a staff member, but he is a volunteer who has had a big impact on the students. Paul said he hopes Matt's volunteerism sets an example so Saydel graduates will be active volunteers as adults. Paul congratulated and thanked Matt for his volunteer efforts on behalf of the Saydel Endowment Scholarship. He also thanked those who conducted the interviews and everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund.
- VI. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Paul Breitbarth, seconded by Ray Livingston. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

Brian Bowman, Board President

Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary

- VII. From 8:19 PM until 8:49 PM, the School Board met in an exempt meeting pursuant to Iowa Code 21.9 to discuss matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Those members present were Paul Breitbarth, Ray Livingston, Melissa Sassman, Brian Bowman and Kyle Prendergast.