

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  
April 24, 2017

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order by Vice President, Chairperson Pro-Tem Jennifer Van Houten at 6:26 PM
- A. **Roll Call** – Melissa Sassman, Chad Vitiritto, Roland Kouski, Jr., Henry Wood (left Board Room from 7:12 PM – 7:14 PM), Jennifer Van Houten, present. Brian Bowman, Doug Kayser, absent.
- B. **Approve Agenda** – Motion to approve by Roland Kouski, Jr., seconded by Melissa Sassman. Motion carried 5/0.
- II. **Board Reports**
- A. **Retirement Celebration – May 8, 2017 at 5 PM** – Jennifer Van Houten noted there will be a Retirement Reception on May 8 from 5 to 6 PM for six Saydel employees who are retiring. The celebration will be held at the Saydel District Office Board Room honoring Melinda Aeschliman, Cindy Cahill, Marilyn Jungman, Pamela Hagen, Aileen Meyer, and Jane Prange.
- B. Jennifer Van Houten, Henry Wood and Roland Kouski, Jr. reported that the middle school play was a huge success. The play “Thwacked” was fantastic, and the students performed extremely well. The Board thanked instructor Coleen Babcock for her hard work and dedication.
- C. Jennifer Van Houten said the track season is in full swing, and the Woodside Middle School teams are winning track meets and breaking many records this year.
- III. **Discussion/Action Items**
- A. **TAP Update** – TAP Master Teacher Traci Lust provided a TAP overview, explaining its four domains: multiple career paths, ongoing applied professional growth, instructionally focused accountability, and performance-based compensation. The purpose of TAP is to improve student achievement by increasing teacher capacity through on-going professional development, district follow up and classroom observations with feedback and support. Traci reviewed the work that has been done by the TAP School Leadership Team this year. She said Michael Derrick of the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching conducted the school reviews, and Traci shared the grows and glows from his evaluations at Cornell Elementary, Woodside Middle School and Saydel High School. Traci did a Cluster Cycle synopsis, shared feedback from the National TAP Conference held in Louisiana, and discussed the goals and next steps for TAP at Saydel.
- IV. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Henry Wood, seconded by Roland Kouski, Jr. Motion carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

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Jennifer Van Houten, Vice President, Chairperson Pro Tem

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Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary

The next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Saydel District Office Board Room.