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3-part series: Mayor pulling groups together to spruce up city's curb appeal

City eyes nuisance properties

The following is the first in a series of articles looking at efforts underway to clean up Fort Madison

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison city officials are putting residents on notice – clean it up... or they will.

Fort Madison Building Director Doug Krogmeier has sent out more than 100 nuisance abatement notices to city residents to get their properties in order or the city will come out and do it and charge you for the time. The move falls on the heels of an effort last fall to get nuisance vehicles tucked away.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said he sent a signed letter along with the last batch of abatement letters sent from the city.



KROGMEIER

“We are not going to apologize for this,” Mohrfeld said. “If anyone catches hell, I hope it's me. City staff is quality people working hard and they shouldn't shoulder this. I'm elected. I should.”

Mohrfeld said his letter indicated the city's abatement compliance arm, led by Krogmeier, has the full support of



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Structures in Fort Madison, like this abandoned home that caught fire earlier this month, are the focus of an effort to clean up the city.

the mayor and City Council. He said getting the city moving in the right direction isn't going to be without emotion, but it has to start with the property owners.

“People want their property to look better. Nobody wakes up saying they want their house to look bad. Life just gets in the way,” the mayor said.

Even before being elected mayor, Mohrfeld was putting things in motion with beautification efforts around the

city. As a councilman he supported the vehicle abatement process that resulted in residents getting untagged, non-functional, and non-enclosed vehicles off city streets and open properties.

Mohrfeld has also spearheaded committees and roundtables on how to bring the city's curb appeal into focus. He said initially his thoughts were

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Community spread found in Dallas County

State not recommending school closures as of Saturday night

From the Governor's Office

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been notified of one additional positive case of an Iowan with COVID-19, for a total of 18 positive cases. The individual is an older adult age 61-80, and a resident of Dallas County.

Additionally, IDPH has determined, based on the new COVID-19 case and the announcement this evening of community spread in Omaha, Neb., there is now community spread in our state.

Community spread occurs when individuals have been infected with the virus in an area and cannot specifically identify the source of the infection, or do not know how or where they became infected.

Due to the detection of community spread, there are new recommendations for individuals with underlying conditions, and all Iowans should be prepared for cancellations and disruptions in routine activities.

Mitigation measures should be implemented immediately to have the most significant impact on slowing the spread of the virus.

Leaders of institutions and organizers of events should begin to act on their contingency plans related to large gatherings, including church services. Iowans should not hold or attend large gatherings of more than 250 people, and consider making adjustments for smaller gatherings with high risk groups.

Health care organizations should also review their contingency plans and consider how telehealth can support the needs of Iowans.

At this time, school closures are not recommended. Based on CDC guidelines:

If a school has a positive case in a student, faculty member or visitor, we recommend a short-term suspension of a

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CORONAVIRUS: School officials extend spring break by two days

SCC to go to online classes through April 5

The following is a communication from Southeastern Community College received on Friday afternoon

WEST BURLINGTON – SCC continues to monitor the evolving coronavirus COVID-19 situation and to share relevant information with employees and students as it becomes available. While the Iowa Department of Public Health has confirmed COVID-19 cases in other parts of Iowa, there are none in the SCC service area of southeast Iowa. It is the consensus of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and state and

local public health officials that the next month will be critical to containing the spread of the virus.

With our primary focus on student and employee health and safety, we have made the following decisions effective 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 13 through April 5.

To protect our students and communities and help contain the spread of the coronavirus, Southeastern Community College has extended Spring Break by two days (March 23-24) and will then transition to online delivery of



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face-to-face classes until April 5, at which time we will reassess the situation and determine future actions:

Students in face-to-face classes will begin or resume spring semester

classes on March 25 via online delivery.

Faculty will report to campus on March 23 and 24 for preparation to transition classes to online delivery.

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WEATHER

SUN 15 Mar.....Scattered Clouds, 36.8° F/ 36.6° F
MON 16 Mar.....Light Rain, 50.0° F/ 46.5° F
TUE 17 Mar.....Clear Skies, 46.5° F/ 41.7° F

IOWA LOTTERY

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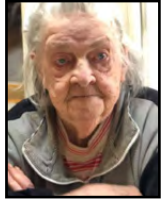
Obituaries

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA ELDER

Patricia Elder, 89, of Keokuk, IA died Friday, March 13, 2020 at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.

She was born January 9, 1931 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of William and Goldie Deck Porter. Patricia graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1949.



ELDER

On June 6, 1954 she was united in marriage to Richard Elder in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on December 4, 1995.

Patricia had been employed by St. Louis Gear in Keokuk for forty years until her retirement in 1990.

Patricia adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved spending time with them.

She is survived by one son, Shawn Elder, Sr. (Lori) of Eolia, MO, one daughter, Aggie Stinson of Keokuk, three grandsons, Shawn Elder, Jr. (Tiffany) of Durant, OK, Kent Elder of Keokuk and Kendall Elder (Darian) of Keokuk, three granddaughters, Hope Sintern (Chad) of Keokuk, Trisha Elder (Matt) of Keokuk and Hallie Elder of Eolia, MO, fifteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and one brother, Bill Porter of Wayland, MO and her four legged companion, Brutus.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Rosemary Porter and Joan Seabold.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Jason Mott officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Humane Society.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

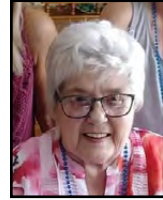
Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

OBITUARIES

MARY A. FLECKENSTEIN

Mary Ann Fleckenstein, 92, of Bettendorf, IA and formerly of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 6:31 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at the Clarissa Cook Hospice



FLECKENSTEIN

House in Bettendorf. She was born on September 15, 1927 in Fort Madison, IA to Frank & Perpetua "Pet" Stuckey Troja. She married Richard P. Fleckenstein on April 11, 1953 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on July 30, 2000. She worked at the Iowa State Penitentiary, the Daily Democrat and several other businesses in Fort Madison. She was a member of Holy Family Parish in Davenport and enjoyed reading, crafts and her friendships.

Mary Ann is survived by: 3-daughters: Sara (Jim) Sokolik of Davenport, IA, Amy (Jody) Peterson of Milan, IL & Kay (Rick) LeRoy of Lincolnton, GA; 4-grandchildren; 11-great grandchildren & 13-great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Cremation has been entrusted of the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private family burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. In lieu of flowers or memorials, please leave a memory of Mary Ann at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

JENNIFER L. HOLLIDAY

Jennifer L. Holliday, 66, of Ft. Madison passed away at 9:32 AM on Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.

She was born on July 25, 1953 in Hannibal, MO to Harry and Loretta Roush Pennick. On July 5, 2005 she married Charles Holliday. Jennifer was the managing sales and marketing director at Catfish Bend Casino for several years. She retired in 2015 as an Executive Assistant to the COO. Jennifer enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.



HOLLIDAY

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Holliday of Ft. Madison; one son, Michael Hawkins of Ft. Madison; one daughter, Tonya Raegar of Charleston, SC; five grandchildren, Tysa, Ivy, Sydney, Avery and James; two sisters, Tysa Austin and Tracy Eustad both of Charleston, SC. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be no formal services at this time. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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WILLIAM H. HAYES

William Henry Hayes, 88, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 2:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA. He was born on April 30, 1931 in Wever, IA to Carl M. & Edna E. Allen Hayes. He married Joy Ann Perkins on June 1, 1974 in Keokuk, IA. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was a machinist for Headco Machine in Keokuk, IA with 45 years of service. He was also a Certified Machinist Instructor. He was the pastor of Family Worship Center in Keokuk for many years and enjoyed his work as a machinist, fishing, hunting, golfing and teasing his grandchildren.



HAYES

Bill is survived by: his wife: Joy Hayes of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: James (Chandra) Reynolds of Fort Madison, IA & Darin (Andrea) Reynolds of Keokuk, IA; 2-daughters: Debra (Carl) Saunders of Fort Madison, IA & Brenda (Greg) Morgan of Fort Collins, CO; 13-grandchildren; 18-great grandchildren; 4-great great grandchildren; 3-brothers: Tom (Barb) Hayes of Donnellson, IA, Carl (Sharon) Hayes of Donnellson, IA & John (Linda) Hayes of Montrose, IA; 3-sisters: Loretta Hayes of Donnellson, IA, Betty Smith of Donnellson, IA & Donna (Glen) Myers of Keokuk, IA. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-daughter: Donna Sholl & 2-brothers: Orville & Edward Hayes.



Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020 with the family to receive friends from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 5:00 p.m. with Rev. John Happs officiating. A memorial has been established for Family Worship Center. Online condolences and a video tribute of Bill's life may be viewed at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

GERALDINE M. DAVIS

Geraldine Mable Kayser Davis, 98, of Montrose died Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Montrose Health Care Center in Montrose, IA.

She was born March 4, 1922 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Robert and Lily Saxxe Kayser. On September 10, 1938 she was united in marriage to Russell Rudd in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death on November 30, 1965. On January 19, 1966 she was married to Hughie Davis in Keokuk, IA. He preceded her in death on October 2, 1966.



DAVIS

Geraldine worked at Sheller Globe as a finishing operator for twenty and a half years before retiring in 1984.

She enjoyed playing cards especially euchre. She also enjoyed dancing and listening to music. She was a huge St. Louis Cardinals fan.

She is survived by her daughter, Deanna (Larry) Weirather, her son, George (Martha) Rudd all of Montrose, eight grandchildren, Vickie Blanford, Jeff Weirather, Neal Weirather, Jason Rudd, Eric Rudd, Travis Rudd, Deverie Rudd and Ashley Curiel, seventeen great grandchildren, several great great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides her husbands she was also preceded in death by her parents, a son, Russell Rudd, a daughter Shirley Joann Rudd, a grandson, Chad Rudd, daughter in law, Bonnie Rudd, three sisters, Frankie Rosencrans, Charlotte Hays and Dorothy Brookhart and four brothers, Cary Kayser, John Kayser, George Kayser and Robert Kayser.

A graveside service will be held 10 a.m., Tuesday, at the Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk. There will be no visitation.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Every-Step Hospice.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com

Dept. of Corrections cancels visits to all Iowa prisons

DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Corrections has been implementing measures, policies and protocols to prevent the spread and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 in the state prisons.

Effective immediately, visiting has been cancelled at all state prisons until further notice. This is being done out of an abundance of caution for the department's vulnerable population. While most other correctional departments across the country have also suspended visiting, this decision is rarely easy. The DOC realizes the impact this can have on institution morale over time, and also knows the value of keeping

inmates connected with their families. To help address this concern, the department has been exploring reduced cost or free phone calls, reduced cost O-mails, and is working to establish the capability for video visitations.

Regarding the department's efforts to mitigate the impact of the virus on the prison population, Director Dr. Beth Skinner commented, "Our staff are taking every precaution within our power to ensure that the prisons are ready to prevent and respond to the introduction of COVID-19." Members of the public can find Department updates related to this pandemic at doc.iowa.gov/COVID19.



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From the Front

Efforts on nuisances already getting emotional

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“prettying” up the town, but he said after digging into the problems, it’s more of a remediation process now.

“I started the process and thought of beautification as ‘getting pretty,’” Mohrfeld said. “But as I dug more into it, I realized we have to get into the remediation. I didn’t see the underbelly of this.”

The city got a first taste of that when city contractors went onto property owned by Barbara Lozano, who’s deceased, and began removing visible items after serving notice for vehicle abatement and accumulation of junk, according to Charles Lozano, her son.

Lozano confronted Krogmeier and tried to file a theft complaint with Fort Madison Police

Captain Bruce Niggemeyer, according to a video provided to Pen City Current. Due to language on the video, Pen City Current will not be loading the video for viewing.

Lozano said the city contractors removed a detached porch swing and a sofa from the front porch, a box saw, and a glide transmission among other things, from the yard, porch, and carport.

The carport has a covered top but no sides to obscure the contents from the neighborhood. Lozano had previously removed an Airstream, a 1965 Oldsmobile, and a pickup truck per the abatement notice.

Lozano admitted the property wasn’t in his name, but said he had been taking care of it



MOHRFELD

since his mother’s and father’s deaths. His mother died recently and Lozano said he is the executor of the estate.

“My parents both passed away and the property’s in my mom’s name, but both are willed to me and I’m executor of the will. So how they say they don’t legally belong to me I don’t know,” Lozano said Saturday.

He said no deed or transfer of the property had been executed as some legal snags had slowed the process.

The abatement notices were sent to the property in his parent’s name and someone who was living with him signed for the letter.

He said the city shouldn’t have a right to determine what items people keep on their private property.

“He’s allowed to tell me what kind of seating I have on my porch? He doesn’t get to decide what people have on their private property,” Lozano said.

Lozano said in addition to the items taken, the contractors also borrowed his trash cans and said they would return them, but he hasn’t been back to the property to check on the status of that. He also said he was belittled by police on scene when he tried to file a complaint of theft against the city for taking items off the property.

City Councilman Tyler Miller has been tasked by Mohrfeld with helping get an inventory of properties

in the city that could be candidates for remediation.

Miller said he’s aware the situation is going to get emotional, but in the end the community’s going to have to get behind the efforts.

“He doesn’t own that property and it’s still up in the air as to who owns it,” Miller said.

“But there’s so many different variables that go into it. You start putting some pressure on some of these homeowners and some of this might take care of itself. Shine a light on it, get it out there and open it up.”

He said the recent effort to get abandoned vehicles put away in the city speaks to how appropriately and legally applied pressure can yield results.

Mohrfeld said eventually he hopes the city stands

together to help make the city more appealing.

“Eventually I would like to see the day when the city stands shoulder-to-shoulder in some of this. But right now we’ve backed up and are looking at internal policies before we reach out,” he said.

“We’ve got to clean the house up, before we start remodeling.”

Mohrfeld said he rates the city’s appearance as a six, but he said that number isn’t what’s important.

“You can rate it four if you choose, but the important thing is that we reach for the five or the seven. We don’t slip back to a three,” he said.

The city will be discussing an abatement ordinance in a workshop Tuesday night following the regular City Council meeting. Mohrfeld said that’s a good first step in making people aware that the city is serious about getting structures and properties cleaned up.

“A lot of people don’t like a nudge from the outside, but when you buy in a municipality it’s bigger than yourself. Deep down should they understand that? I believe they should,” he said.

Lozano said he’s consulted with an attorney about the property taken from his parents’ residence. But he said he understands the city wanting to clean things up as he’s lived in Fort Madison most of his life.

“I can understand yard debris, refuse, trash. But it’s easy to see the difference between that and tools, machinery, and equipment that isn’t inoperable at all,” he said.

Mohrfeld said the city should try to present residents with options in resolving the issues privately.

“I think people should be presented with some options and we try to provide those. That’s important because some people are trapped by situations of life – short-term or long-term,” he said.

“But I absolutely hate that the city has to go in at our expense and clean up something that a private individual neglected. It drives me nuts... and we’re gonna crack some eggs.”



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CANCELLATION OF MEETING NOTICE

The Great Prairie AEA Board of Directors' special meeting zoom on Monday, March 16 at Noon (12 PM) to discuss the ERATE program and contract has been canceled and the item will be added to the April regular meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING March 16, 2020 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Approve the agenda
- III. High School AC, phase III
- IV. Receive written comments
- V. Receive oral comments
- VI. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING March 16, 2020 6:05 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Approve the agenda
- III. Hours / Days of instruction for the 2020-2021 school year
- IV. Receive written comments
- V. Receive oral comments
- VI. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING March 16, 2020 6:10 P.M.

Finance: DiPrima/Menke AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation documents

- IV. Monthly communications
 - A. Student Rep Report – Kylee Cashman & Logan Johnson
 - B. Curriculum Corner - High School math
 - C. "Did You Know?"
 - D. Superintendent Goal Report
 - E. District Presentations
 - V. Approve the agenda
 - VI. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 1. February 24, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - B. Financial reports
 1. February Balance Sheet
 2. February Revenue Summary
 3. Expenditure report
 4. Student Activity report
 - C. Accounts payable
 1. February General Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX
 2. March General Account Board Bills for Approval
 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX
 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX
 - D. Consider personnel resignations
 1. Kristin Arnold, color guard sponsor
 2. Kathy Hamilton, teacher at Richardson, at the end of the school year
 3. Karen Howell, associate at Richardson, at the end of the school year
 4. Linda Beebe, clerical associate at Lincoln, at the end of the school year
 5. Teresa Huett, associate at the high school, at the end of the school year
 6. Chelsea Washburn, associate at Richardson, at the end of the school year
 - E. Consider employment of personnel
 1. Jordyn Meierotto, assistant track coach (1/2)
 2. Kristi Roach, social studies teacher at the high school
 - F. Consider contract modifications
 - G. Consider leave of absence
 - H. Consider open enrollment requests
 1. Other reports
 1. Activity/Athletic fundraisers and Donations Director moved and director seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.
 - VII. Action Items
 - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
 1. Consider approval of

- new 6-8 English Language Arts materials
- B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
 1. Consider approval of 2020-2021 school calendar
 2. Consider approval of policy changes
 - 208 - Ad Hoc Committees
 - 208-R - Committees to the Board
 - 208.1-E-1 - Ad Hoc Committees Exhibit
 - 208.1-R - School Improvement Advisory Committee
 - 208.2-R - Facilities Committee
 - 209.7 - Review of Administrative Regulations
 - 210 - Regular Meetings
 - 210.1 - Annual Meeting
 - 210.2 - Board Meeting Procedure
 - 210.3 - Special Meeting
 - 501.10 - Truancy - Unexcused Absences
 - 705.1 - Purchasing - Bidding
 3. Consider approval of the request for travel for Sharlynn Upton and Jessie Frank to attend the Open Up Resources HIVE conference in New Orleans, LA from June 23-25, 2020.
 4. Consider approval of the request for travel for Amy Diewold and Jennifer Herriman to attend the Open Up Resources HIVE conference in New Orleans, LA from June 23-25, 2020.
 5. Consider approval of the request for travel for Patrick Lamb, Jeremy Swink and Sebastian Seifert to attend the National School Safety Conference in Miami, FL from July 27-31, 2020.
 6. Consider approval of the request for travel for Jessie Frank and 40 middle school student council members to go to Six Flags in Eureka, MO on May 15, 2020.
 - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
 1. Consider approval of a Resolution in Support of a Complete Count in the Decennial U.S. 2020 Census
 2. Consider approval of HVAC project bidder DLR summary map
 3. Consider approval of the sharing agreement

- between FMCS and Burlington for girls and boys swimming for the 2020-2021 school year
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
 1. Superintendent – Erin Slater
 1. Consider policy changes
 - 104 - Anti-Bullying/ Harassment Policy **adopt IASB version**
 - 104-R-1 - Anti-Bullying/ Harassment Investigation Procedures **adopt IASB version**
 - 210.3a - New School Board Members Meeting/ Orientation **ours only, no change**
 - 210.4 - Work Sessions **minor changes**
 - 210.5 - Meeting Notice **minor changes**
 - 210.6 - Quorum **minor changes**
 - 210.7 - Rules of Order **same as IASB**
 - 210.7-R - Rules of Order **minor changes**
 - 401.1 - Equal Employ-

- ment Opportunity adopt mandatory **IASB policy**
- 402.2 - Child Abuse Reporting **adopt IASB version**
- 403.1 - Employee Physical Examinations **recommend to delete**
- 711.10 - School Bus Passenger Restraints **recommend to delete ours/ adopt IASB version**
- 711.10-R - School Bus Seat Belt Policy sample policy; recommend to adopt regulation
2. Certified Employee Attendance
3. Board Member Attendance
- C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
 1. Certified Budget FY2020-2021
 - IX. Comments from the audience
 - X. Legislative update
 - XI. Announcements
 - March 17, 2020 12:30 PM – Board Instructional Tour, Middle School
 - April 6, 2020 5:00 PM - Public Hearing - Certified Budget FY2020-2021,

- Board Room, Central Office
 - April 6, 2020 5:05 PM - Special Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
 - April 6, 2020 6:00 PM – Work Session, Middle School, Library Media Center
 - April 20, 2020 6:00 PM - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
 - May 4, 2020 6:00 PM - Work Session, High School, Library Media Center
 - XII. Closed Session to conduct Superintendent evaluation as per Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa
 - XIII. Adjourn
- Exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for the purposes of a negotiation session

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 24, 2020

I. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hope at 6:00 p.m. Directors DiPrima, Wykert, Ross, Menke and Steffensmeier were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore. President Wondra was absent.

II. Recognition of guests. Vice President Hope welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communications

A. Student Rep report. There was none.

B. Curriculum Corner – Computer Science is Elementary (CSE) Team. The Board received an update regarding the Computer Science is Elementary Award and the implementation of the program.

C. “Did You Know?” Superintendent Slater reviewed information available on the FMCS D Website regarding all the great things happening within the District.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater shared a video regarding the systematic levels of interventions that result in students receiving the time and attention necessary to achieve at high levels.

E. District Presentations. Larry Smith and Timm Lamb gave a presentation on Promoting Outdoor Recreational Trails (PORT) Phase 4: Rodeo Park Connector.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by DiPrima to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by Ross to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the February 3, 2020 Work Session; January 20, 2020 Regular Meeting; financial reports including the January Balance Sheet, January Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts

payable for the January General Account Board bills for Approval, February General Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignations from Dawn Schulte as assistant cross country coach, Valencia Kassmeyer as food service at Richardson and bus monitor, employment of Josie Morrill as associate at Richardson, Alex Howe as bus driver, Milo Brown as bus associate, Jessica Groene as associate at Richardson, Tori Lorton as associate at Richardson, Sasha Manley as associate at Richardson, Paul Mullins as associate at Richardson, Abigail Wright as secretary to the assistant principal at the middle school, Andrew Cartwright as assistant track thrower’s coach, Annah Hayes as associate at Richardson, Mariah Boyd as associate at Richardson, Nicole Farrell as associate at the middle school, Jordan McFadden as associate at Lincoln, contract modification for Jami Featheringill changing from Class E to Class A with decrease in hours and pay, and approval of activity and athletic fundraisers. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

B. Superintendent.
1. Request for travel. The Board reviewed the request for travel from Shalisse Johnstun and the robotics team to travel to Sedalia, MO for regional competition from April 2-5, 2020. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Menke to approve the travel request as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

2. Request for travel. The Board reviewed the request for travel from Rachella Dravis and the TLS coaches to attend the Open Up Resource

es conference in New Orleans, LA from June 23-25, 2020. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Ross to approve the travel request as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of policy changes.

a. 209.2 – Adoption of Policy. It was moved by Wykert and seconded by DiPrima to approve policy 209.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

b. 209.3 – Dissemination of Policy. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Wykert to delete policy 209.3 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

4. Consider approval of a resolution in support of Lake Cooper-Pool 9 Refuge Inclusion Project for Lee County Habitat Restoration Project. The Board reviewed the resolution in support of Lake Cooper-Pool 9 Refuge Inclusion Project for Lee County Habitat Restoration Project. Discussion followed. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed on a 5-1 voice vote with Director Menke responding Nay.

5. Consider approval of a Board resolution for an Ad Hoc Committee pursuant to policy 208 for the purpose of studying the results of the QLEO report and making recommendations to the board for next steps regarding district facilities. The Board reviewed the resolution for an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of studying the results of the QLEO report and making recommendations to the board for next steps regarding district facilities. Discussion followed. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Wykert to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Consider approval of 2020 Ticket Consignment Contract for Busch Stadium fundraiser. The Board reviewed the 2020 Ticket Consignment Contract for Busch stadium fundraiser. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Menke to approve the contract as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

2. Consider approval of the sharing agreement between FMCS D and Holy Trinity for boys’ soccer for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the sharing agreement between FMCS D and Holy Trinity for boys’ soccer for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. Set public hearing date for High School Air Conditioning Phase III for March 16, 2020. Consensus was given to set the Public Hearing date for the High School Air Conditioning Phase III for March 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at Central Office.

4. Set public hearing date for Hours vs. Days for March 16, 2020. Consensus was given to set the Public Hearing date for Hours vs. Days for March 16, 2020 at 6:05 PM in the Board Room at Central Office.

5. Set public hearing date for Certified Budget FY2020-2021 for April 6, 2020. Consensus was given to set the Public Hearing date for the Certified Budget FY 2020-2021 for April 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Board Room at Central Office.

VIII. Discussion Items
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services
1. Scheduled March Board Instructional Tour. The Board will tour the middle school on March 17, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

2. Iowa School Performance Profile (ISPP) data. Director of Curriculum and Student Services, Kim Harmon, shared Iowa School Performance Profile (ISPP) data with the Board. Discussion followed.

B. Superintendent.
1. Policies for 1st reading. The Board reviewed policies 208 through

210.3 along with 501.10 and 705.1. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. Certified Employee Attendance. The Certified Employee Attendance report was accepted as presented.

3. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Member Attendance report.

Break: 8:31 p.m.
End Break: 8:35 p.m.
C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager.

1. Certified Budget 2020-2021 discussion. The Board participated in a discussion session regarding the Certified Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

IX. Comments from the audience. The Board received comments from the audience.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

XI. Announcements.
March 16, 2020 6:00 PM - Public Hearing - High School AC Phase III, Board Room, Central Office

March 16, 2020 6:05 PM - Public Hearing - Hours vs Days, Board Room, Central Office

March 16, 2020 6:10 PM - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

March 17, 2020 12:30 PM – Board Instructional Tour, Middle School

April 6, 2020 5:00 PM - Public Hearing - Certified Budget FY2020-2021, Board Room, Central Office

April 6, 2020 5:05 PM - Special Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

April 6, 2020 6:00 PM – Work Session, Middle School, Library Media Center

April 20, 2020 6:00 PM - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

May 4, 2020 6:00 PM - Work Session, High School, Library Media Center

XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President
February 24, 2020
Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

An exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for the purposes of a negotiation session was held.

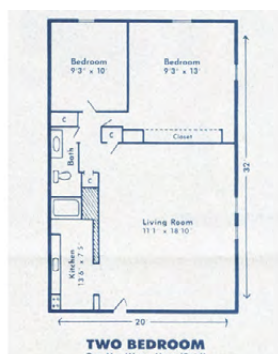
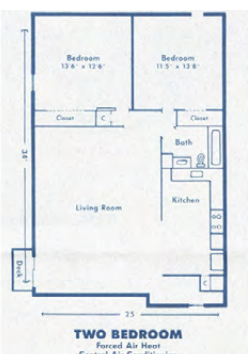
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From the Front

State DHS child care facility policies in place

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few days for cleaning to mitigate spread of the virus.

If there is significant absenteeism of staff and students, they should consider a short to medium length suspension of 2 to 4 weeks.

For substantial community spread, longer suspensions of 4 to 8 weeks or more are recommended.

Iowans should do their part to protect their health and the health of others:

Individuals 60 years of age and older with underlying conditions should stay at home and avoid gatherings or other situations of potential exposures, including travel to affected areas.

Consider personal social distancing measures: avoid large gatherings, limit the number of attendees per gathering.

Consider working remotely or online learning when possible.

Encourage staff to telework (when feasible), particularly individuals at increased risk of severe illness.

Limit non-essential work travel and gatherings.

Follow CDC guidance regarding school closures if a school-based case is identified, implement short term suspension for school cleaning and contact tracing, and alter schedules to reduce student mixing. Cancel extracurricular activities as needed.

A status report of monitoring and testing of COVID19 in Iowa provided by IDPH can be found here. In addition, a public hotline has been established for Iowans with questions about COVID-19. The line is available 24/7 by calling 2-1-1 or 1-800-244-7431.

State agencies are taking the following steps:

The Iowa Department of Public Health encourages long term care facilities to align their practices with recent guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services which limits non-essential visitors to long term care facilities. In addition, IDPH is requesting that long term care facilities report to the department when greater than two staff or residents are ill with respiratory symptoms without another diagnosis.

The Department further encourages long term care facilities to implement additional visitor limitation protocols as deemed necessary to protect the life and safety of their residents.

Today, Iowa Veterans Home announced it is restricting all visitors to both residents and staff in accordance with new national guidelines for nursing homes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Only Iowa Veterans Home staff will be allowed access, and all staff will be screened prior to entering.

Similarly, the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) suspended all in-person visitation for their six state-run facilities to prevent risk to the individuals served and to mitigate against community-spread. The Department will consider limited exceptions and is offering virtual options to allow continued communication with loved ones.

In addition, DHS is putting policies in place to ensure access to childcare during this time, including financial and operational assistance. These include paying child care providers based on enrollment rather than attendance, and expediting licensing to enable increasing capacity. Childcare inspection and regulatory functions will shift to provide technical assistance focused on hygiene and sanitation. DHS also recognizes the stress that emergency events cause children and families and are developing strategies to identify and address their needs.

Iowans can help prevent the spread of illness by following simple daily precautions including washing hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when ill. It is currently flu and respiratory disease season, and IDPH recommends getting the flu vaccine. Influenza activity is widespread in Iowa and as long as flu viruses are circulating, it's not too late to receive the vaccine.

SCC offices, facilities to remain open

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Existing online classes will continue as scheduled and are not affected by this spring break extension. Please review your online course syllabus for appropriate class deadlines.

Contact your faculty member if you have any questions related to your classes.

All campuses will remain open and all services will operate as follows:

Advising, Registration, Financial Aid, Admissions and the Business Office will operate on normal hours.

Computer labs, library resources, testing center and study rooms will be open and available. Hours will be posted to Hawknet and Canvas announcements.

College large group events and meetings of 50 or more people, both on site and off site, are canceled through April 5. Some student activities, clubs and meetings may still occur. Student activity plans will be communicated from your student club advisor.



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