

WORK SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH TAMA COUNTY

The Board of Directors of the Community School District of South Tama County met in a Work Session on August 9, 2022 at the Partnership Center, Tama, Iowa at 5:00 p.m. with members of the community attending electronically through Google Hangouts.

On call of the roll the following were present: Mandy Lekin, Elizabeth Dolezal, Beth Wiese. Absent: Penny Tyynismaa, Clint Werner. Quorum Present. Also present were: Superintendent John Cain, Board Secretary Randy Denham, Lou Ann Gvist from Iowa Association of School Boards, and Marilyn Rippy.

President Lekin introduced Lou Ann Gvist from Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) and provided some background information on the importance of having Board professional development.

Vice President Tyynismaa arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Lou Ann Gvist from IASB reviewed Board development materials with the Board. The Board and Superintendent reviewed the roles and responsibilities of Board Members and the Superintendent. The Board discussed how the direction of the District is set to meet the goals of the District.

Ms. Gvist did some exercises with the Board to discuss the potential impacts of when the Board and Superintendent have clarity around their roles and responsibilities. The discussed their roles in addressing questions and concerns from community members. The Board reviewed their roles in improving student learning.

The Board and Superintendent discussed setting goals and how they will monitor those goals throughout the year to ensure they are being met.

Mr. Cain reviewed his entry plan with the Board. The Board shared some of their expectations from Mr. Cain to help meet the goals of the entry plan. Mr. Cain and the Board discussed what potential committees could look like in the future. The Board reviewed the current processes around setting meeting agendas and setting out Board Packets.

Ms. Gvist shared a template for affirming Superintendent Goals with the Board. The Board discussed aligning standards to help guide the Superintendent with meeting those goals. Ms. Gvist recommended that the Board have progress updates with the Superintendent throughout the year. Ms. Gvist reviewed different tools that the Board and Superintendent can use to ensure that goals can be met.

The work session adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Mandy Lekin, Board President

Randy Denham, Board Secretary