District continues policy revisions

School adds new language for pregnant students

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison’s school board continues to modify its policies to better align with the state school board association. At Monday’s meeting of the Fort Madison School Board about 20 policies were either deleted, added or had language cleaned up in them to more closely align with the Iowa Association of School Boards.

Superintendent Erin Slater said the district’s policies are reviewed every three years and the modifications are an ongoing process, but she said since she’s arrived she’s wanted to move the district more toward the IASBs recommended policies.

“We review policies about every three years, so we make sure our policies reflect current law and we are cognizant of any updates IASB is recommending,” Slater said. “We look at a policy we have and the policy they have and we do a crosswalk. My philosophy is to migrate more to what IASB is recommending.”

She said because Fort Madison is a rural Iowa school district, the board will take that into consideration.

“We do look for nuances because we are a rural district in Iowa and then we’ll add to the IASB recommendation,” she said. “Sometimes the regulation will be districtformed that we will use and other times, if there are more specific things, we’ll adjust the policy to reflect that, but what we’re finding is that there is a larger percentage of the time that we are very close or even mirroring what IASB has written.”

She said it takes about three years to get all the policies on the board schedule, so they do them in big chunks.  See SCHOOLS, page 8

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BY PCC STAFF

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Workouts, receding hairlines, and panic attacks

I put in 30 minutes of roadwork Sunday morning before the Vikings game.

After I got two blocks in, I started to have a small panic attack. That’s been happening lately. In 2018 I’ll be 50 years old.

I know - you’re all spitting out your coffee right now and wiping your mouth with your jammie sleeve. “No way that dude’s 50?”

Well. yeah. And a couple weeks ago I went to watch Justice League with Lee. Now in all fairness my wife says she really doesn’t like beefy guys and I used to be a beefy guy... to some degree anyway.

“I don’t like all those muscles on guys, she said. But the proof is in the pectorals I believe as her favorite actor and her mancrush is Gerard Butler. Whose isn’t, right?

But he’s got some muscles to him and it just so happens that she started liking said beefcake after watching 300. I think he worked out a little for that movie.

Also, and I feel like an attorney here, but evidence shows that she’s a huge Avengers franchise fan. I’m gonna say something that will make you spit your coffee again, so just a forewarning - she saw the original Avengers movie in theaters at least 14 times. That’s right - we PAID for it at least 14 different times. (Even with that knowledge, Sen. Grassley’s statement was still idiotic).

So when I asked her if she would go see Justice League it surprised me a little. The night we went to the movie she showed me Aquaman Jason Momoa, workout video on some YouTube or Facebook video. It really was intense, but she was watching it. Momoa makes Dwayne Johnson look like Tiny Tim.

So with all evidence in, I don’t think she stumps her feet and throws her hands up in the air when these

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PEGGY LOUISE NICHOLS

Peggy Louise Nichols, 50, of Keokuk, IA, died Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Keokuk Regional Hospital, Keokuk, IA. She was born on October 21, 1967 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of Ellis and Roberta Smith Nichols. She was a member of God’s Way Christian Center. Peggy enjoyed fishing, camping, and making crafts. She loved horses and horseback riding. Peggy liked to watch baseball games and was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. She also liked to watch TV and some of her favorite shows were Happy Days, Grease and Red Skelton. Peggy loved her dog, Angel, and they enjoyed many walks together.

She is survived by four brothers, Jeremy Nichols of Ft. Madison, IA, Michael Nichols of Mt. Pleasant, IA, Randy Nichols of Stronghurst, IL and Allen Nichols of Dallas City, IL, two sisters, Lisa Klees of Burlington, IA and Rhonda Flatt of Stronghurst, IL, one aunt, Arlean Lucas & husband Steve of Warsaw, IL, one great-aunt, Helen Byrn of Warsaw, two nephews, Bobby & Jeremy Nichols, two great-nephews and one great niece.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Bobby Joe Nichols and her grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Reverend David Turner officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 2 – 3 p.m. with the family meeting with friends at that time.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.
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**Sports**

**Sailfish place at Saturday swim meet**

**BY FCC STAFF**

FORD MADISON — The Fort Madison Sailfish hosted its annual invitational Saturday at the Fort Madison YMCA. Compete results from the meet are listed below with Fort Madison Sailfish in bold.

Event 1 Girls 11-12 50 Yard Butterfly
1 Boyer, Ava Mus-Ia-IA 26.62
2 Blane, Anna Mus-Ia-IA 26.64
3 Mullen, Chelsea Keo Y-IA 27.15

Event 4 Girls 8 & Under
1) Casey, Anna 8 Mus-Ia-IA 29.09
2) Casey, McKenna 8 Mus-Ia-IA 29.84
3) Mullen, Chelsea Keo Y-IA 30.12

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More Saturday swim meet results

**Event 58 Boys 8 & Under 50 Yard Breaststroke**
1. Hayes, William 7 Mus-Ia-IA 54.64
2. Holsted, Gracyn 9 Keo Y-IA 48.11
3. Hayes, William 8 Mus-Ia-IA 45.64
4. Woman, Maddie 8 Mus-Ia-IA 1:09.62
5. Cottrell, Nathan D 9 Fmymca-IA DQ

**Event 54 Boys 9-10 50 Yard Butterfly**
1. Little, Trinity 10 Keo Y-IA 1:07.43
2. Little, Tianna 9 Keo Y-IA 54.77
3. Fountain, Kaleigh 10 Keo Y-IA 55.40
4. Reinhardt, Isabella 9 Keo Y-IA 1:02.43
5. Svejda, Adriana 9 Keo Y-IA DQ

**Event 53 Girls 9-10 50 Yard Butterfly**
1. Venzon, William 7 Mus-Ia-IA 49.54
2. Little, Trinity 10 Keo Y-IA 1:07.43
3. Dostalek, Aiden J 10 Mus-Ia-IA 55.40
4. Fountain, Kaleigh 10 Keo Y-IA 55.40
5. Reinhardt, Isabella 9 Keo Y-IA 1:02.43

**Event 52 Boys 8 & Under 50 Yard Breaststroke**
1. Hayes, Will A 9 Fmymca-IA 45.64
2. Holsted, Gracyn 9 Keo Y-IA 48.11
3. Blair, Alexander 10 Mus-Ia-IA 54.09
4. Moore, Osian 11 Keo Y-IA 55.20
5. Woman, Maddie 8 Mus-Ia-IA 1:09.62

**Event 59 Girls 9-10 100 Yard Freestyle**
1. Warren, Maddox 8 Mus-Ia-IA 1:09.62
2. Warren, Maddie 8 Mus-Ia-IA 1:09.62
3. Moore, Osian 11 Keo Y-IA 1:05.92
4. Moore, Osian 11 Keo Y-IA 1:09.52
5. Moore, Osian 11 Keo Y-IA 1:14.58

**Event 60 Boys 9-10 50 Yard Breaststroke**
1. Hayes, William 10 Keo Y-IA 28.60
2. Boyer, Jordyn 12 Fmymca-IA 41.79
3. Moore, Osian 11 Keo Y-IA 41.25
4. Moore, Osian 11 Keo Y-IA 41.55
5. Moore, Osian 11 Keo Y-IA 42.38

**Event 61 Girls 8 & Under 50 Yard Breaststroke**
1. Hayes, William 8 Mus-Ia-IA 45.64
2. Holsted, Gracyn 9 Keo Y-IA 48.11
3. Hayes, William 9 Keo Y-IA 46.82
4. Hayes, Gaiyn G 10 Fmymca-IA 50.76

**Event 62 Girls 11-12 50 Yard Breaststroke**
1. Hayes, William 11 Keo Y-IA 41.55
2. Boyer, Jordyn 12 Fmymca-IA 41.79
3. Michael, Tenley 6 Mus-Ia-IA 42.15
4. Lawwood, Brin 11 Fmymca-IA 44.89
5. Simpson, Isael 11 Mus-Ia-IA 48.01
6. Boyer, Anna 11 Mus-Ia-IA 50.85
7. Kawsuakas, Olivia 11 Mus-Ia-IA 1:18.22
8. Kraus, Olivia 11 Keo Y-IA DQ
9. Kempfer, Abbi 11 Fmymca-IA 40.36

**Event 63 Girls 11-12 100 Yard Freestyle**
1. Boyer, Jordyn 12 Fmymca-IA 1:16.95
2. Booth, Owen 13 Mus-Ia-IA 1:06.62
3. Hoffman, Reese 13 Keo Y-IA 1:20.58
4. Crank, Logan J 14 Fmym- ca-IA 1:07.42
5. Paetz, Gabe 14 Mus-Ia-IA 1:12.81

**Event 64 Women 12-13 200 Yard Breaststroke**
1. Woman, Maddie 11 Keo Y-IA DQ
2. Hayes, Gaiyn G 10 Fmymca-IA 2:00.30
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**Event 68 Boys 9-10 100 Yard Freestyle**
1. Boyer, Jordyn 12 Fmymca-IA 1:16.95
2. Little, Trinity 10 Keo Y-IA 1:42.18
3. Hayes, William 8 Mus-Ia-IA 1:47.75
4. Hayes, William 9 Keo Y-IA 1:23.44
5. Hayes, William 10 Keo Y-IA 1:23.44

**Event 69 Girls 11-12 100 Yard Freestyle**
1. Boyer, Jordyn 12 Fmymca-IA 1:16.95
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**Event 72 Boys 13-14 100 Yard Freestyle**
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Putting package back together hard work

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fols show up with no shirt on. But I've got a 6'2 frame and if I'm at my optimal weight of 210 to 220, I do all right.

So sitting there in the theater, I glance occasionally at my wife, while simultaneously brushing popcorn crumbs off the belly that somehow has been finding a way to pop up when I slouch in my chair. As I munch on more pieces and use my peripheral to watch her watch Momoa I think, "I got one more in me'.

So I said this is the week I start putting the package back together. Tina Hauck at New Dimensions cuts my hair. I really don't want her to cut it off, I want her to put some back on, but I guess she's just not good enough for that. I mean for real, aren't they called hairdressers? Well dress it up.

Her suggestion, "I think it looks less thin on top, if we cut it short on the sides. Don'tcha think?" Sure Tina. I said, "Yeah, makes me look like Rich Eisen." "Who's Rich Eisen?" No tip for you. No - seriously Tina's awesome, it's his head that's not.

So I figure she keeps the top looking as good as her talents will let her, and I should start working on the rest.

I hit the road at about 10:30 Sunday morning, I've got my headphones in with One Direction setting the pace, my zip up zipped with the hood pulled over my balding head - a perfect target for any neighborhood dog running loose, and I'm on my way.

I get two blocks south and one west, Geezus, I can't breathe. STOP IDIOT. Ok... just relax. Breathe through your nose - stay calm - keep moving. Better call the wife to come get me, this isn't workin' out. No....just keep walking and breathing. Look down at the sidewalk and listen to the music.

It starts to work, so I gradually pick up the pace again. Yeah...this will work. A quick walk, it's better than sitting in the chair with the tv on and this dag-blasted laptop on my lap.

Then the endorphines kick in. For those of you who don't know. Endorphines are troll-like imaginary friends, with really big ears in my case, in your head that say, "oooh, wussie boy, this kinda feels good, right? Pick up the pace a bit."

So I do that. And whataya know I'm jogging a couple blocks in between walking a couple. There are some people in this town that get after it on roadwork - Matt Rump, Matt Muhfeld, Matt Hellige.Wait a second...., do I have to change my name? I don't look like a Matt, if anyone looks like a Chuck - it's me. Self-deprecating humor is fine as long as you sprinkle in confidence.

But I got through it...and hopefully tomorrow I'll get at it again. We'll take small steps. It won't grow hair but it will grow my heart.

The YMCA is next. I need to throw some weights around. That's gonna hurt. My goal, take off about 30 pounds around the belly and in the legs, put on some mass upstairs and make sure she's looking at ME like a Mimosa.

I know...I know. She loves me for my mind and heart and daddy-ness. Maybe this is just a little for me, too. But that's Beside the Point.

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As part of Slater's regular report, she recommended approving changes to 11 policies, mostly relating to student attendance. One change was to the policy of vandalism of school property. Most of the changes were minor language restructuring and deletion of redundancies in the district's policy. Of those 11, one was deleted that dealt with temporarily disabled students because language on disabled students covered the same issue. A policy outlining the district's policy on accepting foreign exchange students was tabled until language could be cleaned up.

The district also added a policy section that addresses pregnant students and what procedures and allowances the school will implement.

During the discussion portion of the meeting, she recommended nine additional policy changes with regard to locker searches, weapons, and drug enforcement. Of those nine, three of the policies were deleted because the issue was addressed in other policy chapters, one had no revision, and five were recommended to go to the IASB language.

In other action, the board:

• heard from six district math teachers who went to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference in Chicago. The teachers demonstrated an algebraic game with cards that demonstrates calculating unknowns with a card game. The teachers also shared information on new teaching strategies and analytics they brought back from the conference.
• voted to allow Kay Peterson and Jessica Gutzman to attend the Learning Disabilities Association National Conference in Atlanta in February.

Students in Julie Larson’s third grade at Richardson Elementary. The students were part of a whole school effort to collect food as part of their hat day. Students were able to wear hats in exchange for a food donation to the North Lee County Food Pantry.