

School Voucher and Educational Savings Account Resolution

The Waukee Community School District Board Director Lori Lyon introduced the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Vice President Huisman. After due consideration, thereof by the Board, President Liskey called for a vote. The following Directors voted:

Aye: Lyon, Huisman, Scheve, Ripperger, Bunz, Liskey, Cunningham

Nay: Zero.

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, the Iowa legislature is considering enacting School Vouchers or Educational Savings Accounts, and

WHEREAS, the Waukee Community School District Board of Directors has determined that the Iowa legislature should not enact School Vouchers or Educational Savings Accounts of any kind for any student, and should continue to promote and fully invest taxpayer resources in Iowa's public schools, who are barred by law from discriminating against any student and who are held to standards set forth by both federal and state government. Public schools are overseen by locally elected boards and by the state. They must adhere to strict state testing requirements, and ensure equitable access and outcomes for each learner regardless of race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, or disability. Nonpublic schools are not held to the same public accountability standards. The taxpayers of Iowa deserve to know how their public funds are being used. School choice already exists in Iowa in the form of open enrollment, enrollment in online schools, and tuition tax credits.

WHEREAS, the Waukee Community School District Board of Directors believes that Iowa public schools provide a strong educational experience for all students. We denounce any attempt to divert funds from underfunded, accountable public schools to private institutions that lack accountability and are not subject to the same rigorous scrutiny.

Board President: Wendy Liskey

Attest:

Board Secretary: Angi Morrison