

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANAURY 12, 2009

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the counties of Scott and Muscatine met in open session for their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009, pursuant to law. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room, at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Patt Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM following the Committee of the Whole meeting break.

The following board members were present: President Patt Zamora: Directors Richard Clewell; Nikki DeFauw, Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, Larry Roberson, and Tim Tupper. Superintendent Julio Almanza attended along with other administrators. Student Board Member Nicole Woodson from North High attended both the Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting.

### **BOARD GOAL, OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES 2008--2009**

Director Krumwiede read the Board Goal: "The Davenport School Board will actively support the efforts of the superintendent, district, staff, and families to ensure continuous student achievement for all students. A representative from the Board will highlight some objectives or priorities the Board is emphasizing." Director Krumwiede spoke about the agenda having a number of items involving improvements to the infrastructure and the impact the construction work will have on student achievement.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Wednesday, January 14, 3:45 PM, Policy committee, Administration Service Center, Conference Room A
- B. Monday, January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School
- C. Monday, January 26, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- D. Monday, February 2, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- E. Wednesday, February 4, 3:45 PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee, Administration Service Center, Conference Room A
- F. Monday, February 9, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- G. Monday, February 16, Presidents Holiday – No School
- H. Monday, February 16 – Legislative Advocacy Bus Trip to Des Moines (Director Clewell added there will be two busses going on this trip and they are working with teachers trying to find students interested in joining the committee on this trip. People can contact the Board Secretary for more information @ 336-5087.

I. Open Forum

Fritz Miller, 38 Oak Lane, Davenport, expressed concerns about the locations for music program performances. Mr. Miller talked about graduating from Central and having children attend school. They used to hold a holiday music program at Trinity Church near Central. He asked his son about the concert this year and was told there wouldn't be a program. The students were told the board policy changed and choral and music programs could not be performed in church buildings any more. Mr. Miller wondered about this and talked with some teachers at Central and North who agreed they were told the policy had changed. Mr. Miller called Director Johanson to confirm this policy and was told there wasn't a policy saying the schools couldn't use churches for programs. Director Johanson wasn't sure where this information was coming from or who would have made such a decision. Mr. Miller hoped the Board would reconsider this because of problems with the performance area at Central and churches have better venues for our kids to use which benefits the community.

## CONSENT AGENDA

## II. CONSENT AGENDA

To conserve time and focus attention on non-routine matters on the agenda, the Board considered a number of items grouped together as a Consent Agenda, all items to be approved in one motion.

**A. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Regular Board Meeting**

The minutes from the last regular board meeting December 8, 2008 were presented for approval.

**B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.**

## APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Goldsmith, Amanda Preschool Buffalo/Walcott	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: January 6, 2009 Salary: \$27,300.00 prorated to \$14,609.13 (99/185 days)
Krous, Tangala District Wide Behavior Strategist ASC	Degree: M.A. – Step 3 Effective: January 7, 2009 Salary: \$34,125.00 prorated to \$18,077.03 (98/185 days)
Sullivan, Michelle Reading Recovery Buffalo/Truman Elementary	Degree: B.A.+15 – Step 11 Effective: January 6, 2009 Salary: \$42,315.00 prorated to \$22,644.24 (99/185 days)

## APPOINTMENTS: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

Williams, Elizabeth Dropout Interventionist KCAE	Effective: January 5, 2009 Salary: \$17.30/hr Hours: 4.0 hrs/day
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## APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Cronkleton, Brian	7%
Girls' 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball	\$1,866.00
Smart Intermediate	

## APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Anderson, Amy	Effective: January 12, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.79/hr
Fillmore/Hayes Elementary	Hours: 4.0 hrs/day
Columbia, Cody	Effective: January 5, 2009
Tech Support	Salary: \$11.48/hr
ASC	Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
Hagen, Lisa	Effective: December 18, 2008
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.44/hr
Monroe Elementary	Hours: 6.5 hrs/day
Mayfield, Wendell	Effective: January 5, 2009
Food Service Worker	Salary: \$8.21/hr
Young Intermediate	Hours: 2.0 hrs/day
McNeal, Crystal	Effective: January 12, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.44/hr
Lincoln/Truman Elementary	Hours: 22.25 hrs/wk
Peek, Joy	Effective: December 18, 2008
Food Service Worker	Salary: \$8.21/hr
Buffalo Elementary	Hours: 2.25 hrs/day
Smitley, Joseph	Effective: January 5, 2009
Tech Support	Salary: \$11.48/hr
ASC	Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
Stewart, Tami	Effective: December 15, 2008
Food Service Cook	Salary: \$8.77/hr
Smart Intermediate	Hours: 7.0 hrs/day

## RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Behmetuik, Scott	12%
Assistant Varsity Football	\$3,198.00
Central High	
Berning, Ryan	10%
Boys' Assistant Varsity Track	\$2,665.00
Central High	
Hoffman, Robert	14%
Varsity Wrestling	\$3,731.00
North High	

Schadt, Brandon	10%
Girls' Assistant Varsity Track	\$2,665.00
West High	

## RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Stolley, Cynthia	Effective: June 4, 2009
FNS Cashier	Years of Service: <u>4</u> yrs 10 mos ( <u>corrected</u> )
Hayes Elementary/CV Hayes	

## RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Bellson, Audrey	Effective: January 9, 2009
Food Service Worker	Years of Service: 5 yrs 4 mos
Truman Elementary	

Hurley, Jana	Effective: December 18, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 3 mos
Madison Elementary	

Malito, Jodie	Effective: December 15, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 8 yrs 4 mos
Sudlow Intermediate	

Schultz, M. Patricia	Effective: December 19, 2008
Cashier II	Years of Service: 1 yr 1 mo
Madison Elementary	

## RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Denger, Andrea	Effective: January 5, 2009
Special Education	(return from sabbatical leave)
Buchanan Elementary	

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Fox, Robert	Effective: January 9, 2009 – May 31, 2009
Custodian	
Lincoln Academy	

Thede, Phyllis	Good Cause Leave Without Pay
Secretary	Effective: January 6, 2009 – May 4, 2009
North High	Reason: Serving in the Iowa Legislature

**MOTION:** Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the correction shown for years of service. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Krumwiede, Tupper, De Fauw, Roberson, Clewell, Johanson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

### III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A recommendation was made by the Administration for adoption of bills.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the following, "Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, reviewed by the administration and board members, and they are hereby audited and allowed as just claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts. Further Resolved, the payment of claims and salaries be approved as presented with two voided checks as follows: #255601 to Amsan LLC for \$3.08 (from December 22 early release); and #255999 Marriott Hotel for \$453.60 (from January 12, 2009) Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Roberson, Tupper, Clewell, Johanson, De Fauw, Krumwiede, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

## OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### IV. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

#### A. Iowa DNR Air Monitoring Devices at Hayes (Postponed on December 8)

On December 8, 2008 the administration presented a recommendation for placing the Iowa DNR Air Monitoring Devices at Hayes Elementary School. The following motion was made regarding this recommendation and then was postponed for action until January 12, 2009. The motion was now back on the table for consideration. President Zamora read the following:

#### **ORIGINAL MOTION**

"Director Clewell moved the Board approve the recommendation by the administration for placing the Iowa DRN Air Monitoring Devices at Hayes Elementary School. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion."

Director Tupper asked for clarification about the collection filter on top of the school roof and for more information about whether there could be changes in the set up. He asked if all the equipment could be placed on top of the roof without having to locate a trailer on the property.

Scott Martin explained the different types of equipment being used for different readings on air quality. After a brief time, the Board requested having a telephone connection set up with Shawn Fitzsimmons from Iowa DNR Monitoring in Cedar Rapids so he could more specifically answer questions. Shawn spent time explaining how the equipment worked and the differences between the filter on top of the school building and what was used in the trailer for monitoring air. He addressed concerns about access to the building, safety for students, filters and monitoring samples, how the equipment worked and keeping data for the public to use. Each piece of equipment had a unique function and the trailer had a device that did continuous monitoring by running on the ground with tight temperature control. He carefully outlined how the equipment worked and provided examples of what was collected.

The equipment would be in place for some time and the lease was open ended. However, the District can end the lease with 30 days notice if necessary. They run this for a long time to get air pollution results and need to see from one year to another year what types of changes show. The primary interest is to protect children and so families can have a better picture of pollution in the area which could affect breathing of the children and people with breathing problems. The Board talked with Shawn about liability issued and who was responsible if equipment was damaged. Shawn talked about vandalism but assured them the District was not liable or responsible. He talked about the equipment at Jefferson School which has been there for years with no problems.

President Zamora had questions about protecting students if someone was able to get into the building to check equipment and if there were safety factors found, would the District have a responsibility to correct the problem. Mr. Fitzsimmons explained how the monitoring was done and access was from the outside to the roof of the school and in a gated area around the trailer. This was not a responsibility of the district because the air pollution comes from factories and business in that part of the city. They have worked with the EPA and want to monitor air quality for people in this part of the City close to the factories (a bubble area).

President Zamora asked about background checks for the DNR and whether their employees had clearance to work around children. Mr. Fitzsimmons talked about procedures and protocol in place and he would be willing to work with the company on these areas for security and didn't think they had any problems with this before. They often just hire the custodian from the building to do the collection so the person would already have the background checks if they worked for us. The information is secured and in a locked gate area. The telephone connected was ended.

**ACTION:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Clewell, Krumwiede, De Fauw, Tupper, and Roberson. Nays: Johanson and Zamora. Motion carried.

**B. Audit Report 2007-2008**

The administration recommended approval of the audit report.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation to accept the report prepared and presented by McGladrey & Pullen for the 2007-2008 audit of the District. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Clewell, Tupper, Johanson, Roberson, De Fauw, Krumwiede, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Driver Education Services with AEA**

The administration recommends approval of the driver education contract.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for the proposed contract with the AEA to provide Driver Education Services for the 2009-2010 school year at a fee of \$340 starting with the summer and before/after school programs. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

It was noted the fees for 2008-09 were \$320 and 2007-08 were \$305.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Roberson, Clewell, Tupper, De Fauw, Krumwiede, Johanson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. School Budget Review Committee Request – Special Education Deficit**

The administration recommended a request to the SBRC for the special education deficit.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for additional allowable growth and a supplemental aid payment for our negative special education balance of \$107,904 for the 2007-08 school year. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Mrs. Tangen explained the effect was we get additional allowable growth for this amount and then we can levy cash reserve to make up for the overspending in special education. Director Tupper talked about reducing staff and questioned if we were providing all the services needed for our students in this area. He was concerned with the cuts and some of the costs.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Roberson, Krumwiede, Clewell, De Fauw, Johanson, Tupper, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Children's Village West Two-Year Lease**

The administration recommends approval of an agreement with Valley Fair, L.C. for extending the lease for Children's Village West at Valley Fair Center.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for the agreement with Valley Fair, L.C. to extend the lease for Children's Village West at Valley Fair Center for two years beginning 09/01/09 and ending 08/31/11; with a base rent to be \$11.25 per sq. foot (\$33,187.50 per month); that all existing options to extend the lease to be null and void; and if the DCSD has interest in this property, Valley Fair, L.C. would enter into good faith negotiations to sell the current Premises and connecting buildings(s) and land to accommodate a facility to meet our needs. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Director Tupper asked for assurance this didn't mean we were going to purchase the property. Mrs. Tangen said during earlier talks with the company, we expressed an interest in moving and they just wanted us to know the property would be available for purchase if we were interested.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Tupper, Roberson, De Fauw, Krumwiede, Johanson, Clewell, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Board Policy #602.19 and Policy 603.05 Revisions**

The Policy Committee recommends approval of two board policies which have been revised and were discussed with the Board December 8.

**MOTION:** Director Johanson moved the Board accept Board Policy 602.19 Service Fees as revised. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Johanson, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Clewell, Roberson, Tupper, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Director Johanson moved the Board accept Board Policy 603.05 Religion Based Excuse from School as revised. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Johanson, DeFauw, Krumwiede, Clewell, Roberson, Tupper, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

**G. Bid #594 – Smart Window Replacement/Public Hearing (older procedure)**

The administration made a recommendation for Bid #594

**MOTION:** Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation for Bid #594 to be awarded to the lowest responsible bid received from East Moline Glass in the amount of \$356,210 for window replacement at Smart Intermediate School. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Public Hearing: The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #594 for window replacement at Smart Intermediate School. No one came forward to speak. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

Director Tupper asked whether the money for this project could be better used for air conditioning in another building. Director Johanson questioned the rationale for the project and whether the savings warranted the expense to replace windows. Scott Martin addressed concerns and talked about the current single pane windows, the loss of cold and warm air, comfort in the rooms, and advantages from the replacement. The windows were at the end of their useful life and worker compensation injuries are caused from the old style windows. There will be 152 window replacements. Board members talked about efficiencies, modifications, and saving energy. Vice President Roberson talked about making sure people in our buildings are comfortable and that we do things to reduce heating and air conditioning costs. Mr. Martin said the paybacks are long term and if we update the air and heating systems, they won't work well with the old windows.

President Zamora asked why this wasn't done when other remodeling was approved for Smart. Mr. Martin said he was not employed by the district at that time but he did know the current windows were installed back in 1963. Windows have been replaced at J. B. Young in order to support the energy conservation efforts.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Krumwiede, Clewell, DeFauw, and Roberson. Nays: Johanson, Tupper, and Zamora. Motion carried.

**H. Bid #595 – Jackson Climate Control/Public Hearing (older procedure)**

The administration made a recommendation for Bid #595.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for Bid #595 to be awarded to the lowest responsible bid received from Ryan & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,747,743 (includes the bid price plus proposed change order to upgrade the Airedale heat pump) for Jackson School climate control renovations. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

Public Hearing: The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #595 for climate control renovations at Jackson Elementary School. No one came forward to speak. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

Director Johanson asked about the rationale for this project. Mr. Martin talked about geothermal work being very cost friendly and a good system for this land space. It was prudent to install this system for energy efficiency. Mr. Martin explained the current system was a steam boiler and the new system could provide for air conditioning and heating that was more economical. This was a combination

of heating and air conditioning at Jackson. There was discussion about the system being recommended for Eisenhower which was not geothermal, the reasons for the recommendations, and the cost differences. They talked about the designs of the schools and additional classrooms at Jackson, plus there was discussion about the estimated costs and original bids and proposed upgrade.

The Board heard about how this system would provide air conditioning and there would be a reduction in the heating bill because of the efficiency of the system. There are reductions in utility costs plus cash incentives for using the system. The payback will be about 15.8 years and this is the best alternative for the building. They also talked about having air conditioning as a ride along, but if you don't have the right windows, it isn't going to work efficiently. Director Johanson expressed concerns about spending this amount of money and the quality of the air in a building when windows aren't open for fresh air. There was additional talk about the quality of air in different parts of the city and codes for air quality. We are able to have clean indoor air by using high quality filters and this is a huge savings.

Vice President Roberson asked about the cost ranges in the bids. Mr. Martin addressed this and explained having a better heat pump added. The differences may have to do with the economy and work loads for companies. There were more questions about the ability of adding better filters to this project. Director Tupper noted this could be done with a change order for the project at a later time and the Board would like to hear about the change later.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Tupper, DeFauw, Roberson, Clewell, Johanson, Krumwiede, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Final Plans & Specifications Eisenhower Window & Door Replacement/Public Hearing

The administration presented the final plans and specifications for the replacement of windows and doors at Eisenhower Elementary. Mr. Martin went through the details and layout for the window and door replacement.

Public Hearing: Board conducted a public hearing for community input and no one came forward to speak. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

Following the public hearing, the Board was asked to approve the recommendation from the administration on this project.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to approve the final plans and specifications for the replacement of windows and doors at Eisenhower at a proposed cost of \$222,364. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Director Johanson asked about the consistency of this proposal with the next proposal for climate control at Eisenhower. He had concerns about windows and air quality at the school. They talked about the need for window replacements and the style used. The teachers are able to open this type of windows and a light indicates when the air conditioning system goes on so windows can be closed.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Tupper, Clewell, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Roberson, Johanson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Final Plans and Specifications Eisenhower Climate Control/Public Hearing

The administration presented the final plans and specifications for climate control renovations at Eisenhower. The administration described the climate control system and explained differences from Jackson School. They talked about the size of properties and how the systems are used.

Public Hearing: The Board conducted a public hearing for community input. No one came forward to speak. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

Following the public hearing, the Board was asked to approve the recommendation from the administration on this project.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for the final plans and specifications for climate control renovations at Eisenhower at a proposed cost of \$2,266,765. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Tupper, Krumwiede, Clewell, Johanson, DeFauw, Roberson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

**K. Final Plans and Specifications Jackson Window and Door Replacement/Public Hearing**

The administration presented the final plans and specifications for replacement of windows and doors at Jackson Elementary. Mr. Martin explained how this project was similar to the work at Eisenhower but there will be 65 window replacements for the current single pane windows. There will be installed egress windows which are up to code and also 14 exterior door replacements are included.

Public Hearing: The Board conducted a public hearing for community input. No one came forward to speak. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

Following the public hearing, the Board was asked to approve the recommendation from the administration on this project.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for the final plans and specifications for replacement of windows and doors at Jackson at a proposed cost of \$165,163. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Director Johanson had a number of questions regarding this project and the rationale for the work. He wondered if the doors really needed to be replaced and Mr. Martin said they are beyond their life expectancy. Elementary students are hard on doors and these have about a 30 year life. The maintenance staff has been repairing them for some time and weather striping doesn't work anymore with the old doors. Director Johanson was not in favor of the replacement but Vice President Roberson spoke in support for the safety of the students and staff. The doors are included as an alternate and if we are over budget, we can look at them again. Director Tupper asked about the payback period, but Mr. Martin said it was difficult to establish. The new windows and door are energy efficient, increase comfort in the building, and are better with solar glare and insulation.

President Zamora asked what would happen if we didn't do the replacement. Mr. Martin said since we are putting in a new geothermal system, it won't work with the current single pane windows if it is to be efficient. We can continue to repair the doors and look at alternates with this area. Mr. Martin explained Eisenhower had 56 windows and 8 doors being replaced while Jackson had 65 windows and 14 doors in this project at a lower cost. It was further explained it had a lot to do with the size of the windows and doors in these buildings and other construction done in the past.

Director DeFauw said it doesn't do any harm to approve the plans and then we can look at the bids that come in to see if we want to go forward or have to make reductions in the scope of the plan.

Superintendent Almanza encouraged board members to visit the sites and look at the windows and doors in question. Then when the bids come in for approval, they will have full knowledge of the project. We will be using the local option sales tax dollars in the future, and the Board needs to see their buildings as they look at various construction plans.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Tupper, Clewell, Johanson, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Roberson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Final Plans and Specifications West High Boiler Replacement/Public Hearing (Postponed action until February 9.)

The administration presented the final plans and specifications for replacement of the boiler at West High School. Mr. Martin talked about the inefficiencies of the steam boiler system and how it was in need of replacement. Technology has changed and there are problems with this boiler at West. President Zamora asked if this boiler would work with any new air conditioning at the building.

Public Hearing: The Board conducted a public hearing for community input. No one came forward to speak. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

Following the public hearing, the Board was asked to approve the recommendation from the administration on this project.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board approve the final plans and specifications for replacement of the boiler at West High School at a proposed cost of \$450,000. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Director Tupper talked about the significant cost involved with air conditioning at West in the future and asked whether this boiler system would work with air conditioning. Mr. Tom Hunt presented information to the Board about the current system and problems with this 1959 boiler. It has been repaired as much as possible but now has exceeded its useful life expectancy. There were concerns with the insurance carriers to cover this boiler any longer and the urgency of replacement was stressed. Mr. Hunt explained because of the size of West High, there were several areas involved and so air conditioning would be very complicated. There are boilers that work with separate locations such as the cafeteria, auditorium, music rooms, and industrial arts section. It will take years to make replacements to the building but this boiler isn't working.

Mr. Martin talked about air conditioning at West may not be geothermal but they would evaluate the needs of this building later. There may be a four pipe system which would be more expensive but good for the building. Director Tupper was concerned with spending a half million dollars on the boiler and then finding out it won't work with air conditioning in a few years. He felt before the Board spent this type of money, they should see a comprehensive plan for air conditioning and heating systems at West. Mr. Martin expressed concerned that due to the age of the boiler, they needed to do something soon. It was suggested the Board have another 30 days to see alternatives and have the administration bring back more information on this project.

Vice President Roberson asked if this meant the Board was giving the administration a directive to install air conditioning at West High now. Mr. Scott explained the proposed

boiler would be incompatible with a geothermal system but might fit with some other system for air conditioning. There were questions about why the Board would approve something else if geothermal had so many benefits. Mr. Martin said they were moving toward geothermal units and some districts are saying all geothermal for their buildings. But it may not be possible for our district because of our buildings and space. Mr. Martin agreed he would be able to bring back information for the Board on these concerns.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE:**

Director Tupper moved the Board postpone further action on the original motion until the February 9 meeting. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion to postpone until February 9 was called and recorded as follows; Ayes: Tupper, Clewell, Johanson, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Roberson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously to postpone action until February 9.

**M. Final Plans and Specifications Harrison Heating and Cooling/Public Hearing (Postponed action until February 9.)**

The administration presented the final plans and specifications for installation of the heating and cooling system at Harrison Elementary School. The Board learned about the 1953 heating equipment at the school and the end of its life expectancy. This project will include installation of a chiller to provide air conditioning for classrooms. Some of the building is currently air conditioned and uses a two pipe chiller system.

Public Hearing: The Board conducted a public hearing for community input. No one came forward to speak. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

Following the public hearing, the Board was asked to approve the recommendation from the administration on this project.

**MOTION:** Director Krumwiede moved the Board accept the recommendation of the administration for the final plans and specifications for installation of the heating and cooling system at Harrison at a proposed cost of \$1,200,000. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Director Johanson was interested in understanding why this proposal seemed to be different from others presented. Mr. Martin explained the engineer working with them gave reasons why we don't want to use geothermal at this school. The chiller was recommended because the boiler was only a few years old and there already was an air conditioning system in the office, labs, and some classrooms. There could be a mixed system but some areas would remain air conditioned using the chiller system. It would add another \$300,000 to the project for geothermal or more and that would raise the cost to about \$1.5 million. The current boiler might have a secondary market because of the life expectancy and they could see about moving it to West.

**MOTION TO POSTONE:**

Director Tupper moved the Board postpone further action on the original motion until the February 9 meeting. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Vice President Roberson asked the administration to address what other projects or building construction will be eliminated if more money was allotted to Harrison for a different air conditioning system than currently proposed in the plans.

The vote on the motion to postpone until February 9 was called and recorded as follows; Ayes: Tupper, Krumwiede, Roberson, Johanson, Clewell, DeFauw, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously to postpone action until February 9.

**N. Final Plans and Specifications Williams Gym Addition/Public Hearing**

The administration presented the final plans and specifications for construction of the gym addition at Williams Intermediate School. The Board listened to Mr. Martin and the architect, Greg Gowey, as they went over the details of the renovations at Williams. Principal McKissick first thanked the Board for looking at this proposal and meeting the significant needs of this very large intermediate building. The Powerpoint presentation outlined the renovation work, changes in the building, expansion, plus the lobby and vestibule space. They looked over various details in the proposal showing changes in the locker rooms, having flexible classroom space, expanding the music areas, and improvements in restrooms and storage areas. The new gym would have things needed for the students including additional court space, weight room expansion, fitness center, and more classroom space. There were questions from the Board about windows, equity guidelines being used, and the auxiliary gym. Mr. Martin addressed the questions proposed and showed the importance of this renovation at Williams. They talked about flexibility, technology, curriculum concerns, and how the building currently doesn't meet the PE needs of the students.

Public Hearing: The Board conducted a public hearing for community input. No one came forward to speak. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

Following the public hearing, the Board was asked to approve the recommendation from the administration on this project.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board approve the recommendation of the administration for the final plans and specifications for construction of the gym addition at Williams Intermediate School at the proposed cost of \$2,482,476. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Vice President Roberson said it was time we move forward with the project and get the children what they need at the school. Director Johanson asked about a previous proposal which seemed to be about half this amount. Mr. Martin responded the first plan was without the gym and lobby and was about \$1 million. Then at the Committee of the Whole it was suggested a multiple purpose space be added and other changes. They knew it would be more money but this is an equity issue for the school and it has been a long time since original plans were done. The enrollment is steady at about 725 to 750 students each of the last four years.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Clewell, Tupper, Johanson, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Roberson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. Vision Statement Progress

Board members had conversations regarding the next steps to take in the process being used to create a new vision statement for the District. Director DeFauw talked about changes being recommended from the statements originally done in the workshop session. She talked about changes in the wording for the vision and having better definitions of what they meant by the statements. Director DeFauw would like to have the mission statement and the belief statements developed during an earlier workshop considered together. This total package gives a vision philosophy and talked about what the Board and District wants to achieve and how they want to engage people in our community in the process.

President Zamora asked for ideas on the next step and if another workshop was needed. Board members gave their opinions and liked the statements developed with changes. There were comments about using "without limits" and concerns with other groups having copyright over some phrases. They liked the idea of having the three parts used together for marketing. Some thought the Board could talk about this more at a Committee of the Whole or to just move forward.

Director Krumwiede wanted to thank the Board and community for all the time they spent talking about the vision and sharing. He also thanked Director DeFauw for additional time she spent in pulling the statements together. He did wonder about how the vision would be communicated to the community in the future and felt this was an on-going process. President Zamora said she was disappointed that the statement from the other group was not incorporated into the newest version being considered.

#### B. January 26, 2009 Committee of the Whole

President Zamora said there had been a request to hold another Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the Regular Meeting on January 26 at 5:15 PM to allow the Board additional time for discussion and input on topics such as "No Child Left Behind" and DINA plans. Board members felt this was needed.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

### VI. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

There were no administrative reports at this time.

## VII. BOARD REPORTS

Director Krumwiede talked about visiting Buffalo School prior to the winter break and celebrating their technical expansion. The principal and building staff worked with business leaders and raised \$14,000 to redo the computer lab at the elementary school. There are other business partners who are also making donations for around \$2,000 and they received a grant for \$10,000. Director Krumwiede wanted to thank all the business partners in Buffalo for their help with this exceptional project.

Director Clewell mentioned attending the Project Lead the Way open house at West High and what a wonderful experience that was. In addition he attended the Iowa Core Curriculum meeting in the Board Room this week. It was interesting for him to participate and learn more about the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills our students will need. It is important for people to understand what is going on with the curriculum and there will be more sessions. There are so many good things going on in the District and we will be taking a lead in the Iowa Core Curriculum progress.

President Zamora congratulated students from Williams on the Lego Project. There was an article in the Sunday *QC Times* about the upcoming state competition in Ames.

President Zamora expressed condolence to the family and friends of Raymond Esping a former teacher and principal in the Davenport School District. Mr. Esping retired in 1984 after a career of teaching and being an assistant principal at Sudlow. Director Tupper mentioned Mr. Esping had been one of his math teachers and he will be missed by many people in our community.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

By consensus the Board agreed to adjourn.

President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary