

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## JANUARY 22, 2001

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to law and the rules of the Board on Monday, January 22, 2001 in the Board Room of the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa. President Jim C. Hester called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

On roll call the following members were present: President Jim C. Hester; Directors Jamie L. Howard, Steven T. Hunter, and Steven C. Imming. Director Mavis L. Lee arrived at 7:04 P.M. Absent: Directors Susan S. Low and Patt Zamora. Student board members attending the meeting were Kevin Miller (Central High), Andrea Patrick (North High) and Brianne Zobrist (West High).

7:00 P.M.

### RECOGNITIONS

#### I. RECOGNITIONS

##### A. **Adams Elementary \* Dr. Ralph Wahl, Principal**

Dr. Wahl recognized **Ms. Jenny Betker**, Physical Education teacher at Adams, as the person who organized the Adams Family Fun Olympic Series for the past 2 years. The event provided activities for parents and students to participate in physical activities organized around an Olympics theme. Many community resources were utilized. In addition, Ms. Betker organized the Red Ribbon Fun Run for the past 10 years. The Fun Run celebrated being drug free and involved all students at Adams. Many community leaders volunteered to help at the fun run as a result of Ms. Betker's request.

Dr. Wahl recognized **Ms. Chris Turnipseed**, Media Director at Adams, who promoted the Summer Reading program sponsored by the Davenport Public Library. He said promoted was an understatement because Adams won the program 9 out of the last 10 years. Ms. Turnipseed's enthusiasm encouraged students, parents and faculty to support the Reading Program. A highlight of the program for the students was the annual awards assembly, where students received the trophy and participated in an activity where selected teachers got slimed, kissed pigs, or had green hair. Ms. Turnipseed is known as an accomplished storyteller and reader.

Dr. Wahl honored **Ms. Mary Wilson** as the Para-Educator at Adams who organized and promoted many activities to support students at Adams. Ms. Wilson organized the Pre School "Read with me" program, which attracted parents and students. For the past 5 years Ms. Wilson organized the Adams Talent Show featuring many acts. In addition, she assisted with Red Ribbon activities. Two Riverboat Grants that Adams received for playground equipment and a new sound system were a result of Ms. Wilson's work. She is as an important link with the PTA and the community.

Dr. Blanche thanked the staff members for their efforts. Dr. Blanche shared that he had an opportunity to recently visit Adams Elementary, and he sensed the enthusiasm in the building that was contagious. Dr. Blanche recognized Dr. Wahl for being a part of these positive efforts.

**B. Lincoln Fundamental School \* Jeff Womack, Principal**

Mr. Womack remarked on the importance of education, and he read letters of appreciation from several Lincoln Fundamental School parents for the following staff: **Maryanna Parris** (Kindergarten Teacher), **Anita McDowell-Conner** (Title I Paraeducator/Parent Liaison) and **Martha Reicherts** (Kindergarten Teacher). Principal Womack said he also was proud of the Lincoln Fundamental School staff and students' participation in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration program. Several students deserving of special recognition for their contribution through two performances in the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration program on January 12, 2001 were **Nelson Bates, Caitlin Herrera, Shandora McCutcheon, Lorenzo McDowell, Audriana Patterson, Andrea Peer, Darian Peer and Jessica Turner**. These students shared a dance interpretation for the Board in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mr. Womack stated that the **Lincoln Fundamental School students and staff** should be recognized for their commitment to excellence as demonstrated through fall 2000 Iowa Test of Basic Skills scores at all grade levels. Mr. Womack noted a recently published book was available at Borders that reviews the history of black Americans in Iowa. In this publication, **Ethelene Boyd**, currently a teacher at Lincoln, was acknowledged as the first black teacher who became the president of the Davenport Education Association. Dr. Blanche thanked the students for their presentation and the staff for their efforts to motivate these children. President Hester thanked the young men and women for their performances. The Board appreciated having opportunities to experience what education was about and to see students first hand working together.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monday, February 5, 5:30 P.M., Committee of the Whole, DSASC, Board Room
- B. Monday, February 12, 7:00 P.M., Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- C. Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 P.M., PTA Founders Day Dinner, Central High
- D. Monday, February 19, Presidents' Day—No School for students; Committee meetings for teachers
- E. Monday, February 26, 7:00 P.M., Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- F. Open Forum for Community Input—No one requested time to speak.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### III. 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 and All Intervening Meetings**

The following minutes of board meetings were presented for approval: Committee of the Whole January 8, 2001; Regular Board Meeting January 8, 2001; and Special Call Hearing January 10, 2001.

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

RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Johns, Ella	Effective: End of 2000-2001 School Year
Media Specialist	Years of Service: 28 yrs. 10 mos.
Garfield Elementary	<b>(Note: Previously approved 1/08/01)</b>

Ray, Barbara	Effective: End of 2000-2001 School Year
Language Arts	Years of Service: 12 yrs. 10 mos.
Sudlow Intermediate	

Thompson, Dixie	Effective: End of 2000-2001 School Year
School Nurse	Years of Service: 13 yrs. 10 mos.
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RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Dehner, Nancy	Effective: End of 2000-2001 School Year
Media Specialist	Reason: Other Employment
Young Intermediate	Years of Service: 11 yrs. 10 mos.

Willis, Stephen	Effective: 1/10/01
Art	Reason: Relocation
Wood Intermediate	Years of Service: 2 yrs. 5 mos.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Johns, Ella	Health Leave/FMLA with Pay
Media Specialist	Effective: 10/17/00 – 1/22/01
Garfield Elementary	Reason: Health

Klesack, Patricia	Health Leave/FMLA with Pay
Special Education/LD	Effective: 8/23/00 – 1/26/01
Walcott Elementary/Intermediate	Reason: Health

SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Leverenz, Lavere	7%
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach	\$1,630.00
Walcott Intermediate	

Argo, Bill	7%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coach 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball	\$1,630.00
Smart	

## APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

**	Hendren, Jama Special Education/MultiCat/SCI Central High	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: January 17, 2001 Salary: \$23,935.00 prorated to \$11,902.81 for the remaining 92 days in the 2000-2001 school year
	Curtis, Marcia French (.33) Wood Intermediate	Degree: M.S. – Step 8 Effective: January 17, 2001 Salary: \$35,903.00 prorated to \$5,891.97 for the remaining 92 days in the 2000-2001 school year

## RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Cottrell-Beamer, Tessa Para-Educator McKinley Elementary	Effective: October 31, 2000 Reason: Medical Years of Service: 3 yrs. 3 mos.
Johnson, Gerri Para-Educator Lincoln Elementary	Effective: January 5, 2001 Reason: Other Employment Years of Service: 3 mos.
Pfannenstiel, Michelle Para-Educator Childs Play Day Care	Effective: November 22, 2000 Reason: Personal Years of Service: 13 days
Pfannenstiel, Michelle Food Service Cashier Johnson Elementary	Effective: December 19, 2000 Reason: Personal Years of Service: 1 mos.
Phillips, Penny Para- Educator (Health) Blue Grass Elementary	Effective: January 2, 2001 Reason: Personal Years of Service: 4 mos.
Tarchinski, LeAnn Para-Educator Washington Elementary	Effective: January 2, 2001 Reason: Personal Years of Service: 3 yrs. 4 mos.

## APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Athas, Vickie Para-Educator Health Blue Grass Elementary	Effective January 9, 2001 Salary: \$6.00/hr 3hrs/1 day a week
Barnes, Tammy Para-Educator West High	Effective: January 2, 2001 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6 hrs/day
Burlingame, Dan Electrical Specialist Operations Center	Effective: January 16, 2001 Salary: \$17.12/hr 8 hrs/day

Dhaenens, Cheryl Custodian West High School	Effective: January 16, 2001 Salary: \$9.29/hr 4 hrs/day
Dowell, Kandace Para-Educator Smart Intermediate	Effective January 17, 2001 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6.5hrs/day
Garcia, Octavio Custodian West High School	Effective: January 16, 2001 Salary: \$9.29/hr 4 hrs/day
Muilenburg, Connie Custodian Fillmore Elementary	Effective: January 2, 2001 Salary: \$9.29/hr 5 hrs/day
Petty, Patricia Food Service Worker Smart Intermediate	Effective: January 4, 2001 Salary: \$6.50/hr 2.75 hrs/day
Sattizahn, Amy Food Service Worker Grant Elementary	Effective: January 8, 2001 Salary: \$6.50/hr 1.5 hrs/day
Sims-Walrup, Bobbie Para-Educator Eisenhower Elementary	Effective January 17, 2001 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6 hrs/day
Snyder, Sonja Secretary Operations Center	Effective: January 29, 2001 Salary: \$9.35/hr 8 hrs/day
Teel, Patricia Custodian Eisenhower Elementary	Effective: December 26, 2000 Salary: \$9.29/hr 5 hrs/day
Wanek, Jan Secretary Madison Elementary School	Effective: January 25, 2001 Salary: \$9.99/hr 8 hrs/day

\* Not a Teacher      \*\* Served as Guest Teacher      \*\*\* Not a Replacement

**MOTION:** Director Howard moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. Director Imming seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Howard, Imming, Hunter, Lee, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

### IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following resolution was recommended by the Administration for adoption --

“Resolved that all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and the Board ad hoc committee, the same be and they are hereby audited and allowed as just claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts.

Further Resolved, that the payment of claims and salaries be approved as presented.”

**MOTION:** Director Imming moved the Board accept the resolution regarding approval of bills with one exception, Check #089166 that was voided. Director Howard seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Howard, Hunter, Lee, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

## OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

#### A. Driver Education Fee Increase

The administration recommended the Board increase the Driver Education fee to \$250 starting with the summer session of 2001, as previously discussed on January 8, 2001.

**MOTION:** Director Imming moved the Board approve the administration’s recommendation to increase the Driver Education fee to \$250 starting with the summer session of 2001, as previously discussed on January 8, 2001. Director Hunter seconded the motion.

Director Howard asked if there was a board policy on driver education that would have to be changed. Dr. Blanche will check and if there needs to be a revision, he will bring it back to the Board for action. Director Imming noted this raise in the fee was being done to help us keep the driver education program in the district and still have control over the curriculum. Director Howard said even with the increase, we will get to keep our own staff and that was important to us. The staff worked together to come up with a solution to this problem.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Hunter, Lee, Howard, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Banking Services Contract

The administration recommended the Board extend our current banking contract for an additional one-year period with Firststar Bank at the current rates for service. (We have just completed the third year of a three-year contract with Firststar Bank.)

**MOTION:** Director Imming moved the Board accept the administration’s recommendation to extend our current banking contract for an additional one-year period with Firststar Bank at the current rates for service. Director Lee seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Lee, Howard, and Hester. Abstaining: Hunter. Motion carried.

**C. Audit Contract Extension**

The administration requested the extension of our current audit contract for an additional three years with Eide Bailly LLP. (We have just completed the third year of a three-year contract with this company. A proposed fee schedule for 2001 through 2003 was included in the board packets.)

**MOTION:** Director Imming moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to extend our current audit contract for an additional three years with Eide Bailly LLP, with the fee schedule for 2001 through 2003 that was provided. Director Howard seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Howard, Hunter, Lee, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Bid #607 LCD Projectors for Secondary Schools**

**MOTION:** Director Imming moved the Board accept the best bid #607 from Midwest Computer totaling \$31,186 for 10 LCD Projectors. Director Howard seconded the motion.

President Hester conducted a public hearing on Bid #607 for 10 LCD Projectors. Director Howard asked what buildings would get the projectors. Betty Griffin responded each high school will have one in place and we are also supplying the intermediate schools with the equipment. Director Howard questioned the amount of money needed for training and the difference between the low bid and the best bid. Ms. Griffin said the training amounted to about \$160, but the low bidder was unable to provide the training stipulated in the bid. Director Hester asked to have an explanation about how the LCD projectors were used. Ms. Griffin explained the projector was used heavily in business education and was similar to the projection set up used in the board room.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Howard, Lee, Hunter, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Bid #607 LCD Projectors for Secondary Schools**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

No. 607

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**1. Item, material or service being bid, with a brief description:**

10 each LCD Projectors

**2. Rationale:**

The LCD projectors will be used primarily in the Business Education and Industrial Technology classes that rely heavily upon computer related instruction.

**3. Department and person responsible for the expenditure of the budget:**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Administrator</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Fund account number</b>
Industrial Technology & Business Education	Betty Griffin		General Fund & Grant monies

**4. Number of proposals sent to vendor: 4**

**5. Number of bids received from vendor: 4**

**6. Listing of Vendors**

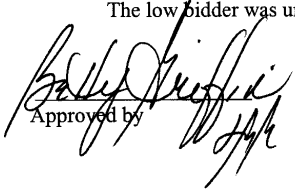
	<b>Total Bid</b>
Midwest Computer, West Chicago IL	\$31,186.00
CDWG, Vernon Hills IL	\$31,100.00
Pratt Audio Visual, Bettendorf IA	\$34,860.00
ECS, Davenport, IA.	\$40,750.00

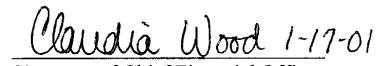
**7. Recommended Bid:**

The bid submitted by Midwest Computer of \$31,186.00

**8. Other Comments:**

The low bidder was unable to provide us with the training stipulated in the bid.

  
Approved by

  
Signature of Chief Financial Officer

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. Developmental Reading Assessment

Superintendent Dr. Jim Blanche and Coordinator/Facilitator Deb Wood presented information on the topic of Developmental Reading Assessment. Dr. Blanche began by saying the Developmental Reading Assessment was new this year and used in connection with the 90% reading goals. Deb Wood was involved with five of the grade schools in the reading excellence program. It was explained the DRA has a pre-test at the beginning of the year and then a post test at the end in each year to see how we are doing. There were some issues that had to be dealt with this first year and the reading element is connected to our Comprehensive School Improvement Plans and the 90% reading goals. The teams work on the details about what tests are to be given, what time, and the evaluation procedures. These results will be higher than the ITBS because these tests are administered individually to students.

There is a great deal of work involved in the process and students are more motivated when the testing is done on a one-to-one basis. It will take work to see how consistent these tests are with the standardized tests that are given. Deb Wood talked about training for the staff to be sure everyone is evaluating equally. She talked about grading at the beginning of the year and the reliability of the tests. Board members asked about the validity of interpretation on the tests. Ms. Wood explained the media specialists were videotaping the sessions. These will be reviewed, scored, and compared to better develop the testing procedures. The Board asked about exclusions from the testing program. Ms. Wood explained some students who have an IEP exclusion would not be tested, and those in ESL, who do not have the language skills developed yet, would be excluded. She explained testing in each of the quarters and on various levels. Dr. Blanche spoke about the reading levels and the 90% reading goals. They were excited to have this opportunity to focus on things like reading comprehension and skills needed for students in the future. There is an increased emphasis on reading and a very positive direction being taken.

Director Imming was pleased with the controls in place to test the fairness and validity of testing when there were multiple teachers involved in scoring. There was some discussion about the positive progress being made at Lincoln Fundamental School and the reading materials being used in that building. Deb Wood explained elements of the program used at Lincoln and the time spent on reading. There are other schools that are using the same program but it is not centrally used. They discussed the amount of time used for reading during the day and how this was mapped out throughout classes and the four-block system. Ms. Wood talked about the goal to improve our balanced reading programs and the use of more logs to compare buildings. There was discussion about academics for students with special needs and assessment services.

The Board emphasized the importance of students learning how to read and comprehend in order to be successful. Dr. Blanche talked briefly about funding through grant programs and money available for staff development. The information they are getting will be shared with all the elementary buildings. A lot of human capital goes into this effort and the data will be useful for instructional purposes. Dr. Blanche was confident we can meet the 90% reading goal and this is our #1 priority. President Hester added how important it was for parents and families to work with children at home at an early age to encourage reading. Dr. Grady commented that there are programs available to encourage early reading for children, and this will give them a better start in kindergarten. The five schools involved in the reading excellence programs were Hayes, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, and Monroe. The State dictates to us which buildings are part of the grant programs based on the past history of these schools.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

### VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

There were no further administrative or instructional reports made.

### VIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Director Howard noted she had not received the information she requested two months ago about the costs of the Edison-Jefferson program for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. Dr. Blanche said this data was being put together, and Marsha Tangen will be getting back to the Board with the information.

President Hester reminded board members of PTA Founders Day dinner on February 13 at Central. Directors Imming, Hunter, and Hester indicated they would be attending.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Director Howard moved the Board adjourn. Director Imming seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Howard, Imming, Lee, Hunter, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hester adjourned the meeting at 8:01 P.M.

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Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary