

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2008**

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, April 14, 2008, 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 7:00 PM.

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 and administrators attended the meeting. There were no student board members available to attend tonight because of schedule conflicts and activities.

**6:30 PM RECEPTION:** There was a reception for the Digital Photography and Computer Graphics students, staff, families, administration, and board members in the Jim Hester Board Room. The high school students had an opportunity to share information about displayed graphic and digital art work as they talked about their photography projects.

7:00 PM

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**BOARD GOAL, OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES 2007-2008**

Director De Fauw 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." She mentioned the priority focus tonight was having the Board periodically reviewing achievement data and discussing progress made to provide assistance and programs for children at all levels.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. **Public Hearing Amendments to the Budget 2007-2008**

The Board conducted a public hearing Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street for the purpose of amending the current school budget by changing estimates of expenditures in the areas of instruction, total support services, non-instructional programs, or total other expenditures. Any resident or taxpayer had the opportunity to present objections to, or arguments in favor of any part of the proposed amendments. A copy of the amendments to the current 2007-2008 budget appeared in the *Quad City Times*, on Friday, March 28, 2008. No one requested time to speak and there were no written objections or arguments regarding the amendment. Action on the budget amendments took place following the public hearing.

## B. Public Hearing for the Proposed District Budget for 2008-2009

The Board conducted a public hearing Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street on the proposed 2008-2009 school district budget. Any resident or taxpayer had the opportunity to present objections to, or arguments in favor of any part of the proposed budget. A copy of the detailed budget appeared in the *Quad City Times* on Friday, March 28, 2008. No one requested time to speak and there were no written objections or arguments to the budget for 2008-2009. Action on the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget took place following the public hearing in order to meet the April 15, 2008 deadline.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

### II. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

#### A. Amendment to the 2007-2008 Budget

The administration made a recommendation to accept the amendments as presented.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to amend the 2007-2008 Certified Budget in the areas of instruction, total support services, non-instructional programs, and total other expenditures as presented at the March 17, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and published in the *Quad City Times* on March 28, 2008. The amendment is in the area of Instruction from \$105,302,368 to \$110,359,857; Total Support Services from \$39,657,869 to ~~\$40,094,200~~ (corrected to) **\$40,094,200**; Non-instructional Programs from \$7,143,564 to \$7,613,387; and Total Other Expenditures from \$24,036,623 to \$25,850,225. The reasons were redefinition of functional expenditures and identification of additional funding sources. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Director De Fauw asked about the amount listed in the amendment for total support services. Mrs. Tangen said the amount shown was incorrect and should be listed as \$40,094,200. The motion was changed to show the correct amount.

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

**NOTE:** The amendment to the 2007-2008 Budget will be republished with the corrected amount for Total Support Services showing \$40,094,200. The Board will hold a second public hearing on the corrected amount listed in the 2007-2008 amendments on May 12, 2008 and take action on the recommendation listing the correction at that meeting.

**B. Proposed Budget for 2008-2009**

The administration recommended adoption of the Budget for 2008-2009.

**MOTION:** Director Johanson moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation to adopt the Proposed Budget Estimate and the Tax Levy rate for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year for total requirements as presented at the March 17, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. A copy of the proposed budget for 2008-2009 was published in the *Quad City Times* on Friday, March 28, 2008. The proposed property tax rate per \$1,000 taxable valuation will be 17.09414; the total requirement for the proposed 2008-2009 budget will be \$222,583,474. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Director Tupper asked a number of questions regarding the budget adoption. He wanted to know about the impact of this budget on PE, art and music in various buildings. Mrs. Reynolds explained the reduction of a.5 FTE music, art, and PE position at Buffalo because it would become a 12 section school. They will maintain the same number of minutes for music, art, and PE with less staff. Superintendent Almanza talked about reductions at middle and high schools because of student enrollments. This may have a negative impact with buildings but it is driven by student enrollment. Director Tupper asked about AP classes and the Superintendent responded about the size of some classes being too low. Reductions are based upon numbers of students in classes. Mrs. Reynolds indicated they could provide the board members with more data on this later.

Director Tupper had questions about the liaison positions and resources used. The Superintendent explained the 3-4 positions would use allowable growth funds and the position was not based on class size ratios. We are trying to keep students in school and these positions will help reduce drop outs. There are conferences and workshops coming up where our district will receive more information about reducing drop out rates. Director Tupper had additional questions about the ability to track students. The Superintendent responded with comments about the software and computer programs we are now using for early identification of students. Director Tupper asked about college credit classes and what resources we could use to make this available to students. Julie Staszewski answered and said this matter was budget neutral. The impact in dollars may come along with increases in textbook costs since the colleges change books quite often. Vice President Roberson added when we talk about reducing classes because of lack of students, we should be more creative and find ways to move students around so they have the classes they need offered. We want to improve student achievement but we have to find ways to keep students interested and connected with certain subjects. Mr. Almanza shared that we do this now but it takes time for students to go from one school to another during their day, and that creates a problem for their schedules.

**ACTION:** The vote on the motion to approve the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Johanson, Roberson, Clewell, De Fauw, Krumwiede, and Zamora. Nay: Tupper. Motion carried.

## RECOGNITIONS

### III. RECOGNITIONS

#### A. Digital Photography and Computer Graphics

Juli Staszewski explained what an honor it was for her to recognize the Visual Arts Department and our high school photography students for the excellence of their digital photographs. The pictures were currently on display at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport. These students spent many hours learning the techniques needed to produce such creative photographs and have a greater understanding of how such skills will benefit them in the future. Mrs. Staszewski recognized the teachers for their outstanding work with digital photography students: Photography Instructors Clint Balsar, John Gill, Jane Hart, Michele Mess, and Margaret Sands. She mentioned the accomplishments of Chad Wolf and Kay Hall, Creative Arts Curriculum Specialist who spent many hours working with the staff to make this curriculum offering so valuable. People were encouraged to view these photographic works located in the Jim Hester Board Room and in all three hallway levels of the Administration Service Center. The following students were listed for their digital photography artwork displays:

Sarah Berg	See the Sights	Photo Collage	North High	Michele Mess	2007
Carissa Coopman	Paradise	Photography	North High	Michele Mess	2007
Carissa Coopman	Right Direction	Digital Photography	North High	Michele Mess	2007
Ryan Streamlow	Monkey Maze	Digital Photo Enhancement	North High	Michele Mess	2007
Nick Reyes	Florida	Photography	West High	Margaret Sands	2007
Colin Hueser	Buffalo Shores	Photography	West High	Margaret Sands	2007
Lucas Strombeck	Tower in Our Park	Photography	West High	Margaret Sands	2007
Misha Ware	LeClaire Park	Photography	West High	Margaret Sands	2007
Ramon March	Skate Park Sunset	Photography	West High	Margaret Sands	2007
Megan Hahn	Solarized Face	Photography	West High	Margaret Sands	2007
Katie Tunis	Blue Hyacynth	Photography	West High	Margaret Sands	2007
Amanda Masterson	Solarized Leaf	Photography	West High	Jane Hart	2007
Austin Frields	57 Chevy	Photography	West High	Jane Hart	2007
Stephanie Tarnish	Autumn Leaf	Photography	Central High	Clint Balsar	2007
Katelyn Baker	Red	Photography	Central High	John Gill	2007
Lauren Hodson	Waterlily	Photography	Central High	John Gill	2007
Kelley Keimig	Dew Drop	Photography	Central High	Clint Balsar	2007
Stephanie Tarnish	Child	Photography	Central High	Clint Balsar	2007
Lauren Hodson	Wire Woman	Photography	Central High	John Gill	2007
Kelley Keimig	Reflecting on the Nina	Photography	Central High	Clint Balsar	2007
Kelley Keimig	Bees	Photography	Central High	Clint Balsar	2007
Stephanie Tarnish	Autumn Leaf II	Photography	Central High	John Gill	2007
Lauren Hodson	Nature	Photography	Central High	John Gill	2007
Kelley Keimig	Dew Drop II	Photography	Central High	Clint Balsar	2007
Lauren Hodson	Mississippi River	Photography	Central High	John Gill	2007
Jonathan Welser		Digital Montage/Com Graph	Central High	Clint Balsar	
Indigo Carroll		Photography	West High	Margaret Sands	2008
Cassie Russell		Photography	West High	Margaret Sands	2008
Michele Mess	Painted Daisies	Digital Photo Enhancement	North High		2007

The Board saw slides of the digital photography work as students were introduced during the meeting by the instructors. Superintendent Almanza expressed appreciation to all the staff members involved with these students. He had an opportunity to see many of the pictures on display at Northpark Mall. People were enjoying all the beautiful work our students were doing and this helps create a wonderful image of our District. Mrs. Hall also mentioned the displays and hoped people would see the artwork. Director Clewell suggested the pictures be placed on our website so people would have an opportunity to view them at home.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### IV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Thursday, April 17 – Local Government Day
- B. Monday, April 28, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- C. Monday, May 5, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- D. Monday, May 12, 6:00 PM, Board Recognition Reception; 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- E. Wednesday, May 14, 3:45 PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee
- F. Monday, May 19, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- G. Tuesday, May 20, 3:45 PM, Board Policy Committee, Adm. Service Center
- H. Open Forum:  
Martha Petri, 14236 Kruse Avenue, Davenport, read a letter to the Board about changing the boundaries between Buffalo and Blue Grass Schools to maintain full-time status of Art, Music, and PE classes and the teacher. The letter expressed views about the distance to the schools, accommodating the teachers, and offering amenities to students. She also talked about perceptions of the school, better use of the facility, and benefits to the Blue Grass students.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### V. 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 Intervening Meetings**

The minutes from the last Regular Meeting March 17, Committee of the Whole April 7, and Special Call Evaluation April 7, 2008 were presented for approval.

#### **B. Secretary's Monthly Financial Report**

It was recommended the Monthly Financial Report of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending February 29, 2008 be approved.

**C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Leaves, Retirements, Etc.****CORRECTION TO FEBRUARY 11, 2008 BOARD MINUTES**

## EARLY RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Harper, Regina	Effective: End of 2007-08 school year
Math	Years of Service: <del>39 yrs 2 mos</del>
Blue Grass Elementary	<b>Corrected to: 39 yrs 10 mos</b>

## RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

DeWitte, Mary	Effective: March 26, 2008
LOA	Years of Service: 23 yrs 4 mos
Roling, Jackie	Effective: end of 2007-08 school year
Social Studies	Years of Service: 26 yrs 10 mos
Sudlow Intermediate	

## RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Bey, Timothy	Effective: end of 2007-08 school year
Science	Years of Service: 5 mos
West High	
Bottorff, Shelly	Effective: April 10, 2008
Vocal Music	Years of Service: 7 mos
West High	
Robinson, Karen	Effective: end of 2007-08 school year
Grade 4 Language Arts	Years of Service: 11 yrs
Wilson Elementary	

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Bartel, Pamela	Effective: January 25, 2008 – March 21, 2008
Special Education	
Wood Intermediate	
Dill, Susan	Effective: February 11, 2008 – March 21, 2008
Math	
West High	
Walters, Linda	Extension of Leave of Absence
Kindergarten	Effective: February 28, 2008 – March 12, 2008
Adams Elementary	

## RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

**ADDENDUM – ADDITION 4/14/08**

Bottorff, Shelly	20%
Vocal Music	\$5,218.00
West High	

Heller, Brian	6%
Intermediate Co-ed Swimming	\$1,565.00
West High	

Heller, Guy	14%
Boys' Varsity Swimming	\$3,653.00
North High	

Mathews, David	4%
Assistant Intermediate Co-ed Swimming	\$1,044.00
West High	

McMahon, Annie	5%
Musical Technical Director	\$1,305.00
Central High	

McMahon, Annie	5%
Musical Book Director	\$1,305.00
Central High	

Robinson, Karen	5%
Safety Patrol	\$1,305.00
Wilson Elementary	

## APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Belz, Eugene	10%
Assistant Varsity Wrestling	\$2,609.00
West High	

Hoskins, Carlos	5%
Assistant Intermediate Co-ed Track	\$1,305.00
Wood Intermediate	

Knight, Thomas	5%
Assistant Intermediate Co-ed Track	\$1,305.00
Smart Intermediate	

Kurtz, Matthew	12%
Assistant Varsity Football	\$3,131.00
West High	

Nichol, Neil	10%
Girls' Assistant Varsity Track	\$2,609.00
West High	

Rial, Patrick	8%
Assistant 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football	\$2,087.00
West High	

## RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Hayes, Lisa	Effective: April 3, 2008
Special Education – Hearing Impaired	Salary: \$44,447.00 prorated to \$34,053.75
Eisenhower Elementary	for 152 days of the 2007-08 school year

Walters, Linda	Effective: March 13, 2008
Kindergarten	Salary: \$56,154.00
Adams Elementary	

## RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Degarnica, Karina	Effective: April 4, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 7 yrs 8 mos
LOA	

Forsyth, Denise	Effective: March 21, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 3 mos
Jackson Elementary	

Nolte, Anthony	Effective: March 28, 2008
Lead Custodian (rover)	Years of Service: 1 yr
Operations Center	

Potter, Dale	Effective: March 10, 2008
Custodian	Years of Service: 2 days
Lincoln Academy	

Proksch, Terri	Effective: March 21, 2008
Health Para	Years of Service: 2 mos
Monroe/Hayes Elementary	

Reaves, Darrick	Effective: February 20, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 5 mos
Central High	

Sandoval, Catherine	Effective: March 25, 2008
Food Service Worker	Years of Service: 5 mos
LOA	

Vanmeter, Shirley	Effective: March 28, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 3 wks
Child's Play Learning Center	

Weeks, Helen	Effective: March 11, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 4 mos
Children's Village Hayes	

Wilson, Debbie	Effective: April 11, 2008
Cashier I	Years of Service: 8 mos
Wilson Elementary	

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

DeTrent, Debbie  
Para Educator  
LOA

Extension of LOA  
Effective: January 21, 2008 – March 21, 2008

McNeal, Crystal  
Para Educator  
Child's Play Day Care

Extension of LOA  
Effective: March 19, 2008 – April 21, 2008

Ryan, Colleen  
Para Educator  
Fillmore Elementary

Effective: 11/15/2007 – Beginning of 2008-09 school year

## RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Britt, Judi  
Para Educator  
LOA

Effective: March 13, 2008  
Years of Service: 3 yrs

## RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Allen, Wardean  
Food Service Worker  
Wood Intermediate

Effective: April 7, 2008  
Salary: \$9.36/hr  
Hours: 2.75 hrs/day

Erickson, Barbara  
Para Educator  
LOA

Effective: Beginning of 2008-09 school year  
Salary: \$9.65/hour  
Hours: TBD when placed

Moore, Barbara  
Para Educator  
Central High

Effective: April 14, 2008  
Salary: \$8.44/hr  
Hours: 6.5 hr/day

## APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Boettcher, Mark  
Custodian  
Walcott

Effective: April 2, 2008  
Hours: 8.0 hrs/day  
Salary: \$11.57/hr

Dirksen, Elizabeth  
Clerk III  
ASC

Effective: March 31, 2008  
Hours: 8.0 hrs/day  
Salary: \$11.59/hr

Edwards, Matthew  
Juvenile Court Liaison  
West High

Effective: April 21, 2008  
Hours: 8.0 hrs/day  
Salary: \$29,414.00 prorated to \$5,609.18 for 41 days remaining of 215 day contract

Hart, Brittany  
Cashier I  
Central High

Effective: April 2, 2008  
Hours: 3.25 hrs/day  
Salary: \$8.10/hr

Hicks, Kevin  
Para Educator  
Washington Elementary

Effective: April 7, 2008  
Hours: 6.5 hrs/day  
Salary: \$8.09/hr

Logsdon, Rhonda Juvenile Court Liaison Smart Intermediate	Effective: April 16, 2008 Hours: 8.0 hrs/day Salary: \$29,414.00 prorated to \$6,019.61 for 44 days remaining of 215 day contract
Naef, Teresa Food Service Worker Washington Elementary	Effective: April 7, 2008 Hours: 2.75/day Salary: \$7.89/hr
Nelson, Kimberly Para Educator Harrison Elementary	Effective: March 18, 2008 Hours: 3.5 hrs/day (temporary until end of 2007-2008 school year) Salary: \$8.09/hr
Parry, Kimbra Para Educator Children's Village Hayes	Effective: April 8, 2008 Hours: 6.25 hrs/day Salary: \$9.65/hr
Schmidt, Melissa Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: March 25, 2008 Hours: 6.25 hrs/day Salary: \$9.65/hr
Soppe, Caitlin Food Service Worker Young Intermediate	Effective: March 31, 2008 Hours: 3.0 hrs/day Salary: \$7.89/hr
Stewart, April Custodian Hayes Elementary	Effective: March 17, 2008 Hours: 7.0 hrs/day Salary: \$11.57/hr

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the addendum item for an additional resignation of a supplemental contract as presented. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

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

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

### VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The administration presented a resolution for adoption of two sets of bills.

**MOTION:** Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the following resolution: "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 the exception of three voided checks #208610, #208891, and #208991." Director Roberson seconded the motion.

A note was made the approval of bills covered two pay periods with the first list approved for early release March 28 by the Board President as allowed by policy due to the time span between payment periods.

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

## OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### VII. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

#### A. Bid #576 – Renovations Kimberly Center (Rejected) /Public Hearing

The administration recommended rejecting all bids for #576 Renovations.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved with regard to Bid #576, the Board reject all the offers for Bid #576 Renovation of the Kimberly Center as all were over the budget estimate. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing concerning Bid #576 for the renovations at Kimberly Center. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

Director Roberson asked if all the bidders understood the process and what we needed since the proposals came in over the estimate. Scott Martin spoke to this question and said the amounts had to do with the time frame which was very competitive. Everybody has work right now in the spring and it was not a good time to bid for the summer project. We tried to look at things to reduce, but couldn't find anything out of order. The mechanicals, electrical work, and partitioning walls were over bid. Director Johanson asked if the renovation was required because the Board had a lengthy discussion focusing on safety at the Kimberly Center. He asked what the next steps would be. Mr. Martin said he met with the principal and associate principal along with the architect and project manager. They talked about safety and security issues. We can rebid this project and address immediate concerns ourselves. We are looking at the vestibule area when students come into the building and going into an area where there is no staff. We can make changes happen while we reconsider our next steps.

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

#### B. Bid #578 – Installation of Running Track at West/Public Hearing

The administration recommended the installation of a running track.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board approve the lowest responsible Bid #578 received from Midwest Tennis and Track Company in the amount of \$73,693 for the installation of a new running track surface at West High. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #578 for installation of a new running tract surface at West High. No one came forward to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

It was noted this was the track along the practice field area at West High. Mr. Martin talked about the old latex track and asphalt surface top. The new surface will be polyethylene like at Brady Street Stadium. In his past experience, the old track surface could be picked up easily and the current surface is 15 to 20 years old—well beyond its useful life.

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

**C. Bid #579 – Eisenhower Elementary Reroofing Project/Public Hearing**

The administration recommended the reroofing at Eisenhower.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for approval of the lowest responsible Bid #579 received from Economy Roofing & Insulating Co., Inc. in the amount of \$314,780 for the reroofing project at Eisenhower Elementary School. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Director Roberson asked about the disparity in the bidding for this project with one low and the other two close to each other. Mr. Martin said it was probably based on the summer work load for the companies.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #579 for the roofing project at Eisenhower Elementary. No one came forward to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

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

**D. Award #581 – Independent Audit Services/Public Hearing**

The administration recommended the independent auditor contract.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for approval of Award #581 for a three-year contract with McGladrey & Pullen LLP in the amount of \$42,100 for FY08; \$44,000 for FY09; and \$46,500 for FY10 for independent audit services. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Award #581 for the three-year contract for independent audit services. No one came forward to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

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

**E. School Breakfast and Lunch Price Increase for 2008-2009**

The administration recommended an increase in the school breakfast and lunch prices for 2008-2009.

**MOTION:** Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation to increase school breakfast and lunch prices for 2008-2009 as outlined and discussed at the Committee of the Whole on April 7, 2008. Director Johanson seconded the motion. (Price list as outlined)

**Breakfast Price Adjustments**

	<u>Level</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New Price</u>
❖	Elementary School	\$ .85	+ .05	\$ .90
❖	Intermediate School	\$1.10	+ .05	\$1.15
❖	High School	\$1.10	+ .05	\$1.15
❖	Preschools	\$ .85	+ .30	\$1.15
❖	Adults, all	\$1.50	+ .10	\$1.60

**Lunch Price Adjustments**

	<u>Level</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>New Price</u>
❖	Elementary School	\$1.60	+ .15	\$1.75
❖	Intermediate School	\$1.85	+ .15	\$2.00
❖	High School	\$2.10/\$2.25	+ .10	\$2.25
❖	Preschools	\$1.60	+ .50	\$2.10
❖	Adult, elementary	\$2.75	+ .10	\$2.85
❖	Adult, secondary	\$3.00	+ .10	\$3.10
❖	Milk, ½ pt.	\$ .40	+ .10	\$ .50

Director Roberson mentioned at the last session we had a conversation about the total costs of the food service operation. How can we look out to eliminate other costs such as replacement of equipment, so we don't have to raise the price of food for the kids? Mrs. Laurie Peyton Crane said she appreciated the concern about other costs besides food and labor expenses for lunch and breakfast programs. We have looked at this and the administration said we have to include these cost replacements in our figures. However, there are also increases in the market for food items and we are not receiving enough funding from the government.

Director Roberson said he was confused by why we can't use public funds to purchase replacement stoves and refrigerators. It should come out of a different fund than food and nutrition. He was not satisfied that we can't offset these replacement expenses to keep the food prices lower. The price should be for food and labor expenses, but not for equipment we need to make the food. Mrs. Crane said it was against state rules and we have to consider our operation as self-funded and self-supporting. We are following this practice.

Mrs. Tangen spoke about food and nutrition being an enterprise fund and not

part of the general fund. It has to be self-supporting as an operation. She went to the Iowa Code to see what could be spent. They don't make allowances for replacement costs of this equipment coming from the general fund. We can only do this with new construction for certain areas but equipment is not allowed.

Director Roberson asked about the life expectancy of the equipment we use for food service. Mrs. Crane said it varies with the pieces but some items have five years expectancy, while other bigger items have 12 years, and others 20-30 years. We have to depreciate the cost of the equipment as we go along. We have the original ovens now at North and we will need to replace them. We take good care of our equipment and we use it five days a week but not for the full 12 months in a year. All the equipment has to be replaced at some point and we spend about \$100,000 per year on replacement costs.

Director Krumwiede looked at the increases for food and noted the largest price increase coming for preschool meals. Mrs. Crane explained the cost of the meal service, items required, and delivery services have gone up for preschoolers. Food costs for special diets for the youngest children have increased 12.5% because of dietary items required. We tracked our food costs over the last few months and we had a weighted average of 12.5% increase. Headstart program costs have gone up and they require we serve family style food and serving bowls and utility items. This is a large labor cost to fill the bowls, deliver, and store items. The children sit at a table and eat together. The labor cost for preschoolers' meals is about double of elementary schools. We have been surveying other preschool providers in the community and saw a range of costs. The portions are smaller but the special diets and labor costs more money.

Director Tupper said the Washington Post had an article about food prices in schools which said it costs more for a healthy diet than one with lots of sugar. Are we still committed to serving a healthy diet to the students? Mrs. Crane responded absolutely. By virtue of federal regulations, we serve many fresh fruits, vegetables, grains, and whole wheat products. Director Tupper asked about the revenue we get from meals served. Mrs. Crane said it has decreased and there were many reasons. We made adjustments in what we can sell ala carte and the students like things we can't sell anymore, such as Little Debbie's. We have tried other choices but have guidelines and can't find things the students like as much. We are no different than others in the community. We had a 15-20% decline in income. Director Clewell asked about the Harkin program and Mrs. Crane said the program was very limited – only four states in the pilot program and only about 25 schools were involved. We had Williams and J. B. Young in the program last year. It is a different funding source and although recommended by the federal government, it is not supported through enough funding dollars. We get 2% in federal subsidies each year but that is not enough for the cost increases.

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

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

## VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Textbook Adoption Series for 2008-2009

Juli Staszewski presented the recommendations for textbook adoptions in various curriculum areas for the 2008-2009 school year. The projected adoptions included forensics science; anatomy and physiology; invertebrate and vertebrate zoology; health grade K, 2, and 5; classical literature; introduction to acting; stagecraft; theatre performance, 7<sup>th</sup> grade language arts; AP US history; psychology; AP calculus; discrete math; and special education math textbooks. There was a revised sheet handed out to board members showing additional books for hospitality, foods, welding, metals, processes, manufacturing, computer applications, and web page design. There were copies of the materials available for reference and review. The complete adoption cost estimate was projected at \$308,899.43. The textbook adoptions were studied and reviewed by committees prior to the recommendations coming to the Board for discussion.

Director Tupper questioned why we were only spending this lower amount when in the past couple years the costs were much higher. Mrs. Staszewski explained how the reading adoptions were very large last year and there were different funding sources used. This year we are doing something different and staying within our general budget allowance for textbooks. Director Roberson asked about the impact from declining enrollment on these purchases. The superintendent explained we don't have one copy of a book per student but many books are used in class. Some books can be checked out by individual students if needed for home use. They talked about science books and future recommendations after we know more about the core curriculum from the State. President Zamora noted the cost of textbooks now was ranging from \$80 to \$100 on average, so you can see why not every student has their own book. Mrs. Staszewski said they will wait to purchase the science books after the model has been established by the state and we see the rules and regulations for textbook adoptions.

Mr. Almanza spoke about the core curriculum, doing a gap analysis, and recognizing the needs of our students. Director Tupper was concerned we would fall behind and have some textbooks over ten years old being used. He wanted us to be current with the materials being taught. Mr. Almanza said we are keeping on a good adoption cycle for books and we address concerns with the departments on how core classes are aligned in the district. He talked briefly about changes in requirements for teachers in order to have the most highly qualified people in the classrooms. Director Krumwiede asked about the time frame for high school versus elementary school textbook adoptions. The superintendent said the high schools come first and we have to make the adjustments there. Director Krumwiede and Clewell talked about visiting with students who complained about the age of their high school textbooks and how they were out-of-date. Mr. Almanza again mentioned not every student was able to have a textbook in a locker for every class. There were questions about how the special education books were funded through their budget. They also talked about the "Discrete Mathematics" textbooks recommended for students with certain skills. Director Johanson appreciated the update and helping everyone understand the process

for textbook adoption. He asked if the textbook adoption schedule assured the District was in compliance with policy. Mrs. Staszewski said she would get more information back to the Board on this matter and they certainly try to keep curriculum up-to-date. There are probably some subjects with ten-year old books or older in the classes. Director Johanson had concerns about students doing homework when there weren't enough books for everyone to take them home. Mrs. Staszewski said they are doing an investigation on this area and want to uncover the truth about whether students are allowed access to books or not having the ability to bring them out of the classroom. Director Clewell said when he talked with students, they said it was fine not having a book to take home because then they had an excuse for not being able to do the work. There were additional comments about the "Discrete Mathematics" book and how students at a higher level would be using the book.

Director Clewell asked about taking a positive approach to the textbook matter and wondered about using computer technology instead of having a hardbound book in class. Why not ask for everything on-line? Betty Griffin responded by saying there are some problems with technology, especially if the system goes down. We can't totally depend on the computers for all the classroom work which would need to be monitored carefully in each classroom. Director Clewell said there always is down time and maybe the teachers would need to work at engaging the students in different learning experiences if the computers were down and not working. Mrs. Staszewski said there is a lot of software used in the classes and we depend on on-line resources for our students. The adoptions would come to the Board for action at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS**

### **IX. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/ BOARD REQUESTS**

There were no additional administrative reports or requests for information.

### **X. BOARD REPORTS**

1. Director De Fauw talked about North girls taking first place in the track meet and how West High was a host for the instrumental music event last weekend. They both did a great job.
2. Director Krumwiede congratulated the students and staff from the three high schools who did the photographs for the board room and in the hallways. We might want to consider having them take the Board pictures in the fall.
3. Director Krumwiede noted he talked with Bob McCue from the Davenport School Museum about the sesquicentennial of the school district this year and he wondered what was being planned to celebrate the 150 year anniversary. This would be a good time to toot our horn and highlight things from the District. The museum group is interested in helping and they are doing fabulous things in the museum in the lower level of the Administration Service Center. The collection of materials is growing and displayed in a wonderful fashion for the public to view. What are we doing to help build this into our programming for next fall?

4. President Zamora said two of the board members have been working on the vision process for us and they need everyone's help now.
5. Director Clewell updated board members on the work of the Vision Committee which includes Rich Clewell and Ken Krumwiede. They have been working at the vision process and looking at a time frame to use. We believe there should be two phases in the process. The first goal is to visit constituency groups in the community such as United Neighbors, Farm Bureau, Churches United, DavenportOne, parents, and others. They will talk about three questions: 1) What strengths does the DCSD have; 2) What challenges face the DCSD; and 3) How do you view DCSD in the future? The focus groups should be about eight people and we want to have a start by the first of May. The second goal is to get data in place to take to the Local School Improvement Advisory Committee so they can look at the data and work through a process. They can move 16 boxes of information into one box and then have a summary. Then the next step would be for Ken and Rich to bring back the summary information on vision for the district to the Board for discussion by October 2008. The Board would refine the data and by the end of October have a new vision statement which they have crafted from the community and stakeholders' statements. This would be the process so the community understands what we are doing and they have requests to be heard.

Director Clewell further explained how they had talked with President Zamora about their plans and how they needed board members to also participate in the constituency meetings. We will line up different groups and meeting times and have one or two board members attend each focus group. We would also like to have one large community forum where all seven board members would listen to the community on the vision for the District. At this point, it is up to the board members to let us know what they think about this plan.

6. Vice President Roberson said the larger groups need to have consistency to make sure everyone asks the same questions and uses the same format.
7. Director Johanson appreciated this opportunity to participate but would like some clarification on the new open meetings laws and the effect it might have on how board members participate in this process. President Zamora agreed we will have to watch the current legislative changes for open meeting laws.
8. Vice President Roberson said board members should be willing to give a helping hand in this process.
9. Director Krumwiede said they are looking a several group meetings and will meet with Rachael Mullins for ideas. Linda Smith Kortemeyer provided several contact names and suggested additional groups who should be contacted.
10. Director De Fauw wondered if the board members could have a list to look at so they can consider which meetings they might be able to attend.
11. President Zamora also noted that some groups may be pulled together who have related interests or goals.
12. Director Krumwiede also talked about meeting with groups such as schools of higher learning and community colleges; business and industry groups; and the military. They are also our customer and should be involved in this discussion.

13. Director Tupper expressed concern about this process and thought the purpose of the committee was to come back and let the Board review the process. They weren't supposed to create the process and move forward on their own. They also left out students from the group lists and parents. He would like to focus his time and attention on those groups. It is nice to know what others think, but he believed it was more important to listen to students and parents. For example, when we set up things with the YMCA for the pool, the students really said they wanted books, but we felt they needed a pool instead. My focus is on the students and what they want not what we think they want.
14. Director De Fauw added we need to have the educators and staff members involved in one of the discussion or focus groups.
15. Director Krumwiede said they were included in the list of groups and also the District Leadership Team would be contacted. We are building the list as we go along and appreciate the additional comments. One thing was shared with the Legislative Advocacy Group was when we have large groups, we ask the community to come to where we are for information. It was suggested by John Border we would have better success by going to where the people are and talking with them in smaller groups where they actually can have input. We want to have anyone who is interested participate in the process.
16. Director Clewell also appreciated the remarks from board members and he will try to prepare something for board packets on meeting groups, dates, times, and locations. Then board members can look over the list and see when they are available to participate. We hope to keep all board members apprised on what we are doing and we hope to represent all groups in the final vision statement.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved and Director Clewell seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes.

President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary