

**BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER CLOSED SESSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 22, 2009**

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the counties of Scott and Muscatine met for a Closed Session Evaluation for the appointment of the board secretary, followed by their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009, pursuant to law. The Closed Session was held in the Executive Board Room and the Regular 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 Closed Session to order at 6:35 PM and the Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

The following board members were present: Vice President Larry Roberson (chair): Directors Richard Clewell; Nikki DeFauw, Ralph Johanson, and Ken Krumwiede. Absent: President Patt Zamora and Director Tim Tupper. In addition those present for the closed session were Julio Almanza and Lynnette Carver. Other administrators attended the Regular Meeting at 7:05 PM.

6:35 PM CLOSED SESSION: Board Secretary/Treasurer Appointment/Hiring

MOTION: Director De Fauw moved the Board hold a closed session as provided in IOWA CODE Section 21.5(1) (i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment was being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual had requested a closed session. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

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

The Board held the closed session for the appointment of the new board secretary/treasurer at 6:35 PM in the Executive Conference Room. Lynnette Carver and Julio Almanza also were in the meeting for the closed session.

6:55 PM OPEN SESSION

By consensus the Board agreed at 6:55 PM to return to open session for the beginning of the Regular Board Meeting in the Jim Hester Board Room.

There was a ten-minute recess between the meetings. Board members returned to the board table in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Administration Service Center at 7:05 PM for the start of their Regular Board Meeting.

7:05 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Vice President Roberson chaired the Regular Meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009 in the Jim Hester Board Room. He noted President Zamora and Director Tupper were absent. Other board members present were Directors Clewell, De Fauw, Johanson, Krumwiede, and Vice President Roberson. He asked for the reading of the vision and mission statements.

Director De Fauw read the vision and mission statements: "The Davenport School Board will actively support the efforts of the superintendent, district, staff, and families to ensure continuous student achievement for all students. The Davenport Community School District's vision statement is: Education that challenges conventional thinking, prepares all students to compete in a global society and inspires our students, parents, staff, and community to answer the question, "What if?"

COMMUNICATIONS**I. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Friday, July 3 – Holiday – 4th of July (Offices Closed)
- B. Monday, July 6, 2009 – CANDIDATE FILING BEGINS FOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION – Candidates must file their nomination papers with the School Board Secretary between Monday, July 6 and the deadline at 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 30, 2009. The School Board Election will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. ELECTION PACKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BOARD SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT THE ADMINISTRATION SERVICE CENTER OR ON LINE. SEE THE DISTRICT WEBSITE UNDER SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND LINK TO THE AUDITOR'S PAGE.

Vice President Roberson encouraged people to consider running for a position on the School Board. He explained how being on the Board was a great opportunity to serve our community and it was a great thing to do.

- C. Monday, July 13, 7:00 PM, Annual Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- D. **PENDING WORKSHOP:** Monday, July 20 or Monday, July 27, Special Call Board Workshop on Long-Range Planning; time to be determined
- E. Monday, August 3, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center (pending calendar approval)
- F. Monday, August 10, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center (pending calendar approval)
- G. Open Forum – No one requested time to speak at Open Forum.

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 and Intervening Meetings

The minutes from the last Regular Board Meeting and intervening meetings were presented for approval as follows: Special Call Personnel Meeting followed by the Committee of the Whole June 1, 2009; Special Call Closed Session Board Secretary Evaluation June 8 at 5:30 PM; and Regular Meeting June 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves, Etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE:

Weipert, Virginia Director of Human Resources Administration Service Center	Effective: July 1, 2009 Salary: To Be Determined
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APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Obermiller, Jami Science Central High	Degree: B.A. – Step 3 Effective: August 17, 2009 Salary: \$30,360.00
Sones, Megan Preschool Floating Teacher Children's Village Sites	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: July 1, 2009 Salary: \$32,075.67 (215 days)
Thornton, Erica Special Education Fillmore Elementary	Degree: B.S. – Step 1 Effective: August 5, 2009 Salary: \$27,600.00
Touloukian, Cami Grade 5 Lincoln Academy	Degree: B.A.+15 – Step 1 Effective: August 17, 2009 Salary: \$28,980.00
Verbout, Brandy Grade 3 Lincoln Academy	Degree: B.A.+15 – Step 1 Effective: August 17, 2009 Salary: \$28,980.00

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Bollman, Mandie Teacher-in-Charge (.5) Buffalo Elementary	15% \$2,021.50
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Hunter, Samuel	12%
Assistant Varsity Wrestling	\$3,234.00
North High	
Keeney, Felicia	12%
Assistant Varsity Volleyball	\$3,234.00
West High	
Ratkiewicz, Megan	10%
Assistant SH Cheerleading	\$2,695.00
North High	
Wolf, Chad	12%
Boys' Varsity Golf	\$3,234.00
West High	

RESIGNATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE:

Weipert, Virginia	Effective June 30, 2009
Associate Director of Human Resources	Years of Service: 1 yr 6 mos
Administration Service Center	Reason: Other District Employment

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Hassig, Erin	Effective: June 16, 2009
Vocal Music	Years of Service: 3 yrs 10 mos
Lincoln Academy/Hayes Elementary	

Ruyter, Melissa	Effective: June 8, 2009
Special Education	Years of Service: 10 mos
Smart Intermediate	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Arnold, Brian	5%
Bowling	\$1,348.00
West High	

Cross, Darryl	7%
8 th Grade Boys' Basketball (2 nd Team)	\$1,887.00
Williams Intermediate	

Flaherty, Sandra	7%
7 th Grade Girls' Basketball (2 nd Team)	\$1,887.00
Sudlow Intermediate	

Flaherty, Sandra	7%
8 th Grade Girls' Basketball (2 nd Team)	\$1,887.00
Sudlow Intermediate	

Hunter, Samuel	12%
Sophomore Wrestling	\$3,234.00
North High	

Liagre, Sandra	5%
Safety Patrol	\$1,333.00
Monroe Elementary	

Parks, Willie	7%
7 th Grade Boys' Basketball (2 nd Team)	\$1,887.00
Sudlow Intermediate	

Parks, Willie	7%
8 th Grade Boys' Basketball (2 nd Team)	\$1,887.00
Sudlow Intermediate	

Senne, Angela	8%
8 th Grade Volleyball	\$2,156.00
Williams Intermediate	

Shelley, Hannah	7%
8 th Grade Girls' Basketball	\$1,887.00
Smart Intermediate	

Steele, Dale	15%
Teacher-in-Charge (.5)	\$1,999.00
Lincoln Academy	

Thissen, Michael	8%
7 th Grade Volleyball (2 nd team)	\$2,156.00
Williams Intermediate	

Wolf, Chad	12%
Girls' Sophomore Basketball	\$3,234.00
West High	

Wolf, Chad	5%
Boys' Assistant Varsity Golf	\$1,348.00
West High	

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Thoensen, Steven	Effective: July 24, 2009
Maintenance	Years of Service: 35 yrs 6 mos
Operations Center	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Cole, Danniell	Effective: June 5, 2009
Para Educator	Years of Service: 1 yrs 8 mos
McKinley Elementary	

Harding, Melissa	Effective: August 7, 2009
Para Educator	Years of Service: 6 mos
Children's Village Hayes	

Jones, Melanie	Effective: July 31, 2009
Para Educator	Years of Service: 4 yrs 4 mos
Children's Village West	

Mueller, Kirk
 Para Educator
 Madison Elementary
 Effective: June 18, 2009
 Years of Service: 4 yrs 4 mos

Nikolopoulos, Anastasia
 High School/Community College Liaison
 ASC
 Effective: June 25, 2009
 Years of Service: 2 yrs 11 mos

Verbout, Brandy
 Para Educator
 McKinley Elementary
 Effective: June 17, 2009
 Years of Service: 1 yr 4 mos
 Reason: Other District Employment

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Catlin, Kimberly
 Grade 1
 Buchanan Elementary
 Extended Unpaid Leave of Absence
 Effective: August 5, 2009 – beginning of
 of 2010-2011 school year

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Andrews, Jodi
 Para Educator
 Madison Elementary
 Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence
 Effective: June 2, 2009 – June 9, 2009

Burke, Wendy
 Para Educator
 Central High
 Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence
 Effective: June 3, 2009 – January 3, 2010

Kelding, Jean
 Para Educator
 Children's Village West
 Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence
 Effective: June 16, 2009 – July 6, 2009

Lacy, Willie
 Para Educator
 Central High
 Unpaid Leave of Absence
 Effective: August 20, 2009 – November 27, 2009

ADDENDUM ADDED 6/22/09: Supplemental Resignations

Bass, Marcus
 8th Grade Wrestling (as needed)
 Wood Intermediate
 7%
 \$1,866

Bass, Marcus
 7th Grade Wrestling (as needed)
 Wood Intermediate
 7%
 \$1,866

Bass, Marcus
 8th Grade Football
 Wood Intermediate
 7%
 \$1,866

Voss, Tonya
 8th Grade Volleyball (as needed)
 Williams Intermediate
 8%
 \$2,132

MOTION: Director Krumwiede moved the Consent Agenda be approved as presented by the administration along with the addendum that was presented tonight for supplemental contracts. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER APPOINTMENT

III. Board Secretary/Treasurer Appointment: Lynnette Carver

- A. Background: Director Krumwiede said an ad hoc committee was formed with three members of the Board—Patt Zamora, Larry Roberson, and Ken Krumwiede. We had excellent applicants. All board members participated and narrowed the selection to the top five. We had one person who decided not to pursue the position. We interviewed four candidates who were all excellent. At this time the ad hoc committee was ready to make the recommendation of Lynnette Carver for Board Secretary/Treasurer. Vice President Roberson commented he does a lot of interviewing for his company and all the candidates were very good. It was difficult to select just one person. The committee told all the applicants to consider another position with the district in the future. We can use high-quality people for the district and the selection process was not easy.
- B. Recommendation: The Ad hoc Committee made a recommendation to the Board of the candidate for this position.

MOTION: Director Krumwiede moved approval of the recommendation for Lynnette Carver to be appointed to fill the position of Board Secretary/Treasurer. (Note: The effective starting date would be Thursday, June 25, 2009, at an annual salary of \$35,000 as Board Secretary and \$2,000 as Board Treasurer.) Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

Director Clewell said new beginnings were exciting. Linda was a wonderful help to the Board. The Board was happy to know Lynnette will have some time to work with Linda so she can get up to speed. They know Lynnette will be able to do as well or even better in the future years.

Director Johanson talked about his hopes that Lynnette will continue as the board secretary/treasurer for at least as long as Linda and maybe longer. Board members looked forward to Lynnette working with them.

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

- C. Oath of Office: Board Vice President Larry Roberson administered the oath of office to Lynnette Carver as the newly appointed Board Secretary/Treasurer as required by law. (A copy of the oath will be included in the minutes of record.)

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was recommended by the Administration for adoption of bills.

MOTION: Director Clewell 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 the exception of two voided checks #261597 to Robert Filson for \$1390.16, wrong vendor; and #261599 David Gamble for \$729, cancelled trip. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. **US CELLULAR STEALTH CELL PHONE TOWER** (Postponed June 8, 2009)

Vice President Roberson explained on June 8 the administration recommended approval of the ground lease with US Cellular for a cell phone tower at North. The Board approved a motion to postpone action on this matter until more information was provided concerning the terms of the contract. The motion to postpone was made by Johanson and seconded by Krumwiede.

ORIGINAL MOTION JUNE 8, 2009

Director Clewell read the original motion he moved that the Board approve the administration's recommendation for the ground lease with US Cellular to place a stealth cell phone tower at North High School under the terms of the contract provided by US Cellular and as reviewed and amended by Davenport School District legal counsel. US Cellular has proposed leasing ground at North High School for a term of 25 years with payments of \$1200 per month and a 3% annual increase. Director Krumwiede had seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: The motion was back on the table for further discussion. There were a number of questions brought up by board members concerning the easement noted in the contract, the access and right of way, the size of the building to be constructed, and impacts on the property. The discussion continued on the proximity of the fence for the tower, grass in the areas, upkeep, liabilities, and road maintenance. Mr. Martin addressed all of the concerns and was able to provide additional information for the Board. He used diagrams provided to show where the road would be and the fencing area protecting football and PE equipment. He talked about the easement and maintenance of the road.

There were additional questions about early termination clauses and how this would work. Mr. Martin explained the value of placing the tower, fencing, and building in this area would be about \$350,000 and was valued over a 15-year period of time. There were comments about tax benefits, any adverse reasons not to do this, and questions about the size of the building. Director Clewell asked if there would be any high voltage problems with the tower. Mr. Gary DuChesne from U. S. Cellular was able to address the concerns. He noted the building would typically be 12 x 20 – this needed to be corrected in the agreement. The voltage would only be 200 AMP service so no problems with this. They talked about having a generator installed but that was not in the initial work. They might need this later in case of major emergency type issues that would provide customers with service.

Director De Fauw commented how board members previously stated concerns about access to the property by unknown people who might need to work on the tower. Mr. Martin explained how the guidelines were in place. If the cellular staff had to be on the property after hours, there would be a procedure to contact him 24/7. There won't be problems with the access road and US Cellular will take care of snow removal and repairs. Director De Fauw asked about the impact on future athletic field needs behind North. Mr. Martin explained how this area would not have an impact on the needs for the school, and it will probably allow us better access with the extension of the road. Mr. DeChesne said they met with the athletic director and went over plans with staff. The athletic director asked them to accommodate the football and athletic equipment needs with the fence. Director De Fauw worried about non-district employees having access to the property without our knowledge. Mr. DeChesne explained there would be one cell technician assigned. He will be introduced to the staff at North. He will be the only person coming and going to do updates or repairs. They usually come out one time a month to check on the tower and do any needed maintenance. The only other time they would be there is if a problem arises and something needs to be done. That would be a very rare occasion.

Director Krumwiede asked about the lights and flag pole for the tennis courts. Mr. Martin outlined how the lights would work for two of the courts and then talked about the linear layout of the existing tennis court yard. There were remarks about paving or gravel on the frontage road, grass removal, mowing, and safety measures. Mr. DeChesne talked about the design of the tower and how it was manufactured. This is engineered to meet specifications and can withstand extreme winds. He even gave an example of a tower in Des Moines that withstood a tornado while other buildings were destroyed. There was more talk about modifications, after-hour repairs, and any health risks. The Board heard about the FCC standards and US Cellular far exceeded these standards.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Unfinished business from June 8)

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **BOARD MEETING CALENDAR 2009-2010 DRAFT**

The Board looked at a draft for the board meeting calendar for 2009-2010. Director Krumwiede asked if a graduation date was set for the high schools, since the Kimberly Center graduations were the only ones listed. Dr. O'Melia said they set the date for graduation as June 6, 2010 with North High first, West High second and Central High third. The last service would start at 5:30 PM.

Director De Fauw expressed a preference for the long-range planning workshop for July to be early evening instead of over the lunch hour. Vice President Roberson explained the calendar for the year was set in advance so the community has an opportunity to know the yearly schedule and it helped with processing of bills and other business needs.

Director Johanson asked if there were sufficient meetings listed to handle all the discussion items and action. Vice President Roberson felt the Board never had enough Committee of the Whole meetings and often were rushed to make a decision without having time for adequate discussion. Director Clewell agreed and wondered if there were enough opportunities for full discussions with the draft schedule. He wondered if more meetings should be scheduled.

Director Johanson talked about the Agenda Committee and they could design a yearly agenda outline which would help with planning for presentation of topics in advance. Occasionally meetings are cancelled and then we get behind in having time to discuss topics such as addressing student achievement. Maybe it would help to have a year plan so we don't struggle with getting the topics we need on the agenda for discussion. Vice President Roberson talked about the agenda committee looking at items the administration requests for discussion or action and there are too many things for one meeting. Without extra Committee of the Whole meetings, we get behind in the discussion phase. If we are to do justice to the discussions, we have to be sure there are adequate meeting dates. Director Clewell is on the agenda committee and spoke about spending time on critical areas and priority things that come along. We need to look at the full year for planning purposes.

Final approval of the board meeting calendar for the school year is usually done at the annual meeting in July and is distributed to staff and community.

B. **IASB & UEN MEMBERSHIP DUES 2009-2010**

Director Clewell was very supportive of the IASB services and felt the membership dues are well spent money. They provide the Board with information and training. We use their website for legislative advocacy and they help with trips to Des Moines when we visit legislators. He wasn't sure about the money spent for UEN dues this year. However, Julio Almanza will be the chair for UEN this year and President Zamora is excited about reinvigorating UEN during 2009-10. He felt we can work together to accomplish some good things between IASB and UEN.

Vice President Roberson asked about UEN services and whether we were getting our money's worth. Director Clewell talked about his history with the Urban Education Network and how they have slowed down in the last four years. They are now starting to add things back such as the "Job Alike Meetings" and having more sessions together to work on opportunities to help urban districts.

Director Krumwiede supported both IASB and UEN and felt they helped board members to build relationships and network throughout the state. There are activities, presentations, ABLE workshops, and on-line assistance through IASB. We have additional contacts with UEN for the eight larger school districts. He talked about other districts asking for help from us on legislative advocacy efforts and we have more power when we join together.

Director De Fauw added for everyone's benefit that IASB stood for the Iowa Association of School Boards and UEN stood for the Urban Education Network. Vice President Roberson thought if we feel we are coming up short with the services of UEN, we needed to let them know and make changes. Director Johanson supported spending money on the dues and felt there were many opportunities offered through IASB and UEN. We help IASB understand its role in supporting all school districts and not just the smaller districts. We help them understand the needs of the urban districts are different and need attention also.

Julio Almanza spoke about how we have been able to work with our local area legislators and this has been very effective in getting legislation that helps our schools. There have been a number of changes in the last four years with UEN and significant leadership changes. Julio said he will be one of the superintendents with the longest experience in UEN this year and he has only been with the Davenport District three years.

NOTE: The IASB dues are based on each district's general fund budget. The overall revenue increase is limited to 4 percent, although some districts may see a greater or lesser percentage due to their general fund growth or reduction. Dues are limited to a maximum of \$10,366. The Urban Education Network (UEN) dues this year are \$7,500 which is actually a decrease for 2009-2010 due to changes in their office. The recommendation for payment of dues will come up for action at the July 13 annual meeting.

C. IASB 2010 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Director Johanson said he was not able to attend the June 16 District #6 IASB meeting where IASB provided guidance on selecting priorities. We previously provided IASB with priorities and even some resolutions for legislative advocacy. He talked about how board members had done the priorities in the last few years where individuals selected their top choices and then we put them together on a rating scale. The ones that got the most interest were put on our list. He didn't feel the board really had adequate discussion on these and so he suggested they consider having board members who serve on the Legislative Advocacy Committee work on a process and discuss the 35 priorities listed by IASB. They could then make a recommendation back to the full Board for consideration.

Other board members commented on having an opportunity for input into the priorities and evaluating the ones that should be selected. There were concerns with having only three board members actually discussing the priorities and not providing an opportunity for the full Board to make the selection. Director Johanson responded this was more like the work done by the Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committees where a smaller group looks over matters, debates issues, and makes a recommendation to the full Board. The Board always has a chance to discuss prior to taking action.

Director De Fauw suggested we not list allowable growth as one of the strategies this year and add one of the other areas for focus. It seems to be a mute issue for the legislators, and they haven't increased allowable growth for years even though we have worked with them over and over. Director Krumwiede was curious about the approach suggested in asking the Legislative Advocacy Committee to do the selection. He thought the full Board needed to be engaged with the process. Director Johanson said they won't deny input from board members, but the committee might be able to make some recommendations first and have a strategy. He didn't know if there was a real interest by board members in having a lengthy discussion about legislative priorities when there was other important business to discuss. He suggested using the committee was a more strategic method and would allow board members time to discuss topics that dealt directly with the school district and not just legislation.

Director Clewell looked forward to having a discussion on allowable growth as a priority because he felt if we don't let legislators know what we want, it will not happen. We have to step up the work and tell them what we need. Vice President Roberson said every year we ask for 6% and they aren't even close to that figure. He felt we should ask for something else this year and not increased allowable growth because they won't do it. Director Clewell commented that if the administration looks sad about this, it is because we are looking at 0% allowable growth from legislators for 2010. That will really cause problems and we must let them know what it means to us if we receive no new money for our district. With declining enrollment, that will hit us harder than ever financially.

NOTE: Action should be taken on approving the priorities during July so IASB has the District's choices by early August for their planning purposes.

D. URBAN EDUCATION NETWORK PRIORITIES 2010

Director Krumwiede wondered if we should take the same approach suggested for IASB for the UEN priorities for 2010. Director Johanson said he hadn't thought all the details through for UEN. Director Clewell felt the smaller group was in motion and they were building relationships with UEN. The Legislative Advocacy role needs to move into UEN on these issues. Director Johanson didn't know if this topic was really on the top list of things to discuss at board meetings for most board members. This is a much smaller discussion topic and a subgroup might handle it more efficiently.

Vice President Roberson felt the priorities selected should be directed at improving student achievement and we have to make sure our objectives are clear. We should give the legislature some directives on what is in the best interest of education in our district.

NOTE: These priorities should have discussion and action taken during the July meeting in order to accommodate the UEN scheduling plans for early August when they are back in operation.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

JULY LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Superintendent Almanza asked for some clarification regarding the Board Workshop for July. There were two dates listed for the long-range planning workshop – July 20 and July 27. He wondered what date would work for board members so he can get the staff ready for presentations. He heard that the early evening time would be better than over the lunch hour. He wanted to know if 4:30 or 5:00 would be better and which date to pick.

Director De Fauw thought the 4:30 time would be difficult for President Zamora and Director Tupper and they usually preferred 5:00 PM to start. Vice President Roberson said since several people were absent tonight, he would get in touch with them about a time for the workshop.

Directors Krumwiede and Clewell were flexible with their schedules and available on either date in July.

EXEMPT NEGOTIATION SESSION

Superintendent Almanza asked about a meeting with board members for an Exempt Session for negotiations. They looked at June 25 but it doesn't work for several people at noon or at 5 PM. The administration would like to look at proposals for employees so they could be presented at the July 13 meeting. Vice President Roberson will check with others and get back to the superintendent with a time and date for an Exempt Session.

BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Director Krumwiede requested an agenda item on the stimulus dollars and priorities of the administration. At the IASB workshop they presented information on the stimulus dollars, and if we are not going to get them, we should know why.

Director Krumwiede requested an agenda item on the Iowa Core Curriculum including an update on our progress.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Clewell talked about teachers being recognized and how he had an opportunity to ask a student about a favorite teacher. The student said it was Mrs. Anna Ferguson who was the best teacher at the Kimberly Center. Congratulations to her.

GOVERNOR'S AWARD:

Vice President Roberson said he was not able to attend the award ceremony on June 19 in Marion but would like someone to talk about the event. Director Johanson attended and had the certificate the Board received from the State of Iowa for the Governor's Volunteer Award. This was given to our Board after being nominated for our outstanding service to the State of Iowa. This was the 26th Annual Awards Ceremony. President Zamora and Director Johanson were able to attend along with Superintendent Almanza. The certificate will be put in the Jim Hester Board Room.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Board directors thanked the retiring Board Secretary/Treasurer, Linda Smith Kortemeyer, for her service during the last 14.5 years. They talked about her help with the Legislative Advocacy and Policy Committee and for things she did with IASB and UEN. Vice President Roberson appreciated having someone to listen to the board requests and making time for them. Director Johanson remarked about how change is sweet and board members also looked forward to working with the new Board Secretary/Treasurer, Lynnette Carver.

Director De Fauw noted a letter to the editor in the Quad City Times recognizing the staff at Kimberly Center for their outstanding service. Cathy Bosco was recognized as the principal and the parent said they were making a difference in the lives of many young people. Congratulations to Cathy and her staff at the Kimberly Center.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion. By consensus the board members agreed to adjourn.

Vice President Roberson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary