

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## JUNE 24, 2002

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in closed and regular sessions, pursuant to law and the rules of the Board, on Monday, June 24, 2002 at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street. President Jim Hester called the Closed Session for Evaluation of the Board Secretary to order at 6:10 PM in the Executive Conference Room. The regular meeting was called to order in the Board Room at 7:10 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: President Jim Hester; Directors Richard Clewell, Steve Hunter, Steve Imming, and Patt Zamora. Absent: Directors Mavis Lee and Susan Low.

### CLOSED SESSION

#### I. CLOSED SESSION: BOARD SECRETARY EVALUATION

**MOTION:** Director Imming moved the Board go into closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

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

The Board moved into the closed session for the Board Secretary's evaluation at 6:10 PM in the Executive Conference Room. By consensus the Board returned to open session at 6:55 PM. They took a brief recess before returning to the board table at 7:10 PM for the regular meeting.

### REGULAR MEETING

#### RECOGNITIONS

##### I. RECOGNITIONS

###### A. Scott County Regional Authority \* *Rachael Mullins*

Rachael Mullins congratulated all the successful grantwriters for the 2002 Spring round of awards from the Scott County Regional Authority. During this cycle of grants our district represented over half of the education entities in Scott County that received awards. Recipients from the following grants were present for the meeting.

All-day Kindergarten	\$60,948 (First of two cycles)	Kathy Erickson
Band and Orchestra	\$20,000 (Final of three cycles)	John Bernatz
Great Minds	\$25,000	Laura Cleaveland and Larry Minnard
SECME	\$20,000	Gma Howze
KCAE Reading Program	\$11,986	Dr. Paul Johnson
KCAE Science Lab	\$27,310	Dr. Paul Johnson

North High Reading Tech	\$24,959	Jim Andrews
North High Piano	\$18,970 (Final of two cycles)	Jim Andrews
West High Science Tech	\$41,716	Chris Gallin
West High Music Tech	\$15,600	Chris Gallin
Buffalo Playground	\$25,000	
Harrison Reading Materials	\$ 2,930	Kevin Dighton
Washington Accel Math	\$23,224	
Hoover Play Equipment	\$ 6,005	Paula Hauf

The amount funded for the District was \$323,648; of the 31 education grants awarded to 10 applicants, 14 of the awards were for the Davenport District. Congratulations was expressed to the internal review panel that included Laura Cleaveland, Bill Good, Paul Johnson, Ken Krumwiede, Mike Lake, Gary Sloat, Bill Thiessen, Teresa Wessling, and Claudia Wood.

Dr. Blanche and Ms. Mullins also recognized the contributions made by **Lenny Stone** and **Patsy Ramacitti** (President and Vice President of the Scott County Regional Authority). Mr. Stone said he really enjoyed working with the District on this project. He hoped there would be continued support for the gaming item that would be on the November election ballot because this supports all the grants being awarded. Mrs. Ramacitti said there was nothing more rewarding than giving away money to the schools. The difficult part was making the decision on who gets the funding. The programs are important to the children and the funds make sure children have things they need. Mr. Stone and Mrs. Ramacitti applauded the Administration and Board for all their work for education. Ms. Mullins and Dr. Blanche presented flowers to Mr. Stone and Mrs. Ramacitti. Dr. Blanche commented the SCRA funding makes it possible to expand the horizons of our children and challenges us to do better. It takes time and a lot of effort on the part of the schools to put together ideas to help students. It takes a lot of initiative on the part of the staff and community to write the grant applications and then implement them. Board members expressed their thanks.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monday, July 1, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, DSASC, Board Room
- B. Monday, July 8, 7:00 PM, Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- C. Monday, August 5, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, DSASC, Board Room
- D. Monday, August 12, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- E. 2002 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION CALENDAR  
 President Hester said election packets were available in Board Secretary's office. He also noted there would be 2 seats for three-year terms and 1 seat for a one-year term that would be on the election ballot in September.
  - Monday, July 8; Candidate filing begins
  - Saturday, July 27; Last day for vacancies
  - Thursday, August 1 @ 5 PM; Candidate filing deadline
  - Tuesday, August 6, Withdrawal deadline
  - Tuesday, August 6, Objection deadline
  - Friday, August 30 by 5 PM, Voter registration deadline
  - Tuesday, September 10, School Board Election Day (7 AM to 8 PM)
- F. Open Forum for Community Input -- There were no requests 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 Intervening Meetings

The minutes from the last Regular Board Meeting June 10, 2002 and a Special Call Closed Session June 17, 2002 were presented for approval.

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

##### RECOMMENDATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Gross, D'Anne Assistant Principal/Activities Dir. Central High School	Effective: August 1, 2002 Salary: To be Determined 220 days
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Lopez, Christopher Associate Principal North High School	Effective: August 1, 2002 Salary: To be Determined 220 days
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Mielenhausen, Steven Associate Principal Young Intermediate	Effective: August 1, 2002 Salary: To be Determined 215 Days
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Reams, Amalia Campanile Associate Principal Central High School	Effective: August 1, 2002 Salary: To be Determined 220 days
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##### RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Borcherding, Rhonda French Wood Intermediate	Effective: June 4, 2002 Reason: Other Employment Years of Service: 19 yrs 11 mos.
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Gross, D'Anne Science Wood Intermediate	Effective: August 1, 2002 Reason Other DCSD Employment Years of Service: 8 yrs
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Healy, Gina Spanish Wood Intermediate	Effective: June 4, 2002 Reason: Other Employment Years of Service: 2yrs 1 mo
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Kaminsky, Tabitha Orchestra 4-8 J. B. Young Intermediate	Effective: June 5, 2002 Reason: Personal Years of Service: 11 mos.
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Kolman, Wade Business Education Central High	Effective: June 4, 2002 Reason: Relocation Years of Service: 10 mos.
Litterer, Jill Special Education Buchanan Elementary	Effective: June 4, 2002 Reason: Other Employment Years of Service: 1 yr 9 mos.
Lloyd, Janet Spanish I Williams Intermediate	Effective: June 5, 2002 Reason: Other Employment Years of Service: 1 yr. 10 mos.
Lopez, Christopher Language Arts West High	Effective: August 1, 2002 Reason: Other DCSD Employment Years of Service: 10 yrs.
Mielenhausen, Steven Science Williams Intermediate	Effective: August 1, 2002 Reason: Other DCSD Employment Years of Service: 6 yrs.
Reams, Amalia Campanile Facilitator Sudlow Intermediate/Garfield Elementary	Effective: August 1, 2002 Reason: Other DCSD Employment Years of Service: 30 yrs.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Jeffries, Julie LOA	Extension of Leave without Pay from 08/20/2002 - End of First Semester of the 2003-2004 School Year Effective: 08/20/2002 - 08/19/2003 Reason: Family Responsibility
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RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Alongi, Jennifer Team Leader Williams Intermediate	3% \$715.00
Anderson, James 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr Wrestling Coach J.B. Young Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Balsar, Clint Musical Book Director North High	5% \$1,187.00
Bashor, Jessica Assistant Sophomore Softball Coach North High	7% \$1,661.00

Beno, Andie Assistant Cheerleading Coach Central High	10% \$2,384.00
Boerema, Nancy Vocal Music Grant Elementary	5% \$1,192.00
Burnaugh, Deborah Team Leader (.50) Williams Intermediate	6% \$715.00
Burrage, Shadrick Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach North High	8% \$1,907.00
Gross, D'Anne Activity Director Wood Intermediate	20% \$7,151.00
Gross, D'Anne Track Coach Co-Ed Wood Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Hotchkiss, Marcya 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr Girls Basketball "B" Team Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Hotchkiss, Marcya 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr Volleyball "B" Team Sudlow Intermediate	8% \$1,907.00
Jobgen, Eric Head Girls' Golf Coach West High	7% \$1,668.00
Knight, Gabe Head Boys' Soccer Coach Central High	8% \$1,907.00
Knutsen, Molly 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr Basketball "B" Team Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Knutsen, Molly 7-8 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball Sudlow Intermediate	8% \$1,907.00
Lafrenz, Jill L. Head Girls' Track Coach North High	14% \$3,337.00

Miranda, Anthony 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr Wrestling Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Moses, Kelley Assistant Sophomore Girls' Basketball West High	10% \$2,384.00
Peitscher, Logan Assistant 9 <sup>th</sup> Gr Football Coach North High	8% \$1,907.00
Puebla, Keith 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr Asst. Football Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Puebla, Keith Team Leader Sudlow Intermediate	6% \$1,430.00
Saxton, Joanna Pom Pon Coach Central High	7% \$1,668.00
Terronez, Anthony 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr Basketball "B" Team Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Verdon, Matthew 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr Wrestling Williams Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Verdon, Matthew 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr Wrestling Williams Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Williams, Natalie Assistant Track Williams Intermediate	5% \$1,192.00
SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS	
Bashor, Jessica Head Sophomore Softball Coach North High	10% \$2,374.00
Booe, Judy Elementary Orchestra (.5) Washington/Eisenhower/McKinley	4% \$474.50
Castle, Ryan Assistant Sophomore Football Coach North High	10% \$2,384.00

Darbyshire, Roberta Teacher-in-Charge (.50) Wilson Elementary	7.5% \$1,787.50
Eckhardt, Skip Assistant Varsity Football Coach North High	12% \$2,860.00
Frueh, Michael Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach North High	6% \$1,424.00
Gray, Charles Safety Patrol Supervisor Wilson Elementary	5% \$1,192.00
Heller, Guy Head Girls' Swim Coach North High	14% \$3,337.00
Josund, William Head Sophomore Football Coach North High	12% \$2,860.00
Riewerts, Ryan Musical Book Director North High	5% \$1,187.00
Riewerts, Ryan Technical Director North High	5% \$1,187.00
Striegel, Scott Assistant Varsity Football Coach Central High	12% \$2,860.00

## APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

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Riedesel, Ginger School Nurse (.80) Monroe Elementary	Degree: Associate Effective: 8/20/2002 Salary: \$16,637.60
Shine, Kari Special Education/BD Eastern Avenue	Degree: B.A. – Step 6 Effective: 8/20/02 Salary: \$30,606.00
Striegel, Scott Physical Education Central High	Degree: M.Ed. – Step 10 Effective: 8/20/02 Salary: \$39,176.00

RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Simmons, Latoya	Effective: June 28, 2002
Clerk II	
KCAE	

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Felts, Linda	Effective: July 15, 2002
Clerical	Reason: Retirement
Wood Intermediate	Yrs. of Service: 26 yrs., 11 mos.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Allen, Rochelle	Effective: June 18, 2002
Para-educator	Reason: Further Education
Madison Elementary	Yrs. of Service: 4 yrs., 8 mos.

Davis, Jessica	Effective: June 5, 2002
Para-educator	Reason: Family Responsibilities
Monroe Elementary	Yrs. of Service: 4 mos.

Dorsett, Juanita	Effective: June 4, 2002
Food Service Cashier	Reason: Voluntary Self-Termination
Fillmore Elementary	Yrs. of Service: 1 mos.

Hood, Roberta	Effective: June 4, 2002
Para-educator	Reason: Personal
Harrison Elementary	Yrs. of Service: 1 yr., 4 mos.

Liesegang, Linda Sue	Effective: June 25, 2002
Clerical	Reason: Relocation
Williams Intermediate	Yrs. of Service: 12 yrs., 10 mos.

Meck, Denise	Effective: June 4, 2002
Para-educator	Reason: Personal
Blue Grass Elementary	Yrs. of Service: 1 yr., 4 mos.

Pohl, William	Effective: May 28, 2002
Para-educator	Reason: Medical
Monroe Elementary	Yrs. of Service: 6 yrs., 9 mos.

\* Not a Teacher      \*\* Substitute Teacher      \*\*\* Not a Replacement

**MOTION:** Director Imming moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Clewell, Zamora, Hunter, 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 approve the resolution for payment of bills as presented. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

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

## OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

#### B. School Board Resignation

The Board was asked to accept a letter of resignation from Mavis Lee effective June 24, 2002 due to family obligations. President Hester explained the resignation creates a one-year vacancy on the School Board. The one-year vacancy will be placed on the election ballot for September 10, 2002. Candidates filing must indicate on the Affidavit of Candidacy whether they are running to fill the vacancy. Candidate information packets are available in the Board Secretary's office at the Administration Service Center.

**MOTION:** Director Zamora moved the Board accept the letter of resignation from Board Director Mavis Lee effective June 24, 2002 due to family obligations. Director Imming seconded the motion.

President Hester said the Board and District want to thank Mrs. Lee for her work. People will remember her as the woman who delivered a baby and on the same night she voted by phone at the board meeting.

Director Imming said he wished to publicly thank Mrs. Lee for serving on the Board. He knew this was a time-consuming task; and with little children to care for, it makes things more difficult. Mrs. Lee provided a good perspective to many issues. The rest of the board members agreed.

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

#### C. IASB Dues for 2002-2003

The Board was asked to approve continuation of the school district membership with the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) and payment of \$7,911 in dues for 2002-03.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board accept the continuation of the school district membership with the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) and payment of \$7,911 in dues for 2002-03. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

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

**D. Non-Bargaining Personnel Salaries 2002-2003**

The administration recommended approval of salaries and benefits for non-bargaining personnel for the 2002-2003 school year as presented.

**MOTION:** Director Zamora moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation of salaries and benefits for non-bargaining personnel for the 2002-2003 school year as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Zamora, Clewell, Imming, Hunter, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the salary schedule and benefits will be included with the minutes of record.)

**E. Administrative Salaries 2002-2003**

The Board was asked to approve salaries and benefits for administrative personnel for the 2002-2003 school year as presented.

**MOTION:** Director Imming moved the Board approve the salaries and benefits for administrative personnel for the 2002-2003 school year as presented. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Zamora, Hunter, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the salary schedule and benefits will be included with the minutes of record.)

**F. Bid #661 -- New Window Blinds for West High School Classrooms/Public Hearing**

**MOTION:** Director Imming moved the Board accept low Bid #661 from Quad City Blind Factory in the amount of \$34,007 for new window blinds for West High School Classrooms. Director Hunter seconded the motion.

President Hester conducted a public hearing for Bid #661 for new window blinds for West High classrooms. No one came forth to be heard; the public hearing was declared closed.

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

F. Bid #661 -- New Window Blinds for West High School Classrooms/Public Hearing

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

No: 661

Board Meeting: 6/24/02

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

New window blinds for West High School Classrooms

2. Rationale:

Though under separate contract, blind replacement is part of window replacement budget.

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

<u>Department</u>	<u>Administrator</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Fund Account Number</u>
Operations	Donna Cooper	\$37,400.00	Local Option Sales Tax

4. Number of proposals sent to vendor:

4 sent on 6/3/02

5. Number of proposals received from vendor:

2 received on 6/17/02

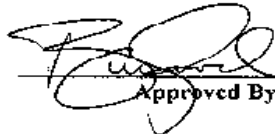
6. Listing of Vendors:

	<u>Total Bid</u>
Paragon Interiors, Davenport IA	\$37,776.60
Quad City Blind Factory, Davenport IA	\$34,007.00

6. Recommended Bid:

The low bid from Quad City Blind Factory in the amount of \$34,007.00

7. Other Comments:

  
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 Approved By

  
 Signature of Chief Financial Officer

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. National School Fitness Foundation Contribution Agreement (LIFT)

The Board received an overview of the LIFT (Leadership Fitness Training) agreement previously discussed at a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Rachael Mullins, Chris Gallin, and other representatives from West High were available for questions. Mr. Enoch Robey, a representative from the National School Fitness Foundation, outlined the benefits of the program and explained how the agreement would work. This is a 501C-3 non-profit foundation that is committed to piloting 60 fitness and cardiac equipment centers in the state of Iowa. They will use a stand alone, mutual lease model. Through the laws of arbitrage, they cannot sign on the lease. The school enters into the lease agreement for the equipment with an annual renewal. The contract is set up for about \$158,000 and the district will pay for the equipment on a monthly basis. Then on a certain date each month, the Foundation will deposit a contribution check to cover the lease in our account. The Foundation requires the schools to provide data on assessment of students for the American Heart Association, CDC, and the federal government. The data is the lifeblood of the National School Fitness Foundation. The program addresses the concerns of the Surgeon General dealing with problems of obesity in children.

Mr. Robey said this would involve a circuit training plan with 2 to 3 days a week where an individual follows a schedule for about 18 to 20 minutes to assess their fitness. There are seven assessments done including body composition, bio-feedback readings, or lean muscle mass tests. The focus is off the student's weight and interested in body mass instead. Strength and flexibility will be measured and the students will be taught proper positions, warm ups, and using all muscle groups. It tests heart rate and cardiopulmonary functions. There will be a project coordinator that is usually someone on the P.E. staff who is involved. There will be thumbprints used for student identification that addresses security issues.

Director Hunter asked if there was a program or data that would support the program through P.E. classes? Mr. Robey said the work was customized for each individual. Through the assessment measurements, their work out is customized based on what the person needs to do. There are pulse monitors that address feedback. We target students that are non-athletes mainly. Many of the students would not go into a fitness center to participate with athletes. These students are taught through a video about the equipment and they see individual progress levels. This is a unique program that offers them success. They see progress after about three weeks. Then after three months of workouts, they have increases in oxygen levels and cardiovascular levels. Director Hunter thought this would be a key to success when students can see progress being made. He asked if there was an instruction component so students can appreciate this. Mr. Robey said only when the students are brought in for assessment is their instruction; the emphasis is not on weight reduction. Body composition and lean muscle mass is most important. When a student feels better, they look better because of body composition.

Director Zamora asked if there would be adjustments for handicaps. Mr. Robey said they added a few machines for students with no legs in one district and developed the upper body. There are barriers for safety if a student has to use weights, so that no one will get injured. We will do what works with the needs of your school. We train the staff for medical response and equipment or OSHA standards for privacy. This is geared for grades 8 to 12.

Mr. Robey talked about the equipment manufacturers and stringent designs made. Mr. Cooper's original goal was to bring equipment to the local school. Eventually through donations the Foundation was set up to handle this program. Mr. Robey talked about background information about the organization of the Foundation in Utah in 2000. There needs to be space, training, and a business model for the program at each school. Iowa got involved with this through Senator Harkin's influence and interest. The equipment base was out of Cedar Rapids and expanding. Mr. Robey talked about raising funds and having over \$41 million in the program so they can make this a statewide venture. Once we reach 60 schools in Iowa, we can show we have impact on children's health. They have helped 20 districts already apply and 70 schools can apply. The grants will be awarded directly to the schools that apply. Mr. Robey explained smaller schools in Iowa are part of the process because they are able to provide the space needed. As far as security, the information gathered from assessments will come back without names. Students get a number that they use with the equipment and this complies with all the privacy acts.

Board members continued to ask questions regarding costs and contributions made for this fitness program that will be set up at West High School. There is a three-year lease agreement with a yearly renewal. It extends three years to allow for payment of the equipment. At the end of the three years, the district can pay \$1 to own all the equipment. And the equipment is covered under full warranty for the first three years. The lease is about \$158,000 for three stations and with four runs about \$208,000; so there is a \$5,530/month payment for 36 months. The Foundation hopes the District will continue with them after the initial three years. Others have come back to us and asked about getting new equipment. We used an independent appraiser and we gave them credit for their older equipment. We met them half way on the costs. That was an additional option we provided to the school after the first three years. We take back the old equipment and have it refurbished; it is then donated.

President Hester liked the idea of providing training for students to build their bodies and learn about health improvements. He had questions about most of the participating schools being small districts. Mr. Robey said many of the urban districts had space issues and the rural schools can come up with the space to convert an area into the fitness center. Some of the urban areas have had health clubs who objected, but we are not in competition with them. Hopefully we will get kids interested in fitness and they might become future health club members. Pending legal counsel review and approval by the administration, the Board will be given the opportunity to consider the contribution agreement for participation in this new program at the next regular board meeting.

#### **B. IASB Legislative Action Priorities**

Board members reviewed recommendations for the top five legislative action priorities and legislative action resolutions that need to be considered on the 2003 platform. Board members had an opportunity to analyze, discuss, and recommend their top five legislative priorities. The Board will need to take action on the list of priorities by the first week in August. The IASB Resolutions Committee will review the submitted resolutions in August and make recommendations to the IASB Board of Directors in September. The final resolutions will be forwarded to the school board delegates at the IASB November Delegate Assembly.

Director Imming talked about the priorities listed by various board members and also provided the UEN priorities from last year. The board members talked about student achievement, early childhood, technology, allowable growth, statewide funding, instructional support levy, at risk weighting and full funding issues. By consensus the board members identified their top five priorities and ranked them as follows:

1. Item #7
2. Item #8
3. Item #9
4. Item #47
5. Item # 5 and #6 were tied

Board members shared opinions about the legislative priorities and taking action on the top five suggestions. President Hester explained the need to appoint a Legislative Action Network (LAN) member to represent the Davenport District for 2002-03. This individual will be the contact person for legislative issues and often is the voting delegate at the convention. Director Steve Imming said he would be willing to be the LAN person. The Board will need to take action on the priorities and appointment of the Legislative Action Network representative at the next regular board meeting.

**C. Board Directed Goals for 2002-2003**

Board members started the task of developing and creating Board Directed Goals for the 2002-2003 school year. A sample of the Board Goals for 2001-2002 was available for review and evaluation. Dr. Blanche shared his suggestions for wording of the goals and suggested continued discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. There needs to be consistent threads and carry over from one year to the next. President Hester thought the new wording was more concise and the ACE initiative seemed to be included in the Comprehensive School Improvement Plans. Marsha Tangen said there was information available on the five-year plan that would be presented later. Director Zamora complimented the administration on the 90% reading goal. The board members talked about having a district marketing plan and how it would be implemented. Dr. Blanche talked about the plan and said some funding for this would come from the RDA grants to develop the materials. We will have a disk to give to realtors to highlight our district, and we are excited about these efforts. Director Zamora said the board members would like to see this material when it was ready.

Director Clewell talked about goals being incorporated into the CSIP and how this will make us the district of choice. He asked about measurement of the goal dealing with 10% reduction in harassment or bullying. Bill Thiessen said we were collecting data now on referrals from the principals and we can identify these discipline areas. We can check student-to-student harassment and we can target improvements. We are tracking data from last year and now have a base to work from in this area. Director Zamora had concerns about sensitivity training and staff development for teachers. Rachel Mullins talked with the Board about a grant in progress addressing sensitivity concerns. The AVB (Aggressive Victims and Bystanders) will address all students and provide a more active role for training offered through the AEA. There will be specific areas to explore such as curriculum, staff development, speakers, and activities. The training can be provided for K-12 grades, but the focus will be on the middle school. President Hester felt this was not a one-shot deal, but there has to be continuous cultural awareness. He asked if our security person was involved in the training activities. Ms. Mullins said Mike Cole and staff were involved as well as the middle school coordinators were being trained. Then they share with other staff members. The Board will refine and discuss the goals again at the Committee of the Whole meeting before final approval in July.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

### VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

Dr. Blanche reported on the ABLE workshop he attended with Director Hunter in Maquoketa. The training was sponsored through IASB and dealt with accountability and making decisions based on data. Director Hunter said the workshop was very informative and they had a test on how we interpret data. We needed a tutorial to understand the data we received. The most important criteria for improving student performance would be seen as teacher staff development and support. Unfortunately, we are seeing the State cut the funding for staff development.

### VIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Director Imming attended a meeting in June with the Urban Education Network. He would bring back his notes with more information on the meeting later.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Zamora, Imming, Clewell, Hunter, and Hester.

President Hester declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary