

**DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL CALL SESSION (OPEN)  
LONG-RANGE PLANNING WORKSHOP  
JULY 20, 2009**

The Board of the Davenport Community School District met for a Special Call Open Session on Monday, July 20, 2009, pursuant to law. The meeting was in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Zamora called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Richard Clewell, Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, Larry Roberson, and Tim Tupper. Other people present were Superintendent Julio Almanza and other administrators.

**ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

**I. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

**A. Superintendent's Contract Extension**

The Board took action on the extended contract for Superintendent Julio Almanza with negotiated salary and benefits as outlined in his contract.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board accept the negotiated contract for Superintendent Julio Almanza as presented. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

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

**B. Administrative Contract Approvals**

The Board took action on the recommendation from the administration concerning the contract for administrative employees for a two-year period 2009-2011.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board accept the negotiated contract for administrative employees for a two-year period 2009-2011 as presented. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

**C. Non-bargaining Unit Contract Approvals**

The Board took action on the recommendation from the administration concerning the contract for non-bargaining unit employees for a two-year period 2009-2011.

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**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board accept the negotiated contract for non-bargaining employees for a two-year period 2009-2011 as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

### ADJOURNMENT

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

The Board President declared the special call meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM. There was a 5 minute recess then the Board reconvened into the Workshop. All board members remained for the Workshop starting at 5:00 PM.

### LONG-RANGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Board met to consider long-range planning goals for the District referring to operational and financial reports provided. President Zamora stated that the meeting would consist of three parts. First the Board needed to know how much money is available and the options for how those funds could be allocated. Second the Board wanted to know the administrative suggestions. Third the Board needed to discuss and determine their priorities for projects.

Funding was reported as follows:

*LOSS funding* would provide projected revenue of **\$9 million/year over 20 years**.

*Stimulus Funds (construction bonds)* would provide no more than **\$10 million for each funding period 2009 and 2010**. The requirements are that the project is completed within 3 years, have 10% committed in 6 months and be shovel-ready.

Applications must be submitted for these projects. The district pays little to no interest on the bonds.

*Revenue Sales Bonds* could provide for up to 60-70% of amount of the revenues expected from Local Option Sales Tax revenues during current levy.

Administrative immediate priorities are as follows:

North High School-music room, media center, security at entrance and office

Wood Intermediate-air conditioning, gym addition, office security

Fillmore Elementary-increase classroom size, multi-purpose room, office security and drop off/pick up issues

These are projects that could be shovel-ready quickly with the Board's approval.

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There was discussion on why these projects were chosen. The air conditioning at Wood was questioned since there is already air conditioning available. It was noted by Scott Martin that the system has been identified as extremely old and likely to fail in the future. It is more effective to replace while doing other construction projects than to have to go back at a later date. Doing it now will also create less disruption to the school and prevent construction inflation costs. The Wood gym was questioned. It would create more PE space and update it so it is more similar to other intermediate schools. The Board asked why the media center needed attention at North High School. It was reported that they feel their current technology needs are not being met. The Board asked for additional information on specifics of this project. It was also discussed that technology needs to be a priority on a regular basis for the District.

The Board discussed other priorities:

- Children's Village West
- Kimberly Center
- Safety/Security Issues
- Air conditioning throughout District schools
- Fillmore and Walcott essential functions projects
- Davenport Stadium ADA opportunities
- Central High School-auditorium/pool

### Children's Village West

This must be a priority as the lease expires in 2011. The Board would like to see more specific information on the options of a new building vs renovation. They would also like to continue to investigate using potential space within existing schools. A final option will be decided when the additional information is available.

General consensus is that \$6.5 million should be allocated for this project and should cover any of the options.

### Kimberly Center

There was discussion on whether the Kimberly Center is a program or a school and whether that should affect funding decisions. It was noted that although not everyone likes the shopping center concept for the building, the program is important and needs to be considered for improvement. The Board asked for further information on options for Kimberly Center.

### Safety/Security Issues

The issue of safety and security are of utmost importance to the district. These include drop off/pick up problem areas, security cameras, and secure entrances.

General consensus is that \$9 million should be allocated for these projects.

### Air Conditioning

It was reported that the District is partnering with Mid-American to do an assessment of critical needs and they will cover half the expense of the study. The Board agreed that all schools should be updated with air conditioning. Upgrading current air conditioning systems will need further discussion.

General consensus is that \$24.5 million should be allocated for these projects.

### Essential Functions

It was determined that there are two projects that need priority because the essential functions are not being met. Fillmore needs larger classrooms and Walcott needs a

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music room. It was also discussed that it is important to keep technology as a priority on a regular basis in the future.

General consensus is that \$2 million should be allocated for the Fillmore and Walcott projects.

### Stadium

There are ADA needs that are essential as upgrades to this facility.

General consensus is that \$500,000 should be allocated for these projects.

### Wishlist Items

Central High School-auditorium and pool request. Additional options need to be provided before a decision can be reached on these projects. Should the auditorium be a new facility or a renovation? Projections are \$12 million for both projects.

General consensus is that further options and information needs to be provided to Board for review on these projects.

The Board would like to see the GIS report indicating population shifts in the district to determine the needs for possible additional schools. The administration recommends elementary schools not having more than 4 sections of each grade level. This item will be revisited after the report is received.

The Superintendent was asked if there were any staff development needs. Superintendent Almanza reported that at this time the administration was focusing on the needs of the schools and the students.

President Zamora declared the workshop adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary/Treasurer