

**ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS
DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 (Revised)**

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the counties of Scott and Muscatine met in open session for their Organizational and Regular Board Meetings on Monday, September 15, 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 6:45 PM for an annual law evaluation.

The following board members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Richard Clewell; Nikki DeFauw, Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, Larry Roberson, and Tim Tupper. Student board members who attended were: Austin Laugen and Rebecca Briesmoore from Central; Brion Coleman and Nicole Woodson from North; and Amber Renard and Rebecca Emery from West. Superintendent Julio Almanza and other administrators also were in attendance.

6:15 PM RECEPTION FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STUDENT BOARD

A reception was held for the Board and Student Board Members in the Jim Hester Board Room at 6:15 PM prior to the Organizational Board Meeting. Members of the community welcomed the students and board members during the reception.

6:45 PM ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE DISTRICT LAW FIRM

Mr. Cam Davidson represented Lane and Waterman for the annual district law firm evaluation. He gave an overview summary of legal matters reviewed during the year but did not go into details as this would be privileged information. He explained this was a busy and successful year. There were matters dealing with the diversity plan which required additional time. Mr. Davidson talked about the Supreme Court and how their ruling was favorable for our district dealing with the diversity plan. He appreciated the assistance from the administration and board secretary as a resource. When they are able to resolve matters early, it keeps expenses down for the District. Legal expenses were higher this year but the litigation was successful.

Board members asked questions dealing with receipt of monthly litigation summaries. Mr. Davidson said the summaries would be available as confidential correspondence to the Board. Director Tupper had requested information about a contract related to Brady Stadium but had yet to receive any documents. Mr. Davidson said he would check with another partner at the firm to see what progress was being made to get the information requested. The services provided by Lane and Waterman covered a variety of legal matters, i.e. the diversity plan, special education, discrimination, and contract agreements. Trends would be very difficult to ascertain as the cases vary from one year to another. They haven't seen any clear trend established. Director Clewell asked about special education and Mr. Davidson said as with all cases, early intervention and resolution helps. We can't really foresee cases ahead of time but early contact when a matter comes along will help keep costs down. They will keep the Board informed of any areas that need to be monitored or reviewed.

There was a short break before the start of the Organizational Meeting at 7:00 PM.

7:00 PM

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. Call the Meeting to Order

President Patt Zamora called the Organizational Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Approval of Minutes for Regular and Intervening Board Meetings

It was the responsibility of the current board members to approve minutes for the last regular and intervening board meetings as follows: August 25, 2008 Regular Meeting (with corrections in Personnel); and September 8, 2008 Committee of the Whole.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the minutes for the last regular and intervening board meetings be approved as follows: August 25, 2008 Regular Meeting (with corrections in Personnel); and September 8, 2008 Committee of the Whole. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

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

C. Receipt of Report of the Canvas of Votes from the Commissioner of Elections

President Zamora asked the Board Secretary to read the canvas of votes from the Commissioner of Elections.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer read the Abstract of Votes presented by the Board of Supervisors as follows. For the Office of School Board Director, Three-Year Term, Davenport Community School District, there were one thousand eighty-seven votes cast, of which Ken Krumwiede received five hundred nine (509) votes; and Tim Tupper received five hundred nine (509) votes; and there were forty-nine (49) scattering votes received.

Therefore, it was declared Ken Krumwiede and Tim Tupper were duly elected to three (3) year terms to the Davenport Community School District. The canvas was signed by Jim Hancock, Tom Sunderbruch, Larry Minard, Chris Gallin, and Roxanna Moritz, and attested to by Wes Rosenbach, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

D. The Oath of Office Administered to Newly Elected Directors

President Zamora administered the oath of office to the newly elected directors Tim Tupper and Ken Krumwiede. Each director took the oath of office and received a certificate of election from the State of Iowa, County of Scott.

F. Adjournment of Board Sine Die

President Zamora declared this portion of the board meeting adjourned sine die at 7:10 PM.

The Board immediately went into the next part of the organizational meeting dealing with election of the President and Vice President for 2008-2009.

II. ORGANIZATION OF NEW BOARD**A. Temporary Chair**

The Board Secretary explained at the Organizational Meeting she had the responsibility to assist the Board with the election of officers for a one-year term. The procedures were explained for selecting a Temporary Chair and for election of the President and Vice President. Nominations do not require a second.

Director Zamora nominated Linda Smith Kortemeyer as the Temporary Chair for this election. There were no other nominations, so nominations were closed. Since there was only one person nominated, it was the consensus of the Board to vote by voice.

The vote on the nomination for temporary chair was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: De Fauw, Krumwiede, Roberson, Zamora, Clewell, Tupper, and Johanson. Linda Smith Kortemeyer was declared the Temporary Chairperson.

B. Election of Board President

Linda Smith Kortemeyer asked for nominations for the office of President. Director Larry Roberson nominated Patt Zamora. There were no other nominations, so nominations were closed. Since there was only one person nominated, it was the consensus of the Board to vote by voice.

The vote for Patt Zamora as Board President was recorded as follows. Ayes: Clewell, De Fauw, Johanson, Krumwiede, Roberson, Tupper, and Zamora. Patt Zamora was declared Board President of the Davenport School Board for the 2008-2009 School Year.

C. Election of Board Vice President

Linda Smith Kortemeyer asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. Director Zamora nominated Larry Roberson. There were no other nominations, so nominations were closed. Since there was only one person nominated, it was the consensus of the Board to vote by voice.

The vote for Larry Roberson as Board Vice President was recorded as follows: Ayes: Zamora, Tupper, Krumwiede, Johanson, De Fauw, Clewell, and Roberson. Larry Roberson was declared Board Vice President of the Davenport School Board for the 2008-2009 Year.

D. Oath of Office to Board President and Vice President

Linda Smith Kortemeyer administered the Oath of Office to Patt Zamora as Board President and to Larry Roberson as Board Vice President for the 2008-2009 School Year.

Board members remained in their seats and continued with the items on the agenda for the Regular Meeting.

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008****I. RECOGNITIONS****A. Introduction of Student Board Members -- **Julio Almanza, Superintendent***

Superintendent Almanza explained according to By-Laws of the Board #901.6, the Board of Directors includes a non-voting member from the student body of each of the District's high schools. These students will have a variety of duties and responsibilities as they represent their schools during the year and make recommendations from the student body or bring concerns from the community to the attention of the Board.

The students were introduced and briefly gave some reasons why they wanted to serve on the school board. Reasons included wanting to impact education, keeping informed on what goes on in the District, having a say in school matters, representing other students, and seeing this as a great opportunity to let students have voice.

Central High: **Austin Laugen and Rebecca Briesmoore**
North High: **Brion Coleman and Nicole Woodson**
West High: **Amber Renard and Rebecca Emry**

President Zamora told the students the Board really wanted to hear from them during the meetings and they need to speak up so they aren't ignored. Director Clewell thanked the students for attending and he hoped they would be challenged this year and can learn from the process. Board members would do their best to engage students. He mentioned receiving a letter from a former student board member, Nick De La Cruz, who was now going to school in Texas. Nick wrote about the importance of the A.P. courses and this was what the Board needs to hear from our students – what was important to them. We hope you will look back at this year and appreciate having the opportunity to serve on the Board. Vice President Roberson also noted the letter from Nick and how impressed he was with having the student write from college. He welcomed the new student board members and mentioned Brion was one of the students who worked with the 100 Black Men organization and now has become a leader for North High.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- A. Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 PM, Local School Improvement Advisory Committee, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- B. Monday, September 29, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- C. Monday, October 6, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, Location TBD
- D. Wednesday, October 8, 3:45 PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee, Administration Service Center, Conference Room B
- E. Monday, October 13, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- F. Wednesday, October 15, 3:45 PM, Board Policy Committee, Administration Service Center, Conference Room B
- G. Thursday, October 16, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Meet the Candidates Forum (Iowa State Senator and Representatives), Madison Elementary School, Auditorium
- H. Tuesday, October 21, 6:00 PM, District Annual Retirement Dinner, Clarion Hotel in Davenport – **tickets @ Superintendent's Office**
- I. Open Forum – No one requested time to talk.

Director Clewell added September 18 @ 7:00 PM the Vision Committee will meet with representatives from the NAACP in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Adm. Service Center.

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

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Ellingsworth, Barbara	Degree: B.A. – Step 1
PreSchool floating teacher	Effective: September 18, 2008
Children's Village Sites	Salary: \$27,152.43 (184 days of 215 day contract)

Walters, Anne	Degree: A.A. – Step 1
Nurse (.3)	Effective: September 5, 2008
West High	Salary: \$23,342.00 (prorated to .3 FTE or \$6,510.53)

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Hoeper, Anne	6%
Department Head	\$1,599.00
Wood Intermediate	

Kniess, Kimberly Vocal Music – 2 nd Position North High	20% \$5,330.00
Lechtenberg, Melissa Department Head Williams Intermediate	6% \$1,599.00
Riewerts, Ryan Musical Director North High	2% \$533.00
Schaeffer, Bonnie Curriculum & Instructional Facilitator Wilson Elementary	15% \$3,998.00
Schloemer, Colleen Vocal Music Williams Intermediate	5% \$1,333.00
Schrader, Rochelle Vocal Music Assistant Williams Intermediate	3% \$800.00
Seals, William Activities Manager Young Intermediate	20% \$5,330.00

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Bell, Edward FNS Van Driver Operations Center	Effective: September 9, 2008 Salary: \$10.13/hr Hours: 7.5 hrs/day – 2 days/week
Budde, Anne FNS Cashier I West High	Effective: September 5, 2008 Salary: \$8.42 Hours: 3 hrs/day
Coonts, Debra Para Educator Adams Elem./Young Intermediate	Effective: September 16, 2008 Salary: \$8.44/hr Hours: 4.0 hrs/day
Eaton, Betty Para Educator Fillmore Elementary	Effective: August 25, 2008 Salary: \$8.44 Hours: 6.5 hrs/day
Glunz, Natalie Budget Specialist I Children' Village West	Effective: September 22, 2008 Salary: \$13.41/hr Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
Jackson, Jana Para Educator Madison Elementary	Effective: September 15, 2008 Salary: \$8.79/hr Hours: 4.0 hrs/day

Johnson, Sean Juvenile Court Liaison Young Intermediate	Effective: September 15, 2008 Salary: \$29,016.00 prorated to \$24,967.26 (185 days of 215 day contract)
Kempnich, Bradley Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: September 3, 2008 Salary: \$9.90/hr Hours: 6.25 hrs/day
Ketchum, Drew Para Educator Children's Village Buchanan/Fillmore	Effective: September 9, 2008 Salary: \$9.90/hr Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
Lowder-Hume, Linda FNS Manager II Walcott	Effective: October 1, 2008 Salary: \$16.12/hr (for remainder of 08-09 only) Hours: 8 hrs/day

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Bishop, Jessica Activities Manager Young Intermediate	20% \$5,300.00
Denney, Charles Boys' Assistant Varsity Swimming North High	10% \$2,665.00
Dietz, Jeffrey Sophomore Baseball North High	10% \$2,665.00
Duvall, Max Strength & Conditioning Coach Central High	5% \$1,333.00
Manders, Jeffrey Varsity Softball North High	25% \$6,663.00
Schloemer, Colleen Musical Director North High	2% \$533.00
Schloemer, Colleen Vocal Music – 2 nd Position North High	20% \$5,330.00
Seals, William Girls' 7 th Grade Basketball Williams Intermediate	7% \$1,866.00
Seals, William Girls' 8 th Grade Basketball Williams Intermediate	7% \$1,866.00

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Burrows, Cheryl Para Educator West High	Effective: August 11, 2008 Years of Service: 5 yrs 9 mos
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Carpenter, Rhonda Para Educator Central High	Effective: August 26, 2008 Year of Service: 7 mos
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Collinson, Stacey FNS Cashier II Walcott	Effective: August 25, 2008 Years of Service: 6 days
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Hatfield, Shelly FNS Worker North High	Effective: August 25, 2008 Years of Service: 3 mos
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Katherine Kane Para Educator Adams Elem./Young Intermediate	Effective: August 26, 2008 Years of Service: 8 mos
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King, Jennifer Para Educator Buchanan Elementary	Effective: September 5, 2008 Years of Service: 8 mos
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Lowder-Hume, Linda FNS Field Manager Operations	Effective: September 30, 2008 Years of Service: 8 yrs 1 mos
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McHenry, Bobby Jo FNS Cashier I North High	Effective: August 25, 2008 Years of Service: 7 mos
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Moran, Julie Para Educator Pool	Effective: August 22, 2008 Years of Service: 7 mos
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LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Henson, Carol Lead Para Educator Children's Village West	Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: August 27, 2008 - October 14, 2008
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Lewis, Marva Para Educator Williams Intermediate	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: August 21, 2008 – October 3, 2008
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Peters, Laura Clerk III Children's Village West	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: August 15, 2008 - November 7, 2008
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MOTION: Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented by the Administration. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MOTION: Director Roberson moved, "Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary/Treasurer, 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 one voided check, #00251398 to Burlington Country Club for \$285.55." Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

(Note: This resolution was for official approval by the Board for the bill list from August 22, 2008 to September 3, 2008, which was approved for early release by the Board Vice President as allowed by board policy.)

OTHER ITEMS FOR ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. AEA Director District #9 Election

There were changes made in the process for conducting AEA elections during the 2003 legislative session. The Board was asked to vote to fill the position of AEA Director District #9 and allow the President to cast the weighted vote for the Board.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board authorize the Davenport Community School Board President to cast the weighted vote of the Davenport Board for **William Koellner** to represent **Director District #9** for the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency Board of Directors. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

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

B. Re-Appointment of Truancy Officer 2008-2009

The administration recommended re-appointment of Corporal Mike Cole as the Truancy Officer. Corporal Cole has served as the District's Truancy Officer for a number of years. The administration recommends continuation of his service in this capacity.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to re-appoint Corporal Mike Cole as the Truancy Officer for the Davenport School District for the 2008-2009 school year. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

Director Roberson asked about the new family liaison staff members working with Corporal Cole on truancy matters. The administration responded the jobs would be connected.

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

C. Legal Services Cooperative for 2008-2009

The administration recommended approval of the Legal Services Agreement Addendum for Level I services.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the Legal Services Agreement Addendum for Level I Services at an hourly rate as outlined in the cooperative agreement with the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency IX. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Director Tupper asked whether this agreement was in the best interest of the District. Superintendent Almanza said this was a cooperative agreement with the AEA and we received a letter about a rebate from last year because of this agreement and the time actually used for services from the attorneys. The superintendent will follow up with concerns about reports and requests for information with the law firm. Director Roberson asked if there were reasons why we should not approve this agreement with the AEA for legal services. The superintendent had no reasons to stop this agreement and felt we have some issues dealing with the diversity plan where we will be using the law firm in the future. It often takes a long time to receive responses on legal matters, and it was not always clear what the State was telling us. Director Tupper had questions about the transfer policy changes and asked about the impact of the transfers on our District. The Superintendent was waiting for responses from the State but he hasn't received any word yet.

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

D. Delegates to the IASB Assembly & Convention in November 2008

The 2008 Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Delegate Assembly will meet at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines on November 19, 2008 at 1 PM. Iowa school board members will gather to discuss governance issues and vote upon association beliefs and resolutions. The IASB Convention will be November 20 and November 21. The Board should approve a delegate and alternate to represent the Davenport District and vote at the IASB Delegate Assembly. Directors Johanson and Roberson were willing to serve in this capacity.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board select Director Ralph Johanson as the delegate and Director Larry Roberson as the alternate to represent the Davenport School District and vote at the IASB Delegate Assembly in November. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

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

E. Urban Education Network Representative 2008-2009

The Board was asked to officially appoint one of the directors to be the Urban Education Network representative for the 2008-2009 school year. Director Zamora was interested in serving at the UEN representative.

MOTION: Director Krumwiede moved the Board officially appoint Patt Zamora to be the UEN representative for the Davenport School Board for the 2008-2009 school year. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS**VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS****A. Board Policy Revisions, Adoptions, or Deletions**

Members of the Policy Committee went over a number of policies which were presented for revision, adoption, or deletion. Director Johanson introduced the policies and members of the Policy Committee explained the reasons for recommendations. They also talked about the urgency for taking action on some of the policies by the end of the month to meet State guidelines or requirements. The policies discussed were reviewed in groups as outlined.

ADOPTION OF NEW MANDATORY POLICIES

- 503.05 Student Library Circulation Records (Student Section)
- 604.02 School Library (Instruction Section)

REVISION (with addition of wording for grants)

- 602.22 Programs for At-Risk Students (Instruction Section)

REVISIONS (Replace current policy with mandatory policy wording)

- 604.03 Use of Information Resources (Instruction Section of the Book)
- 604.07 Instructional Materials Selection (Instruction Section of the Book)
- 604.10 Objection to Instructional Materials (Instruction Section of Book)
- 605.13 Technology and Instructional Materials (Instruction Section of Book)

REVISIONS (addition of protected classes list from State)

- 504.01 Discipline Policy (two places in the policy)
- 504.07 Harassment: Students (2nd paragraph)
- 504.10 Anti-bullying/Harassment (2nd & 3rd paragraph + minor change)
- 605.10 Multicultural & Gender Fair Approaches to the Educational Program (3rd paragraph)
- 103.16 Advertising and Use of Commercial Support and Services (last paragraph)
- 401.01 Employment Equity & Non-Discrimination (1st & 2nd paragraph)
- 401.42 Harassment: Personnel (2nd and 3rd paragraph)

REVISIONS (Minor updates for current policies in review cycle.)

- 602.06 Curriculum Development
- 602.07 Curriculum Implementation
- 602.08 Curriculum Evaluation

Director Clewell asked why some policies were mandatory and how we were getting this information. Director Johanson explained how we use information from IASB and review their sample policies. Director Clewell wanted more information about the exact Iowa Codes and requirements from the State. President Zamora said the only thing that could make these mandatory would be the Iowa Code or some federal law. The superintendent talked about the references in the policies and he would try to provide more information on this for the board members.

There were concerns expressed about how legislation was taking away local control from the School Board, and it seemed the State was telling us how to run our districts. If these changes are not from State Code, we should discuss them more. The Board Secretary explained how the District has access to the IASB policy book online and monthly she receives notices about sample policies from the Policy Primer section from IASB. The notes are presented to

the Policy Committee to review and then bring forward if they feel it is necessary for further discussion by the full Board. The Board talked more about the new adoptions dealing with teacher/librarians and school libraries. These policies deal with new regulations for privacy and materials used in libraries. There are problems with who has authority to access circulation records and what is in the best interest of everyone. Vice President Roberson felt we should have more clarification from our attorneys on the changes being recommended and in the adoption of mandatory policies.

Board members talked about additions to the wording in 602.22 Programs for At-Risk Students. They looked over additions and discussed whether the first five statements should be deleted and replaced with the new three statements. Some of the board members felt the wording in the original policy was needed and the last three statements could be added. However, they also expressed concerns about being too specific and not flexible with the new list. They thought the new wording should be part of the administrative regulations instead. It was explained this policy was brought back from committee as a result of a one-year old grant. There was a stipulation in the grant about having a board policy that outlined these specific requirements. The committee looked at our policy last fall and felt the current policy was adequate. There were regulations covering the details. The administration thought our policy addressed the requirements and the grant was submitted and approved. However, in June we received notice our policy was not sufficient and the State would not reimburse the last \$50,000 of the grant funding. The total grant was for \$500,000 and we finished the grant work in June 2008.

Director Tupper asked how we could find ourselves in such a position where we lose local control because of a grant. There was additional discussion about impacts from grants and components of board policies. This became a problem for the District at the end of the grant period in June. Juli Staszewski and Rachael Mullins were available to answer more questions about the grant and requirements dealing with the policy language. Vice President Roberson liked the additional language being recommended and felt it set out clear expectations for the district. Director Clewell felt the recommended items listed in the policy went beyond what the policy should have to state. Mr. Almanza explained the DE had insisted the policy include specific wording and it couldn't just be in the regulations. Dr. O'Melia said she was surprised at the end of the year, after the grant was completed, when the State sent us their decision on the board policy. They had not responded at all until June. We really felt the policy submitted was sufficient and had addressed interventions. We tried to work with the DE on explaining how the list was included in regulations, but they have insisted the items be in the board policy. Director Clewell would like to follow up more closely with this and he wanted to talk with people from the State Department of Education about the matter. Director De Fauw said when the committee looked at the policy last year, we felt the intent was stated and within the confines of the requirements for the grant. Director Johanson also explained the State had given us a September 30 deadline to make the change in our 602.22 policy to add their wording.

The Board further discussed a group of policies dealing with harassment and specific wording in our policies. During a review last year, there were policies

noted they felt needed additional classifications added to our language. Since the Policy Committee was asked to change two policies for the DE, they also found other policies which listed groups of protected classes and felt it would be good to have the language consistent in all the policies. President Zamora expressed concern with the protected classes shown in the revisions and wasn't sure if the Supreme Court or legislators had made these changes. She asked these policies be sent to our legal firm for review before being approved by the Board. There were questions about future law suits because of wording being so specific in the policies and whether this was actually stated as shown in Iowa Code as to the list of protected categories or groups. Board members thought these changes were out of bounds and we needed a legal opinion. Director De Fauw also mentioned it was being required we make the changes by a September 30 deadline for these policies.

There were other policies recommended to be completely rewritten and replaced with new sample policies from IASB. Director Johanson said our wording was similar to the samples, but the committee felt these new policies covered all the latest requirements and wording. There were three policy revisions dealing with curriculum areas and those seemed to be fine with only minor changes in wording. Those policies had been reviewed by the curriculum department with the recommended changes.

B. Board Committees, Appointments, or Assignments

There was an opportunity for board members to talk about Standing Committee assignments. President Zamora went through each group and asked people about serving on committees again this year. Board members expressed their appreciation for serving on committees and what a learning experience this was for them. They looked forward to continuing with the assignments unless others wanted the opportunity. Board members also looked at district-wide committees and who was interested in being on those groups. Overall the committees would stay the same as last year.

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES 2008-2009

- Board Policy: Ralph Johanson, Nikki De Fauw, and Ken Krumwiede
- Legislative Advocacy: Richard Clewell, Ralph Johanson, & Ken Krumwiede

DISTRICT-WIDE COMMITTEES 2008-2009

- Community Education Committee – Larry Roberson
- Technology Committee – Larry Roberson
- Lincoln Academy -- Ken Krumwiede and Rich Clewell
- Local School Improvement Advisory Committee – Ralph Johanson

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/ BOARD REQUESTS

Superintendent Almanza said they were working with the City on developing a resolution for the Council to consider regarding the Davenport Promise. It was his expectation a final report would be given to the City in December. They will have to look at repercussions if they don't go forward with the Davenport Promise and find ways to increase the population in our area. The City has hired the consultants who are providing the data and statistics for the area.

Vice President Roberson commented there was an article in the *Quad City Times* recently about the Davenport Promise and moving our city forward.

Director Clewell asked about committee assignments and volunteered to be put on the Agenda Committee with the President and Vice President.

Director Tupper suggested the full Board should come up with a plan for topics they want discussed by the end of the year and a schedule be developed. President Zamora asked board members to write down topics they wanted and they could talk about this again. The superintendent said it would help having a long-term plan for what board members expected during the year for reports.

Director Johanson requested having the UEN priorities as a discussion item at the next board meeting in order to meet the time frame for the November meeting of UEN. President Zamora said this will be put on the agenda and it will be similar to selecting the IASB priorities.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Almanza asked student board members to talk more about things in which they were involved at their schools. Students mentioned the TAG program, AP classes, class officers, Project Lead the Way, Key Club, Environment Club, cross county, band, Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, orchestra, Student Senate, Spanish Club, tennis, the Business Academy, IJAG, and the Wellness Committee.

Board members and Mr. Almanza congratulated the students on all their work and busy schedules. Board members appreciated the students' participation as representatives for their high schools.

Director Krumwiede thanked people who voted in the last school board election and he appreciated their coming out that day to cast a vote. He noted the *Q.C. Times* article on the low turnout for these elections and we must convince people about the importance of voting. President Zamora commented with only two candidates running for two seats, it was hard to convince people they needed to vote. Director Krumwiede felt it gives a message and the Board needed to talk more about this during the year.

Director Krumwiede mentioned the last Committee of the Whole meeting was held at Fillmore. Board members should suggest where they would like to hold these committee meetings. We would like to create more interest in our meetings and possibly get parents out to listen. He wondered where the Board was headed on holding meetings in different buildings this year. President Zamora asked individuals on the Board where they would like to hold the Committee of the Whole meetings.

- Director Krumwiede said he would like meetings in our school buildings.
- Director De Fauw enjoyed visiting buildings but we should engage more people and not just have administrators attend.
- Vice President Roberson thought meeting in buildings makes for a long, 13-hour day for teachers and administrators. It makes it more difficult when we have to use technology for reports. If we have refreshments, the Board Secretary has to drag food over to buildings.
- Director Clewell said the Vision Committee was talking about what people want and their vision. Taking our committee meetings to our local schools was important symbolically and it was the Board's desire to meet people where they are at. However, we don't get much turn out at buildings but we should make this available. We all learn from being in the buildings and people who attend learn about the Board.
- Director Tupper felt there were good things about going to buildings, but other things were not good. We need to evaluate the communication system. It would be easy to get people to come to meetings if we talked about boundary changes or something controversial. But what the Board does is vital and we need to look at how we get people to our meetings. We do get students to visit our meetings from the high schools or colleges as part of their class assignments. He felt the agenda committee should make the decision on location.
- President Zamora said she enjoyed the meeting at Fillmore but there weren't any parents or students who attended that night.
- Director Clewell thought there were ways to generate interest and he would like to discuss this more.
- Vice President Roberson talked about involving people and working with the community to help our students. Whatever we can do to draw people into our efforts was good. If we can tie that into an activity at a building it would help, but so far people haven't been attending.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary