

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2008

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the counties of Scott and Muscatine met in open session for their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 13, 2008, pursuant to law. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room, at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Patt Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The following board members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Richard Clewell, Ralph Johanson, Larry Roberson, and Tim Tupper. Absent: Directors Nikki De Fauw and Ken Krumwiede. Student board members who attended were Brion Cole (North High); Austin Laugen (Central High); Katharine Austin and Mike Lagrange (Kimberly Center); and Rebecca Emry (West High). Superintendent Almanza and other administrators were also present.

BOARD GOAL, OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES 2008--2009

Vice President Larry Roberson read the Board Goal: "The Davenport School Board will actively support the efforts of the superintendent, district, staff, and families to ensure continuous student achievement for all students." The Board will spend time talking about having participation from the community. President Zamora read the objective, "Improve communications efforts that will cultivate awareness, parental involvement, and participation with business groups." The Board thanked people in the audience for coming to the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 PM, Local School Improvement Advisory Committee, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- B. Wednesday, October 15, 3:45 PM, Board Policy Committee, Administration Service Center, Conference Room B
- C. Thursday, October 16, 6:30 PM, Legislative Advocacy "Meet the Candidate Forum" at Madison Elementary School Auditorium
- D. Monday, October 20, 6:00 PM, Special Call Board Evaluation and Goal Workshop, John Deere Davenport Works Facility, Mt. Joy
- E. Tuesday, October 21, 6:00 PM, District Annual Retirement Banquet, Clarion Hotel, North Brady Street – reservations required – Superintendent's Office
- F. Monday, October 27, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room

- G. Open Forum - Two students asked to speak at the forum.
1. Adri Adamski, 2103 North Nevada Avenue, Davenport, talked about healthy food for lunches at West High. Adri was a junior at West High and enjoyed the school. She thought the teachers were good. However, the food served in the cafeteria was something she would like to have changed. She was a vegetarian and mostly ate salads at school. She hoped there could be a better variety of food such as spaghetti or oriental items without meat. She would like to see more options and healthy choices which would make lunch a better time for students.
 2. Sean Condon, 16389 70th Avenue, Blue Grass, talked about block schedules and open enrollment. He was not in favor of the block schedule because when students miss a day, they fall so far behind. It is almost impossible to catch up on work and it takes forever to make up the assignments. Sean also didn't like the open enrollment policy. He believed students should go to the school in the area nearest their homes. Otherwise he felt all the good students will end up going to one school and that messes up the education of all the other students in other high schools.

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 Meeting

The corrected minutes from the last Regular Board Meeting September 29, 2008 were presented for approval.

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

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Estes, Turner	10%
Sophomore Baseball	\$2,665.00
West High	
Hafner, Dan	15%
Teacher-in-charge (.5)	\$3,998.00
McKinley Elementary	
Kolman, Adam	10%
Boys' Assistant Sophomore Basketball	\$2,665.00
Central High	

Rial, Patrick Girls' Tennis West High	14% \$3,731.00
Saladino, Joy Girls' 8 th Grade Basketball Williams Intermediate	7% \$1,866.00
Schadt, Brandon Assistant Varsity Wrestling West High	10% \$2,665.00
Smiley, Jodi Teacher-in-charge (.5) McKinley Elementary	15% \$3,998.00

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Aldana De Anzola, Luz Nelly Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: October 8, 2008 Salary: \$9.90/hr Hours: 6.25 hrs/day
Cox, Mary Para Educator Garfield Elementary	Effective: October 6, 2008 Salary: \$8.44/hr Hours: 3.0 hrs/day
Daily, Kathryn Food Service Worker West High	Effective: October 8, 2008 Salary: \$8.21/hr Hours: 3.0 hrs/day
Echols, Gary Campus Security KCAE	Effective: October 8, 2008 Salary: \$11.89/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day
Ervin, Cassandra FNS Worker North High	Effective: October 8, 2008 Salary: \$8.21/hr Hours: 3.0 hrs/day
Hoehn, Elise Para Educator ASC – District Fast ForWord Program	Effective: October 6, 2008 Salary: \$8.79/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day
Moorman, Milton Para Educator Central High	Effective: September 22, 2008 Salary: \$8.44/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day
Smith, Jennifer Para Educator Children's Village Buchanan	Effective: October 27, 2008 Salary: \$9.90/hr Hours: 4.5 hrs/day
Turner, Michelle Clerk III, Curriculum ASC	Effective: October 6, 2008 Salary: \$12.42 Hours: 8.0 hrs/day

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Hovick, Slade	Effective: October 16, 2008
Math	Years of Service: 2 mos
Young Intermediate	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

CORRECTION TO 8/11/08 BOARD AGENDA

Cross, Darryl	5%
Assistant Intermediate Co-Ed Track	\$1,305.00
Williams Intermediate	

Estes, Turner	7%
Assistant Sophomore Baseball	\$1,866.00
West High	

Hovick, Slade	6%
Department Head	\$1,599.00
Young Intermediate	

Jones, Chad	7%
Boys' 7 th Grade Basketball	\$1,866.00
Young Intermediate	

Olson, Adam	8%
Boys' 9th Grade Basketball	\$2,132.00
North High	

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Leigh, James	Effective: October 9, 2008
Food Service Van Driver	Years of Service: 21 yrs 8.5 mos
Operations Center	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Agan, Kimberly	Effective: October 2, 2008
Food Service Cook	Years of Service: 11 mos
Smart Intermediate	

Causey, Cary	Effective: September 23, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 1 mo
Children's Village West	

Grant Diouf, Cleo	Effective: October 10, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 5 yrs 10 mos
Sudlow Intermediate	

Henson, Carol	Effective: October 3, 2008
Para Educator	Years of Service: 11 yrs 6 mos
Unpaid LOA	

Lewis, Marva
Para Educator
Unpaid LOA

Effective: September 26, 2008
Years of Service: 3 yrs 10 mos

Lingle, Teresa
FNS Worker
Central High

Effective: October 7, 2008
Years of Service: 2 weeks

Schafer, Tally
Para Educator
Unpaid LOA

Effective: October 1, 2008
Years of Service: 4 yrs

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Leigh, James
Food Service Van Driver
Operations Center

Extension of Leave of Absence
Effective: Beginning of 2008-09 school year –
October 9, 2009 **2008 (corrected)**

Wendy Burke
Para Educator
Central High

Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: September 15, 2008 – June 2, 2009

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS: CERTIFICATED (**CORRECTIONS MADE BY HUMAN RESOURCES in bold**)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SCHOOL	STEP	FROM	TO	SALARY
Akers	Jill	Central	24	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$55,965.00
Allen	Toi	Madison	11	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$42,315.00
Andrusyk	Denise	Harrison	24	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$55,965.00
Andrusyk	Stephen	Adams	24	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$55,965.00
Baker	Debora	Jackson	19	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$53,235.00
Barsness	Valerie	Smart	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,125.00
Basala	Jamie	Monroe	10	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$45,045.00
Bendixen	Natalie	Buffalo	5	B.S.+15	M.Ed.	\$36,855.00
Borman	Regan	Wood	5	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$34,125.00
Brus	Debra	Adams	8	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$38,220.00
Bunch	Susan	Wilson	8	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$38,220.00
Busher	Daniele	Smart	4	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$32,760.00
Capper	Connie	Williams	7	B.A.	M.A.	\$39,585.00
Ceurvorst	Joyce	Walcott	33	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$55,965.00
Conner	Denise	Blue Grass	7	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$40,950.00
Cousins	Aaron	West	8	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$42,315.00
Cox	Jane	Central	9	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$43,680.00
Davis	Sandra	Adams	27	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$57,330.00
Dillie	Jennifer	Williams	21	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$54,600.00
Dismer	Wayne	Williams	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$35,490.00
Ehrecke	Cassandra	Washington (.5)	6	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$19,110.00
Foehrkolb	Kelley	Central	8	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$38,220.00
Foley	Diane	Harrison	16	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$53,235.00
Funderburk	Melissa	CV Hoover (215 days)	9	B.A.+15	M.Ed.	\$49,176.89
Gamble	David	Young	11	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$42,315.00
Geerts	Randy	Williams	5	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$36,855.00
Gibbs	Patty	Central	3	M.A.	M.A.+30	\$36,855.00

Glover	Sara	Madison	9	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$42,315.00
Graap	Stephanie	Madison	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,125.00
Gray	Constance	North	2	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$30,030.00
Gunn	Kevin	Central	11	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$47,775.00
Hamma	Anne	CV Hoover (215 days)	9	B.A.	M.Ed.	\$49,176.89
Hansel	Alissa	West	6	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$38,220.00
Hansen	Theresa	Central	15	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$51,870.00
Harrington	Lisa	West	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$35,490.00
Hunter	Erin	Truman	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,125.00
Huntley	David	Walcott	9	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$42,315.00
Huss	Amanda	Jefferson	4	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$32,760.00
Huss	Todd	Jefferson	9	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$45,045.00
Hynes	Janice	West	11	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$42,315.00
Jackson	Joyce	Central	15	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$51,870.00
Jones **	Susan	Madison	13	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$47,775.00
Leal	Angela	Smart	11	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$42,315.00
Lipes **	Brenda	Washington	13	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$47,775.00
Lofgren	Stacy	Monroe	5	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$36,855.00
Madison	Joyce	Washington	16	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$53,235.00
Marple	Laurel	Harrison	32	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$55,965.00
Marti Chester	Laura	West	11	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$46,410.00
Mathews	Tracy	McKinley	18	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$54,600.00
Mess	Shawnte	Lincoln	9	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$43,680.00
Miller	Christopher	Jefferson	10	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$40,950.00
Moore	Emily	Hayes	6	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$38,220.00
Moorehead	Diane	Fillmore	11	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$45,045.00
Morrow	Jeannie	Madison	12	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$46,410.00
Norberg	Heather	Garfield	12	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$42,315.00
Ohnemus **	Gail Pamela	Williams	27	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$57,330.00
Parkin	Melissa	Monroe	13	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$49,140.00
Pennock	Valerie	Buchanan	5	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$34,125.00
Pepper	Jill	CV West (215 days)	10	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$47,590.54
Petersen	Kevin	Central	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$35,490.00
Pitts-Thompson	Christie	Buchanan	14	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$50,505.00
Poling	DeAnn	Sudlow	2	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$30,030.00
Porter	Judith	KCAE	6	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$39,585.00
Proesch	Laurie	Harrison	7	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$40,950.00
Ramos	Marjorie	Wood	11	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$42,315.00
Richmond	Jennifer	Williams	13	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$50,505.00
Ripslinger	John	Walcott	20	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$42,315.00
Robinson	Shanna	Washington	9	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$45,045.00
Rock	Theresa	McKinley	14	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$50,505.00
Roehm	Kelly	Williams	5	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$34,125.00
Ryan	Chad	Central	9	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,585.00
Saathoff **	Barbara	Williams	13	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$47,775.00
Seifert	Micah	Madison	10	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$43,680.00
Shelley	Hannah	Central	4	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$36,855.00
Sheridan	Bridget	Fillmore	6	B.A.+15	M.Ed.	\$38,220.00
Shreffler	Kristi	Wood	7	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$39,585.00
Spencer	Pamela	Monroe	19	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$54,600.00

Stanfield	Susan	Wilson	34	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$57,330.00
Stickler	Joan	Buchanan (.5)	18	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$21,157.50
Strang	Jennifer	Fillmore	13	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$50,505.00
Sullivan	Jennifer	Hayes	13	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$47,775.00
Swanson	Kamie	Smart	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,125.00
Thomas **	Kari	Garfield	13	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$47,775.00
Thomas **	Mary	Sudlow	13	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$47,775.00
Townsend	Julie	Central	5	B.Ed +15	M.Ed.	\$36,855.00
Valleroy	Julia	Young	11	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$42,315.00
Vanspeybroeck	Andrew	Jefferson	11	B.A.	B.A.+15 M.Ed.+3	\$42,315.00
Walker-Sallis	Jamie	Buchanan	14	M.Ed+15	0	\$51,870.00
Wallace	Melissa	West	9	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,585.00
Wallace	Tina	North	9	B.A.+15	M.Ed.	\$42,315.00
Warren	Barbara	Eisenhower	15	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$53,235.00
Wesenberg	Rhonda	Williams	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$35,490.00
Wheeler	Jennifer	West	5	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$36,855.00
Willis	Christine	Truman	5	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$34,125.00
Wright	Karen	Hayes	9	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,585.00
Wurdinger	Craig	Central	12	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$47,775.00

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the corrected Consent Agenda as written. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was made by the administration recommending adoption of the bills.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the following resolution be approved, “ 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 Check #252968 to the Operations Center for \$3,650 – wrong vendor.” Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Director Tupper commented about the State revenue estimates for this fiscal year and next and concerns about the financial picture for Iowa. He wondered if the administration had comments about the Governor’s press release on this matter and our financial view. Mrs. Tangen indicated the state association was giving her ideas on planning and things we might need to do in the future. Director Tupper expressed concerns about the estimates for this fiscal year and small amount of growth predicted for next year. He questioned if this would have an effect on our school district and asked if we would have to make cuts.

Mr. Almanza said they shared these concerns at his Executive Council meeting and they talked about problems back in 2003 when the State had a budget shortfall. In Michigan they delay payments to school districts if they are short on funds, but in Iowa they just make the budget cuts. We are not able to cut staff midyear because of contracts so we would have to look at areas to cut such as with supply budgets. Mrs. Tangen stated there might have to be a reduction in support services or an early retirement incentive offered mid year. Director Tupper expressed concern with the forecast and thought the next few years would be bad for school districts.

Mr. Almanza agreed and said they were planning ahead of time. They were thinking about unfunded mandates and whether we could forestall some things until a later time if budgets are cut. In reviewing across the country, there are a number of states experiencing a projection that is less than average.

ACTION: The vote on the motion for the payment of bills was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Roberson, Tupper, Clewell, Johanson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

IV. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. URBAN EDUCATION NETWORK PRIORITIES

The Board was asked to approve a list of UEN priorities for 2009.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the list of top priorities recommended by the Davenport District which the Urban Education Network should consider during the 2009 legislative session. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

Director Johanson talked about the seven priorities listed with four of them having narratives and the last group of three more like a footnote. He questioned if all of them should be presented in an equal manner. Director Clewell would present these to UEN. There was discussion about having Director Clewell expand the wording for the last three items listed, but Director Tupper felt there could be disagreement on the wording. He didn't feel local control was of much importance to the district and explained how there are times when we need a higher authority looking out for the best interest of the schools. Director Johanson shared different feelings and felt decisions at the federal level might be wrong for a local government and local control was a better plan. Vice President had some of the same concerns but felt if only one group looked at matters, they might miss something. He had confidence in Director Clewell being able to present the views of our Board to UEN regarding the priorities listed. Director Clewell said he would present the priorities with care and he did believe local control was important. Some rules are set by State or Federal code. We try to handle matters at a local level but if we miss something, they step in with certain rules to protect the public. President Zamora felt the local community would care more about their own children than the State or Federal governing bodies.

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

B. BOARD EVALUATION AND GOAL WORKSHOP

A Special Call Workshop was recommended to do goal evaluation.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board hold a Special Call Board Evaluation Goal Workshop for Monday, October 20, 2008 starting at 6:00 PM at the John Deere Davenport Works facility in Mt. Joy. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

C. IOWA LICENSED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II INVESTIGATORS 2008-2009

The administration presented a recommendation for the names of Level I and II investigators for 2008-09.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the recommendation from the administration to appoint individuals to be the District Level I Investigators to serve for a one-year period 2008-2009 and to accept the updated list of Approved Iowa Licensed Investigators to be used by the District as Level II Investigators as needed during the 2008-2009 school year. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

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

[NOTE: The Level I Investigators recommended were **Linda McClurg, Betty Long, Dawn Anderson-Rascher, and Mike Garnica**. The complete list of approved Iowa Level II investigators (companies) will be included in the minutes of record]

DISCUSSION ITEMS

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Innovative Calendar Waiver for Children's Village Sites 2009-2010

Linda McClurg went over the annual process for filing a request for a waiver from the State for continuation of innovative program calendars for Children's Village Sites at Buchanan, Hoover, Hayes, Monroe, and Children's Village West and the Kimberly Center. She explained the administration is required to file the waiver by November 1, 2008 for an innovative calendar for the early learning centers. The Board is required to hold a public hearing for community input on continuation of the innovative program calendars. A notice of the hearing will be placed in the paper and is scheduled at the beginning of the October 27, 2008 board meeting. Continuation of the innovative calendar applies to Children's Village Sites at Buchanan, Hoover, Hayes, Monroe, and Children's Village West and the Kimberly Center. This is the best schedule for the centers and is family friendly. It provides for child care on a continual basis rather than having long breaks with no services for families. President Zamora asked if the Board would be required to use the calendar if it was approved. Mrs. McClurg said if we choose not to use the calendar, then we will notify the State of what is worked out. President Zamora explained the Board was looking at the research on a community calendar and we wanted to make sure about this first.

B. District-Wide Innovative Calendar Waiver for 2009-2010

Linda McClurg answered questions about filing the request for continuation of the district-wide waiver for our Innovative Calendar which is equivalent to the State's requirement of 180 school days. The administration will need to file the waiver request required by the Department of Education by November 1, 2008. This matter also requires a public hearing that is scheduled for the beginning of the October 27, 2008 board meeting to allow for community input regarding the continuation of our district-wide innovative calendar.

Mrs. McClurg shared the District has been using this district-wide innovative calendar for ten years. The 178 day calendar allows for professional development and the time spend in class by students actually exceeds the hours required by the State and is equivalent to the 180 days. Director Johanson mentioned comments he has heard from the public about the importance of time spent in the classroom. Mrs. McClurg explained the schedule which includes professional development and conference days built into the time frame. We exceed the time required by the State because the minutes per day are longer and students are in class for extra time each day. The administration feels this is the best thing for our students and is improving student achievement. The required time by the State is 5.5 hours per day and our students receive 6 hours and 10 minutes per day or more at the high schools. We benefit from this schedule by having time for teachers to meet and work on strategies for student achievement.

Vice President Roberson stated he felt the teachers need time to prepare for class and work on strategies together. Mrs. McClurg explained there were 185 contract days but without this waiver we would miss two days of in-service. We would then have to pay additional for the two days and it would be very costly to the District. Vice President Roberson wanted to make sure the public understood this and the cost involved in adding days for required professional development. Our students are receiving more time in the classroom and we still are able to provide for on-going training for teachers.

C. BUFFALO AND BLUE GRASS ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS

Superintendent Julio Almanza presented information on the analysis of Buffalo and Blue Grass enrollment figures. This was just a preliminary report and came from an original request for information from people about the options for students living in the Hickory Hills, Pristine Oaks, and Revelle's 3rd and 4th addition. The Board received figures for the district schools by grade and building totals as of October 10. They looked further at Blue Grass and Buffalo Elementary Schools, especially studying the totals for each grade level. Enrollment numbers are up but more data is being collected and analyzed. When Mr. Almanza looked at the data, he found inconsistencies and he is following up with other administrators. Enrollment for Blue Grass showed 374 students and 281 for Buffalo School. There will be other headcounts for special education students in the class size. The administration looked at the attendance areas for Blue Grass and Buffalo and charts were made available for the Board to see the distribution. Mr. Almanza talked about bus routes from Hickory Hills and access to the schools. There are currently 19 students going to Blue Grass from the Hickory Hills areas.

The Board looked at entrances and exits from the subdivision and talked about travel in this area. There may be additional homes being built in the area that will have children coming into Buffalo in the future. There were additional comments

and discussion about practices being used, balanced enrollments, caps on sections at buildings, and other options. There were problems with the website when checking on school assignments from specific addresses in Hickory Hills. This will be corrected and we need to let parents know they have an option. We need to go back and verify numbers and make needed corrections. We will have to look at keeping sections or making changes for splitting grades to accommodate the needs at buildings. We need to look at how the allowances are done and options we have for class size and sections in buildings. The administration is addressing the concerns and will update the map on the website. Mr. Almanza also shared there was a lot of movement outside of attendance areas for people to attend other buildings in our district. Davenport truly is a "District of Choice" if you look at the maps and where people live and attend school.

Director Tupper asked for some clarification on the lines for the Hickory Hills subdivision and asked when changes were made to the boundaries. Mr. Almanza said in 2006 the Board approved some boundary changes for the area of Hayes and that is shown on the map. They didn't have exact information available when Hickory Hills became a choice area. There were questions about how many students were affected and new attendance areas. President Zamora explained to student board members that the Board makes decisions on boundary lines for attendance centers. When the boundaries affect people and there are questions, the Board has discussion on the topic.

Mr. Almanza noted they are upgrading maps and doing verifications on the bus routes. Director Clewell addressed other students in the audience about the number of students in the district and the area we cover. Parent advocates came to the Board with some questions, and now the administration is looking at the data and having discussions with the Board. We are trying to respond to the public on this matter and because of people advocating, we are communicating with our parents on important matters. Vice President Roberson talked about Davenport being a District of Choice and we try to accommodate everyone so they can go to different schools. People move into an area and expect to be able to go to the neighborhood school. If parents can't send their children to the school they want, they get angry. It is difficult because we are trying to please everyone. Director Roberson said he believed in neighborhood schools and hoped students would not have to be bussed. Parents should be able to see their children off to school and greet them when they come home. Director Tupper wondered about the process being used and what were the parents' expectations. Mr. Almanza stated he wanted to redo the maps so they are more reflective and take the opportunity to look at the issue of choice. It is to our advantage to make maximum use of our buildings. He would like to come back to the Board and visit on the topic of capping and on the subject of split grades. He wants to fix the communication we have about choices available. He talked about honoring requests, having a phase-in process, and looking at area developments for growth. He is still gathering data in order to make some kind of recommendation in the future.

Director Johanson agreed there was a lot of development occurring, but he cautioned the estimate of 200 new homes in the subdivision shown. He also wondered why this one area had a choice for which school to attend and if this was an earlier decision. He was concerned about inequities in our policy and thought this might be something the Policy Committee should look at in the policy book. Do we have a precedence set by allowing a choice for schools and was there a perception because we allow a choice for our high schools now? He would like to assure

people we have a consistent policy that provides for requests and accommodates the needs of the public in a fair manner. Director Tupper added we should make sure the implications of a choice area are made clear to parents as an option by the administration.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

There were no administrative reports at this time.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

Director Clewell updated the Board on the vision process to date. He said there was a meeting this morning with 12 members of the clergy and tonight they met with student board members and students from Mr. Arch's class to get their ideas on vision. Representatives from all the groups will meet on Saturday, October 18 at 10:00 AM at the AEA in Bettendorf to look at the vision statements and come up with some common themes. We will then make a presentation to the Board on October 27 and let board members have some time to work on the vision.

There will be a Legislative Advocacy Committee candidate forum held at Madison Elementary on Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 PM. This is open to the public and will give people an opportunity to hear from all the candidates for the Senate and House seats this session.

Vice President Roberson thanked the student board members for participating and to students from other classes who attended the meeting tonight. He appreciated the time given by the staff and parents who attended. He recognized the involvement of the students in so many activities and for volunteering their time. We don't hear enough about the good things our students are doing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Roberson seconded.

By consensus the Board agreed to adjourn.

President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary