

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DAVENPORT SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION SERVICE CENTER
1606 BRADY STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:00 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, May 23, 2011 for their Regular Meeting pursuant to law. The meeting was held at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. Vice President De Fauw called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: Vice President Nikki De Fauw, Directors Patt Zamora, Larry Roberson, Ken Krumwiede, Tim Tupper and Rich Clewell. President Johanson was unable to attend, but participated by telephone. Superintendent Almanza and other administrators were also present.

Director Roberson read the vision statement.

I. PRESENTATION

Project Lead the Way-Jason Franzenburg, a district teacher, along with students Chris Houser, Alex Johnson, Sam Slagle and Ryan Clay made a presentation on a Project Lead the Way activity. They are working with an architect to do a room renovation at West High School. They are redesigning the engineering classroom. They worked with room design, traffic flow, furniture placement, elevation views and other engineering details. The board members thanked the group for their presentation and were impressed with the students' involvement in this project.

II. COMMUNICATIONS (Including Open Forum)

- A. May 25 @ 4:00PM Policy Committee Meeting, ASC, Executive Board Room
- B. June 2 @ 4:00PM Legislative Advocacy Committee Ice Cream Social, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room (Watch for confirmation due to the extended legislative session)
- C. June 5- High School Graduations (12:00PM Central; 2:30PM North; 5:00PM West), iWireless Center
- D. June 6 @ 5:30PM Committee of the Whole Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- E. June 8 @ 3:45PM Policy Committee Meeting, ASC, Executive Board Room
- F. June 13 @ 7:00PM Regular Board Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room

G. Open Forum for Community Input

1. Katy Strzepek, 3821 Kenwood Ave, Davenport; Jennifer Copponger, 2511 Grand Ave, Davenport; Natasha Sottos, 2712 E George Washington Blvd., Davenport; Ann Marie McGlynn, 2737 Carriage Hill Dr., Davenport-This group presented their concerns about the district’s math curriculum (GWM). They feel there are better curriculum choices than what we currently use. They feel some problems with this curriculum include short recall of math facts and time telling, there is little homework with no explanation, poor models, parents do not see test results or benchmarks and students with reading disabilities have a difficult time with this curriculum. They ask to consider changing the curriculum so the students have a better mastery of math skills.

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 following meetings were presented for approval as follows: April 25 and May 9, 2011 (Regular Meetings), May 13, 2011 (Special Call Meeting)

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

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Cartee, Colin	7%
Assistant Sophomore Baseball	\$1,922.00 (pro-rated to \$1,710.00 for remainder of season)
North High	

RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Wolf, Scott	Effective: End of 2010-11 School Year
Math	Years of Service: 35 yrs 9 mos
Wood/Sudlow Intermediate	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Greaves, Angela	Effective: End of 2010-11 School Year
Family Consumer Science	Years of Service: 5 mos
Central High	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Elmore, David	6%
Department Head	\$1,647.00
Sudlow Intermediate	

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Hoffman, Lindsay Vocal Music Smart Intermediate	5% \$1,389.00
Johnson, Theresa Orchestra Young Intermediate	6% \$1,666.00
Knapper, Meg Vocal Music Truman Elementary	5% \$1,389.00
Knoche, Kimberly Department Head Sudlow Intermediate	6% \$1,647.00
Knoche, Kimberly Vocal Music Assistant Sudlow Intermediate	3% \$1,647.00
Meeks, Joan Department Head Sudlow Intermediate	6% \$1,647.00
Olsen James 8 th Grade Wrestling Walcott Intermediate	7% \$1,922.00
Pasvogel, Shannon Department Head Sudlow Intermediate	6% \$1,647.00
Smith, Sandra Department Head Sudlow Intermediate	6% \$1,647.00
Wallaert, Thomas Department Head Sudlow Intermediate	6% \$1,647.00
Werner, Janna Vocal Music Buffalo Elementary	5% \$1,389.00
Werner, Janna Vocal Music Hayes Elementary	5% \$1,389.00

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Klobes, Diana Para Educator Buffalo Elementary	Effective: End of 2010-11 School Year Years of Service: 28 yrs 9 mos
York, Virginia Food Service Worker West High	Effective: May 27, 2011 Years of Service: 5 yrs 8 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Jordahl, Brynn Para Educator Wood Intermediate	Effective: May 26, 2011 Years of Service: 3 mos
Kelding, Jean Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: May 6, 2011 Years of Service: 3 yrs 9 mos
Paradiso, Bridget Cashier I West High	Effective: May 5, 2011 Years of Service: 1 day
Smith, Jennifer Para Educator Children's Village Buchanan	Effective: May 19, 2011 Years of Service: 2 yrs 7 mos
Tasco, Valeen Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: May 20, 2011 Years of Service: 11 mos
Webster, Marquisa Para Educator Wood Intermediate	Effective: May 26, 2011 Years of Service: 2 yrs 7 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Pollmiller, Jaymie Grade 1 Truman Elementary	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: 2011-12 & 2012-13 School Years
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RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Stirk, Kathleen Food Service Worker North High	Effective: May 9, 2011 Salary: \$10.37/hr Hours: 3.75 hrs/day
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LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Bebber, Dania Para Educator Children's Village Hoover	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: June 6, 2011 – July 15, 2011
Erickson, Barbara Para Educator Monroe Elementary	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: 2011-2012 school year
Phillips, Christine Food Service Worker North High	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: March 22, 2011 – beginning of 2011-12 school year
Polite, Meryl Para Educator Central High	Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: April 11, 2011 – May 6, 2011

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion: Director Clewell moved the approval of the resolution: “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.” Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Voided checks:

#284210 to Durham School Services for \$557,810.55 (Amount incorrect)
#284473 to Souder Vandecar for \$210.00 (Wrong vendor)

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

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Transit Pilot Program

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board accept the Transit Pilot Program with the City of Davenport as presented. Director Krumweide seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Roberson asked for a brief update on this program. Mr. Martin explained that the city of Davenport is offering a transit program to the district for one year as a pilot program for a cost of \$13,000 to the district. This will not replace our current bus system; it will simply provide another option of transportation for students. It will be available whenever city buses are operating, not just school hours. It can be used for extra-curricular activities, during times of personal transportation issues, or for students not on the bus routes provided by the district. The program will be evaluated at the end of the one year time period. Utilization of the buses, effect on absenteeism and cost effectiveness will be used to evaluate the program. Director Tupper asked how we would restrict student bus use if their parents do not want them out on their own. Parents will have the option of whether the student will participate in the program or not. Currently the majority of students who use the bus system are high school students. Director De Fauw asked about safety precautions for elementary riders. There are no specific precautions except for their normal public transportation requirements which are very well monitored. Each student will have to have a valid student id to get on the bus. Director Krumwiede thinks this is a positive example of the district and the city working together.

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

B. Air Conditioning Projects-Engineers (Young, Sudlow & Wilson)

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board accept KPE-Consulting Engineers of Bellevue, Nebraska for engineering services for the HVAC projects at JB Young Intermediate, Sudlow Intermediate and Wilson Elementary schools. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Discussion: President Johanson asked why we are using KPE when Durrant Engineering is doing so much of our other work. Mr. Martin reported that it is similar to other projects KPE has done for us.

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

C. Master Teacher Contract Approval (2011-2012)

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve the terms of the one-year negotiated master contract for teachers with the Davenport Community School District for 2011-2012. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

D. Secretarial Contract Approval (2011-2013)

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve the terms of the two-year negotiated contract for secretaries with the Davenport Community School District for 2011-2013. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

E. Para-educator Contract Approval (2011-2013)

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve the terms of the two-year negotiated contract for para-educators with the Davenport Community School District for 2011-2013. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

F. Food and Nutrition Services Contract Approval (2011-2013)

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve the terms of the two-year negotiated contract for food and nutrition services employees with the Davenport Community School District for 2011-2013. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

G. Custodial, Warehouse, Security and Copy Center Contract Approval (2011-2013)

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve the terms of the two-year negotiated contract for custodial, warehouse, security and copy center employees with the Davenport Community School District for 2011-2013. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

H. UEN Proposals

Motion: Director Zamora moved the board approve districts identified as meeting the criteria for UEN Associate Membership. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Clewell asked for clarification on this issue. Mr. Almanza stated this has been talked about for some time and the criterion has now been defined. The two criteria accepted by the Steering Committee are districts with 5000 or more students and districts with 3000 students combined with 40% or more of the student population identified as free/reduced price. Associate members would not have voting power and the annual fee would be \$2500. Director Clewell wants to know why the associate members' annual fee would be so much lower. The UEN was developed specifically for urban districts and those districts still have unique needs as full members with voting privileges. Director Krumwiede asked why we only have the UEN issues and not the IASB issue as in past years. This item is not to approve paying the annual dues for those organizations as have been together on the agenda in past years. Mr. Almanza noted that UEN Associate or Full Membership is not to be considered in-lieu-of membership in other organizations. President Johanson advocated that we do vote on this tonight and not put it off. It is significantly different than approving payment of our annual dues. He feels it is a leadership issue and our responsibility as leaders in the UEN to approve the criteria for associate

membership. Director Zamora thinks we should note that the UEN has been a voice for the larger districts and wonders where the middle sized districts fit in and feels we need to remain a voting member of this group. Director Roberson is concerned about middle sized districts pressing issues more important to them than larger districts. Mr. Almanza noted that poverty is not only concentrated in urban districts and smaller districts have some similar issues due to this factor. He feels the more we can have common partners in our advocacy role the stronger we will be. Director Tupper agrees we need to keep a strong leadership role in the state.

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board postpone voting on UEN Associate Membership until we receive the IASB dues invoice so we can have a discussion about both the UEN and the IASB. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: President Johanson feels that if we put this vote off it may put the UEN in an awkward position to not even be able to send invoices to associate members. Mr. Almanza echoed the sentiment that UEN membership is a separate item to IASB membership. Director De Fauw also agreed these are separate issues.

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

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

Motion: Director Zamora moved the board approve the recommended UEN annual dues of \$8500. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Zamora noted that this is only approving an increase in the dues, not an approval of paying this amount at this time. Director Roberson asked why dues should increase. Mr. Almanza noted that increased lobbying efforts are a factor. These issues are important to our district. Director Clewell noted that the UEN has cut back in the past years. Director Zamora also noted that as long as we are cutting programs and teachers she does not feel we should approve this increase in dues.

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

VI. DISCUSSION

A. ITBS Preliminary Data Report

Mr. Almanza reported on data provided in the presentation concerning district-wide ITBS/ITED results. This data will not be verified by the district and state until July 7, 2011. Several specific areas and trends were reviewed. Director Tupper asked about special education students not receiving IEP modifications when taking these tests. The administrators said they would look into this issue.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

VIII. BOARD REPORTS/ REQUESTS

Director De Fauw thanked Director Roberson for his participation on the Negotiations Team and Director Roberson in turn thanked the administration for their roles in successfully negotiating contracts.

Director Tupper noted the letter presented to the board concerning the closing of the Monroe Early Childhood Program and how we are going to deal with the families on our overall early childhood program. Mr. Almanza stated that we still do not have a legislative decision on funding so we will have to wait for that final decision. There are a couple of scenarios in anticipation of this decision. As soon as we get word from the state the administration will notify the board of their recommendations. Director Tupper asked how many students we can service in the district in these contingency plans. The administration will provide the board with this information. The only other program that may be in jeopardy would be at Buchanan.

Director Clewell noted that the Ice Cream Social scheduled on the calendar may have to be postponed due the extended legislative session.

Director De Fauw extended the board's congratulations to the families and students who are graduating this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Tupper seconded the motion. By consensus Vice President De Fauw declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary/Treasurer