

## **DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**June 6, 2011**

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2011, pursuant to law. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Johanson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: Directors: Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, Nikki De Fauw, Rich Clewell, Tim Tupper and Larry Roberson. Patt Zamora was absent. Superintendent Julio Almanza and other administrators were present.

#### **Technology Update**

Gary Sloat, LIS Director, presented an update on the state of technology throughout the district. He discussed the strategic plan including curriculum, at the building level and district wide to serve our educational goals. He also discussed the Microsoft Settlement which creates both hardware and software directives. We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 4 year program. He highlighted the computer inventory and replacement cycle throughout the district. He also discussed N-Computing and costs that would be associated with this system. He also talked about the district network. He talked about the philosophy of the LIS department in providing technology for the district. Gary highlighted several areas to celebrate throughout the district including Remark, N-Computing, Infinite Campus, EZ Button Reports, The Well, Destiny, 280+ Interactive (Smart) Classrooms, Learn 360 Content Server and Adobe Connect. Director Krumwiede asked if the \$2.5 million from the Microsoft Settlement was the entire district portion. Mr. Sloat noted that the money was apportioned to buildings according to free and reduced lunch percentages so each school did not receive the same amount. However, the district had made sure there were other dollars available to schools who did not receive as much from the Microsoft Settlement so there was equity among buildings. Director Krumwiede also asked if it is the intent of the district to provide Smartboards in all classrooms. Gary replied that the term "interactivity" is really the goal and we do not currently have the funds to put Smartboards in every classroom. Director Krumwiede asked if the teachers know that not everyone will get them. Mr. Almanza noted that many teachers may not understand how the funds were available for the boards we have and that those funds are not continuous. Assessments were discussed and the administration will review the process. Several board members expressed their appreciation of the LIS department and Mr. Sloat. One concern brought up by Director De Fauw is making sure that our students have support at home for computer needs assigned through the classroom.

#### **Long Range Planning Update**

Mr. Martin noted that working with LIS has been productive and gave a couple of specific examples of vast improvements. Mr. Martin reported on the Long Range Plan. He reviewed the information previously distributed to the board. He reviewed completed projects from year 1, projects in progress in year 2, pending projects in year 3 and scheduled projects for year 4. He discussed several projects that will take significant

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planning and are not yet scheduled. Director Tupper asked about the possibility of using year end balances on necessary heating/cooling needs. Mr. Almanza noted that we have been building those balances because of a good bidding climate and are trying to be cautious with the money. If the board wished to move those projects up then the administration would look at that. Director De Fauw noted the importance of being equitable to the needs of all of the buildings in the district. Director Tupper asked about ideas towards Central Auditorium. Mr. Martin noted that feedback from the pilot program in using the Adler next year and board feedback will be important in additional planning by the administration. Director Tupper asked Mr. Martin to compare a renovation of the current auditorium vs a new building and hopes to see something like that in the future. Director Tupper thinks it is important that it be comparable to the other high school facilities. Director Clewell asked when the public would be brought into the discussion on the auditorium. Mr. Almanza stated the administration is waiting for the board to give direction before holding public meetings. He reminded the board that they agreed to use the Adler for a year before making any further decisions. Mr. Martin gave an update on the Children's Village West. Everything is on schedule at this point.

### **Other Information**

Mr. Almanza reported on the memo concerning textbook adoption recommendations. He clarified that the textbook for social studies was approved last year and will be purchased this year. He also wanted to clarify that Level III and IV of the Spanish curriculum Expresate! needs adoption by the board. Mr. Almanza will bring the books to a Regular Meeting for official adoption.

Director Tupper noted the memo to the board concerning the math curriculum that was a concern to parents at the last meeting. Mr. Almanza stated that those who were concerned will be invited to a review discussion on the current curriculum. Drill and practice will be part of that discussion. Internal curriculum could be created to fill gaps in the curriculum before the end of the cycle.

The meeting was adjourned by President Johanson at 7:00PM.

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Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary