

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DAVENPORT SCHOOLS ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER

JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM

Achievement Service Center

1606 BRADY STREET

DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013

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, January 28, 2013 for their Regular Meeting. The meetings were held at the Achievement Service Center, 1606 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Johanson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: Directors: Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, Nikki De Fauw, Rich Clewell, Bill Sherwood, and Larry Roberson. Patt Zamora was absent. Dr. Tate and other administrators were present.

Director Krumwiede read the mission statement. President Johanson acknowledged new student board member, Desiree Slama from Kimberly Center.

I. SHOWCASE

A. Wood Intermediate School

Principle, Sheri Simpson-Schultz introduced two members of their staff who made a presentation about their reading program. The goal is a million pages read per year and they described some of the incentives they provide to motivate the students. They have fun activities such as open gym and a Readathon when students can read in the library all day if they read a certain number of pages. They shared data on the improvements in reading scores since they started this program. Director Sherwood asked how they include the students who struggle with reading and they explained how every student gets a chance to earn something. Director Clewell asked about the data concerning the 8th graders and discussed some of the reasons why the numbers seem to drop at that grade level.

II. PRESENTATION

A. Student Led Video Clips

Steve Mielenhausen, Principal at Eisenhower Elementary introduced kindergarten student, Tyler Ryan and his parents and teacher, Heidi Haessig. Steve provided an overview of the program explaining that the principals from Eisenhower, McKinley, Monroe, Garfield and Washington met and identified practices that research shows yield the highest gains in student achievement. One of those practices is student self-reporting their grades and student led conferences which can help students gain 2 years of growth. Tyler monitored his own progress using data notebooks and led his own conference in the

fall. Steve showed the video clip of Tyler's student led conference. Heidi then provided an overview of how she prepared and worked with students on the conferences and data notebooks. Several board members thanked Tyler and expressed how impressed they were with the video and Tyler's mother provided positive feedback about the program.

III. COMMUNICATIONS (Including Open Forum)

- A. January 30, 6-7:30PM, Public Forum#5, Walcott Elementary/Intermediate, Cafeteria
- B. February 4, 5:30PM, Committee of the Whole, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- C. February 6, 4:00PM, Policy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room
- D. February 7, 4:00PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room
- E. February 11, 7:00PM, Regular Board Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- F. February 12, 6-7:30PM, Public Forum #6, West High School Auditorium
- G. February 25, 7:00PM, Regular Board Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- H. Open Forum for Community Input
 - Heather Johnson, 505 W. 16th Street, Davenport - Heather shared how boundaries need to be addressed at the elementary level and expressed concerns about concentrating poverty.
 - Holly Mammen, 1123 Tremont Avenue, Davenport – Holly expressed her opposition to outsourcing for custodians.
 - Glen Leach, 4705 Ripley Street, Davenport – Glen expressed his concern about open enrollment which reinforces that one high school is better than another and that it is not a successful strategy.
 - Sheila Burrage – 2324 Jefferson, Davenport – Shelia expressed her opposition to the proposed boundaries.
 - Matthew Schnitzer- 3621 Cedar Street, Davenport – Matthew stated that parents need choice in where they send their kids for high school.
 - David Stage – 1907 W. 3rd Street, Davenport – David talked about the team at the Davenport Community School District and said Dr. Tate is the coach of that team and gave Dr. Tate a cap that said “coach.”
 - Sam Wilson – 2210 W. 1st Street, Davenport – Sam spoke in favor of open campus for upperclassman at West High School.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

To conserve time and focus attention on non-routine matters on the agenda, the Board will consider a number of items grouped together as a Consent Agenda, all items to be approved in one motion. Before a motion is made to consider the Consent Agenda, any board member may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. The removed item will then be considered for separate action.

A. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Regular and Intervening Meetings

The minutes from the following meetings will be presented for approval as follows:
January 10, 2013 (Closed Session); January 14, 2013 (Regular Meeting),

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

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Day, Amber Spanish (89 Days) Central High	Degree: M.A. – Step 8 Salary: \$23,255.46 Effective: January 14, 2013
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APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Pagett, Adam Assistant Baseball Central High	12% \$3,398.00
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Thissen, Gregory 8 th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach Young Intermediate	7% \$1,982.00
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Van Hulle, Michael Track Boys' Varsity North High	14% \$3,965.00
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APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Carr, Mia Para Educator Washington Elementary	Effective: January 14, 2013 Salary: \$9.69/hr Hours: 3.0 hrs/day
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Epping, Christopher Custodian Buchanan Elementary	Effective: January 22, 2013 Salary: \$13.03/hr Hours: 4.25 hrs/day
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Nash, Benjamin Campus Security Central High	Effective: January 25, 2013 Salary: \$13.03/hr Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
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Nebinger, April Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: January 22, 2013 Salary: \$11.05/hr Hours: 6.25 hrs/day
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Robinson, Renisha Food Service Worker Central High	Effective: January 24, 2013 Salary: \$9.29/hr Hours: 3.0 hrs/day
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Stroupe, Nicole School-To-Career Coordinator Kimberly Center	Effective: January 28, 2013 Salary: \$41,902 prorated to \$19,418 (95/205) Hours: 8.00/day
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Westerfield, Harvest Custodian Hayes Elementary	Effective: January 22, 2013 Salary: \$13.03/hr Hours: 5.5 hrs/day
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Harris, Carol School Nurse Williams Intermediate	Effective: February 6, 2013 Years of Service: 10 yrs 4 mos
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Lennox, Amy
Reading Interventionist (LOA)
Monroe Elementary (LOA)

Effective: End of 2012-2013 School Year
Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos

Pollmiller, Jaymie
Grade 1 (LOA)
Truman Elementary (LOA)

Effective: End of 2012-2013 School Year
Years of Service: 7 yrs

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Fox, Kyle
Track Boys' Varsity
North High

14%
\$3,965.00

Van Hulle, Michael
Track Boys' Assistant
North High

12%
\$3,398.00

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Motley, Lori
Food Service Cook
Walcott School

Effective: January 16, 2013
Years of Service: 7 yrs 2 mos

Parkhurst, Jaime
Para Educator
Eisenhower Elementary

Effective: January 18, 2013
Years of Service: 3 mos

Propp, Brittany
Para Educator
Eisenhower Elementary

Effective: January 30, 2013
Years of Service: 4 mos

Saldivar, Rikki
Food Service Cook
Young Intermediate

Effective: February 1, 2013
Years of Service: 5 yrs 5 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Appel, Tara
Counselor
Buchanan Elementary

Extension of Current Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: 2013 – 2014 School Year

Vance, Wendy
Grade 3
Monroe Elementary

Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: 2nd semester 2012-2013 School Year

RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Gutierrez, Esperanza
Para Educator
Jefferson Edison

Effective Date: January 14, 2013
Salary: \$12.05/hr
Hrs: 7 hrs/day

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Thede, Phyllis
Professional Secretary I
Williams Intermediate

Leave of Absence without Pay
Effective: January 10, 2013 – May 3, 2014

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote of the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Sherwood, Roberson, De Fauw, Clewell and Johanson. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the following resolution: “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 for the periods January 10, 2013 through January 23, 2013.” Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote of the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Roberson, Krumwiede, De Fauw, Sherwood and Johanson. Motion carried.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate announced that House File 630 written by Kimberly student Cecelia Maresa and the Iowa Youth Congress was submitted 2 weeks ago to the Legislative Services Agency for drafting and has just been assigned a bill number and will be sent to committee. This is a bill related to use of handheld electronic communication devices while driving and making penalties applicable.

Dr. Tate reported on the parental involvement advisory committee and the focus group involving approximately 40 parents and their upcoming plans.

Dr. Tate asked student board members to report on school activities. Isaac talked about the Spree Dance and Ana shared that she was chosen to be a Spree Escort and that the AP Government class went to the state legislative forum last week; Chloe mentioned the Luther College Symphony Orchestra will be performing at North on Wednesday and a former student board member is part of the Orchestra. Noah shared on the upcoming solo fest and their final blood drive; Andre reported on Gala Court and that he was on the court and also mentioned their blood drive. Desire reported on the three new classes and Kimberly Center, a new anti-bullying effort and on their blood drive.

VII. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Approval of Architect for North High School Music, IMC and Family Consumer Science Renovations

Motion: Director De Fauw moved the board approve Greg Gowey of SGGM Architects of Davenport, Iowa to design renovations for North High School for the Music, IMC and Family Consumer Science areas. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. De Fauw, Roberson, Clewell, Sherwood, Krumwiede and Johanson. Motion carried.

VIII. DISCUSSION

A. Streaming Video of Board Meetings On Website

President Johanson asked board members for their input on whether to put streaming videos of board meetings on the website. Director De Fauw stated this is growing trend among school districts and this would make the meetings more accessible to the public. She did express one concern about district band width capacity and whether this would cause the website to slow down. She noted a significant delay in the website since the boundary maps have been uploaded to the website. Director Sherwood stated he is in favor as long as there are no technical issues as mentioned by De Fauw and stated that the city archives videos of their meetings at the Davenport Library and this could be an option for the school district. President Johanson explained how the videotape of meetings needs to be delivered to Mediacom each week and expressed frustration with this process as being out of date. Director Clewell noted that Gary Sloat has indicated the district will be increasing its' band width in the near future, but doesn't want to slow down the website, so other than this concern he is in favor of the idea.

B. Cost to Publish Entire Proceedings/Minutes of Board Meetings

President Johanson explained the current practice is to publish the entire board minutes in the newspaper and the associated costs. He noted that what is required by law is to have the proceedings published in a local newspaper but not the minutes in their entirety. He wanted to make sure the board was aware of how much it cost to publish the minutes and asked whether the board wanted to continue publishing the entire board minutes or reduce costs by publishing just the proceedings. Director Sherwood stated that as long the detailed minutes are still kept and sent by e-mail he can't justify spending the money to publish the entire board minutes in the paper. He suggested that prior to any change being made a notice be put in the paper notifying readers and they be redirected to the district website for the detailed minutes. Director De Fauw asked if the minutes that are published in the paper can be accessed

on-line through the Quad City Times and also stated she would not want the public to get the impression that the board was trying to curtail or limit access to the minutes as opposed to just the proceedings. She noted that the minutes are very valuable and enlightening regarding the thought process of the board and how the board arrives at decisions. Director Roberson stated he does not want to shortchange people who do not have access to computers. There was a discussion about what is required by code and what the current practice is and that the cost to publish the entire minutes in the paper is approximately \$1,000 per month. Director Roberson stated that costs can be reduced in other ways other than shutting people out. Director Krumwiede said the board needs to be careful not to deny access and also stated that not everyone has access to technology and actually knows people who read the minutes in the paper. Director Sherwood noted that this option would not eliminate minutes from the newspapers but would instead be a summary and \$12,000 is quite a bit of money. He also stated he knows far more people who do not take the newspaper than do not have internet and taking the newspaper is far more expensive over time. Director Roberson said there are many establishments where people can read the paper for free, and we need to make sure everyone has access.

C. Investigate Option of On-Line Board Packets

President Johanson explained the current process for board members receiving board packets and asked the board if they wanted to investigate the option of moving in the direction of putting board packet information on-line. Director Roberson said receiving the agenda on-line is fine but expressed concern about receiving the supplemental information that is also included in board packets. Director De Fauw stated that the real question is whether it is sufficient to have board packet information available on-line or hard copy. She indicated she is not advocating one method or another, but having information available only on-line is sometimes prohibitive because she doesn't always have access to a computer. She also likes the option of taking the board packet with her to other appointments. She noted that having information on line could be useful for board members to share information such as journal article of interest and such things, but this would also need to be kept within the Open Meetings Law. Director Krumwiede suggested the board take some time to explore this option and talk to other groups/boards that are doing this. Some boards that he has visited have all of their information on-line and mentioned something does need to be done to reduce the amount of paper received by the board.

Director Clewell talked about use of e-readers and mentioned that the Bettendorf school board does use laptops. He said he does like paper, but also stated that the board needs to take a leadership position and consider moving in this direction, but noted that the board should look at constraints first. Director Sherwood agreed to check with other districts but if we do not see significant problems then we need to move forward. Director Roberson said he takes his board packet to work and reads it on break which is convenient for him so he can read it at his leisure. President Johanson asked student board members for their thoughts. Chole stated she like the idea of a streaming video which would provide access to students and she likes receiving her board packet at home.

Noah said they don't have to be delivered to our homes and any information can be reviewed at the meetings with Dr. Tate before the board meeting.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

X. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

Director Krumwiede had the following information requests:

Boundary change questions:

- 1) Socio-economic status of each school with proposed boundary changes;
- 2) Socio-economic status of high schools now and if we change open enrollment.
- 3) If we change to the proposed boundaries and end open enrollment want schools would not have a feeder system?

Director De Fauw and Director Roberson had the following information request:

- 1) Please provide the number of students participating in band, orchestra, choir and showchoir that open enroll to a school other than their homeschool. What school did they leave and what school are they attending?

Director De Fauw had the following information request:

- 1) How do other UEN districts manage in-district transfer? It is allowed? What are their procedures?

Director Sherwood stated he had attended several Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations and noted there were not very many school age children in attendance. He said he wonders whether the district is doing what they should for kids concerning awareness of civil rights and wondered whether Martin Luther King Day should be a holiday for school children.

Director Clewell recognized Jack Achs and his students who were attendance at the board meeting. Clewell reported on his attendance at an ArtBasics meeting and relayed the committee's thanks to the board on the start they provided to their organization. He reported on a great presentation by JB Young students at a meeting he also attended early in the day and commented on how great the banded classrooms concept is and how the students are responding in a positive manner at JB Young.

Director Roberson thanked all the parents for their attendance at the meeting and speaking out on behalf of their kids. He noted it never easy to hear why parents want their kids to go to certain schools because when a final decision is made some people will not be happy because there are people are both sides of the equation. He made note that the district can't continue to have these types of budgetary constraints and not have it affect students in some way. It makes him that the board has to talk about making cuts instead of talking about things like catching up the students who are in need. He mentioned a surplus of money in Des Moines and how our district doesn't seem to see any of these funds, and asked everyone to ask the legislature what is happening with the tax dollars. He reinforced that he will always talk about student achievement and

encouraged everyone to come to forums and speak up and that it the public's right and privilege to do so.

President Johanson stated he has been pleased with participation in public forums and emphasized how important public participation is to the board and reassured the public that the board is listening. He agreed with Director Roberson's comments and referenced the public feedback that was included in board packets and noted that every board member receives copies of all the feedback sent to the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Roberson moved the board adjourn. Director Clewell seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer