

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM
1606 BRADY STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6:00 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, February 27, 2017 for their Regular Meeting. The meeting was held at the Achievement Service Center, 1606 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Johanson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 On roll call the following board members were present: Directors: Ralph Johanson, Rich Clewell, Linda Hayes, Clyde Mayfield, Jamie Snyder and Julie DeSalvo. Dan Gosa participated by phone. Dr. Tate and other administrators were present.

1.02 Director DeSalvo read the board priorities and Director Mayfield read the mission and vision statements.

2. SHOWCASE

2.01 Smart Intermediate

Principal, James Caparula introduced the Showcase. Staff and students highlighted a service project they are involved in called Feed My Starving Children Charity. Staff discussed how they integrate the project into the curriculum. Their goal is to feed a family from Africa for a year and they have raised \$275 through various fundraisers such as Hat and PJ Day, Buffalo Wild Wings Day, and a dodge ball tournament. Students are preparing to also do a charity at a packing plant and will pack meals for recipients on location. All the students shared how the project has impacted them in lots of positive ways and board members thanked them for their commitment and dedication to helping others.

3. PRESENTATION

3.01 Junior Achievement of the Heartland

Ms. Barbara VenHorst, President of Junior Achievement of the Heartland presented to the board. She showed a video and provided an overview of the program. Junior Achievement teaches students financial literacy, decision making skills, to think like entrepreneurs and how to be responsible citizens. They use a curriculum that aligns with the Common Core. Mr. Lance Heuer with US Bank shared his positive experiences as a volunteer and board members make comments and thanked them for their service.

4. STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Students from North and Central provided updates on activities happening at their schools.

5. BOARD REPORTS

Director Clewell gave a report on the Annual Get on the Bus trip to the Capitol. Director DeSalvo reported on her attendance on bus trip and the local Legislative Forum. President Johanson announced the first Community Conversation with the Board scheduled for Thursday, March 16th at the Fluellen Center, 1228 E. 12 Street at 6PM. He also announced that the board book study will begin at the next Regular Meeting on March 13th at 5:30PM.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.01 Upcoming Events and Meetings

- Saturdays, 10:00AM, Legislative Forums, Rogalski Center, St. Ambrose on March 11th and April 22nd. Free and open to public.
- February 27, Monday, 6:00PM, Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- March 6, Monday, 5:30PM, Committee of the Whole: This meeting will be held at Buffalo Elementary School, 1000 Jefferson Street, Buffalo IA.
- March 13, Monday, 5:30 Board Book Study - "*For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood.. and the Rest of Y'all Too: Reality Pedagogy and Urban Education*" by Christopher Emdin. 6:00PM, Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- March 14, Tuesday, 5-8PM, 10th Annual Taste of ProStart, Davenport River Center, 136 E. 3rd Street
- March 16, Thursday, 6:00PM, Community Conversation with the Board, Fluellen Center, 1228 E. 12th Street, Davenport
- March 27, Monday, 5:30 Board Book Study (Part II), 6:00PM Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room

6.02 Open Forum for Community Input

- Robert Lipnick, 2320 Fulton Avenue, Davenport-Spoke against cuts for AP classes.
- Barbara Lipnick, 2320 Fulton Avenue, Davenport- Spoke against cuts for AP classes.
- Jodi Zimmerman, 1428 9th Ave. Davenport - Spoke against cuts for AP classes.
- Madison Cousins, 5340 Shawnee Drive, Davenport - Spoke against cuts for AP classes.
- Scott Tunicliff,, 718 Holmes St. Davenport - Supports Senate Files 1124 and 340 for funding equality.
- Rodney Blackwell,2110 Aspen Dr., Davenport - Spoke about open enrollment
- Peter Roudebush, 2250, E. 48th St, Davenport, -Supports funding equality.
- Diego Gomez, 1670 W. 49th St.,Davenport-Spoke against cutting AP Classes
- Ken Krumwiede, 33 Madison Circle, Davenport-Supports funding equality and contribution of IASB.

7 .CONSENT AGENDA

7.01 Approval of Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves, Etc.

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Kenyon, Julia
Nurse
Washington Elementary

Degree: B.A. - Step 12 (Teacher Quality Qualification)
Salary: \$4,332.00 prorated to \$1,732.80 (74/185 days)
Effective: February 9, 2017

Watt, Allyson
Special Education Life Skills
Jackson Elementary

Degree: B.A. - Step 1
Salary: \$36,302.00 prorated to \$12,950.98 (66/185 days)
Effective: February 22, 2017

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Watt, Allyson Special Education Level III Jackson Elementary	\$8,000.00 prorated to \$2,854.05 (66/185 days)
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APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Clifton, Brandi Para Educator Harrison Elementary	Effective: February 14, 2017 Salary: \$11.24/hr Hours: 5.75 hrs/day
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Decker, Kelly Para Educator Wilson Elementary	Effective: February 13, 2017 Salary: \$13.24/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day
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Haynes, Kristianna Para Educator Williams Intermediate	Effective: February 21, 2017 Salary: \$13.24/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day
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Trowers, Jordan Para Educator North High	Effective: February 16, 2017 Salary: \$13.24/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Ferguson, Thomas Social Studies Central High	Effective: End of 2016-17 school year Years of Service: 1 yrs 10 mos
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Maroon, Megan Grade 3 Jefferson Elementary	Effective: End of 2016-17 school year Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos
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Peterson, Mitchell Health Sudlow Intermediate	Effective: End of 2016-17 school year Years of Service: 5 yrs 10 mos
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Ferguson, Thomas Model Teacher Central High	\$1,500.00
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Ferguson, Thomas Football - Assistant Central High	12% \$3,758.00
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Gray, Christine TLCS Lead Supplemental West High	\$6,000.00
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Sade, Mark Basketball - Girls' Assistant West High	12% \$3,758.00
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Staber, Angela TLCS Lead Supplemental West High	\$6,000.00
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Briones, Feliciana Para Educator Truman Elementary	Effective: February 17, 2017 Years of Service: 4 mos
Brooks, Angela Para Educator Madison Elementary	Effective: March 17, 2017 Years of Service: 8 yrs 11 mos
Clinton, Deborah Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: February 21, 2017 Years of Service: 6 yrs 10 mos
Dennis, Tami Custodian Garfield Elementary	Effective: February 13, 2017 Years of Service: 5 mos
Ketron, Alexis Para Educator Fillmore Elementary	Effective: February 13, 2017 Years of Service: 6 mos
Lee, Jamisha FNS Cook-in-Charge McKinley Elementary	Effective: February 22, 2017 Years of Service: 1 yr 4 mos
Poling, Eric Juvenile Court Liaison Keystone Academy	Effective: March 17, 2017 Years of Service: 2 yrs 8 mos
Powell, Jessica Para Educator Sudlow Intermediate	Effective: March 9, 2017 Years of Service: 6 mos
Rogers, Kiki Para Educator Jefferson Elementary	Effective: February 21, 2017 Years of Service: 2 yrs
Skaja, Amy FNS Cashier North High	Effective: February 17, 2017 Years of Service: 5 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Moore, Andrew Language Arts Pool	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: January 17, 2017 - March 24, 2017
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LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

LeGrand, Cari Para Educator Williams Intermediate	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: February 23, 2017 - March 6, 2017
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7.02 Approval of Minutes for 2-13-17 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Director Snyder and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS

8.01 Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director DeSalvo the board approved the following resolution for the payment of bills and salaries:

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 of February 9th, 2017 through February 22, 2017.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Jon Flynn presented a report on the athletics programs. Dr. Tate read a complimentary e-mail from a parent of a Creative Arts student and shared some of the great events going on throughout the district from the Highlights Newsletter.

10. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

10.01 –Approval of Application for Renewal of Cooperative Sharing Agreements

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved the renewal of the Cooperative Sharing Agreements with Davenport Assumption High School in the following sports:

Girls Swimming/Diving

Boys Swimming

Girls Bowling

Boys Bowling

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

10.02 –Public Hearing and Approval of Plans for Central, Monroe and Hayes Masonry Project

Motion by Director Snyder and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved the plans and specifications for the Central, Monroe and Hayes Schools Masonry Project as shown in the 95% Plans and Specifications.

President Johanson conducted a public hearing on this project. No one spoke and Johanson declared the public hearing closed.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

10.03 –Public Hearing and Approval of Plans for West High School 2017 Remodel Project

Motion by Director Hayes and seconded by Director Snyder the board approved the plans and specifications for the 2017 West High School Hallway and Restroom Renovations Project.

President Johanson conducted a public hearing on this project. No one spoke and Johanson declared the public hearing closed.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

10.04 –Public Hearing and Approval of Plans for Brady Street Stadium 2017 Remodel Project

Motion by Director DeSalvo and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved the plans and specifications for the Brady Street Stadium 2017 Remodel Project.

President Johanson conducted a public hearing on this project. No one spoke and Johanson declared the public hearing closed.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

10.05 – Approval of Resolution

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director DeSalvo the board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFIRMING
IOWA SENATE STUDY BILL 1124 AND SENATE FILE 304

WHEREAS in FY 2017,163 districts (48.8%) are limited to the \$6,591 as their District Cost per Pupil (DCPP) while the other 170 districts (51.1%) have a DCPP ranging from \$6,592 to \$6,766, or \$1 to \$175 more,

WHEREAS there is no moral justification for denying some students the opportunity to be funded at the same rate as others,

WHEREAS the per pupil inequality respects no borders, creating capacity inequities in districts which neighbor each other, contributing to open enrollment challenges for districts with lower capacity and challenging student needs,

WHEREAS SSB1124 addresses a long-term ten year phase in to address the \$175 DCPP difference between students at the base amount and those authorized more,

WHEREAS SSB 1124 is a gradual approach and the inequality that has accumulated over time is urgent, students would be well served if the first two years of per pupil gains were accelerated to a higher state cost per pupil,

WHEREAS SF304 address short-term remedies by way of reducing the capacity of Reserve Funds from 20 percent to 15 percent, allowing school districts to access the difference and additionally providing the allowance for districts to utilize interest from Reserve Funds, AND

WHEREAS another major inequity in school funding is school transportation costs, with school transportation mandated by the state, but paid out of the school foundation formula without consideration for the number of students transported, the number of route miles traveled, or the difficulty of terrain based on geography of school districts,

WHEREAS the cost of school transportation per student enrolled varies from a low of \$41 per enrolled student to a high of \$1,037 per enrolled student, according to the Department of Education's 2014 Annual Transportation Report,

WHEREAS SSB1124 addresses a 10 year phase in to address transportation inequities,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

a. The Davenport Community School Board strongly supports SSB1124 as a long-term approach to rectify DCPP inequalities and transportation inequities.

b. The Davenport Community School Board strongly supports SF304 as a short-term approach to remedy DCPP inequality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we direct our school board secretary to send of copy of this resolution to our local legislators, Senate Education and Appropriations Committee Members, Quad City Chamber of Commerce, Davenport Mayor and City Council and our local media to communicate our strong urgency that SSB1124 and SF304 be passed during the 2017 General Assembly.

Discussion: Director Clewell provided background on the resolution. He emphasized that five different Chambers of Commerce support this resolution. Director Gosa explained he would be voting no because the legislature has not provided anything of benefit to this point and he does not trust them to do so in the future. Johanson mentioned a variety of organizations and individuals that have worked hard on this issue. Johanson thanked legislators as well as the Governor for their time with Davenport students. He thanked the following organizations for their hard work on advocating for equal funding: IASB, UEN, AEA, RSAI and thanked Margaret Buckton, Lew Finch, Lisa Bartusek, Bob Olsen, Norm Bower, Dr. Tate, Director Clewell and former board member, Patt Zamora. Director Mayfield expressed support but also reminded everyone that there is still inequity in the system. Dr. Tate expressed his thanks and appreciation for all of the support from the community and of board and that it has meant everything to him.

Vote: Ayes: Clewell, DeSalvo, Mayfield, Hayes, Snyder, Johanson. **Nays:** Gosa. Motion carried.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.01 Budget

Dr. Tate explained the budget information had not changed since the last meeting and reminded the board this is a 3 year plan. He noted that it should be the principals who work out the schedule for the AP classes. Tate explained that Mr. Flynn would be filling the Principal position at Central so the District Athletic Director position will not be filled. Board members asked a variety of questions concerning balanced enrollment, walk zones, and cuts to individual music lessons and not filling the the District Athletic Director position. The tax levy rate will be presented on March 27th and approved on April 10th. Mayfield asked about school closing in the future and asked if we get more funding will we still need to close a school. Dr. Tate responded that even if these bills are passed it will not prevent the closing of a school.

11.02 Policies

The policies below will be scheduled for board approval.

501.11 - Attendance

602.14 - Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular Activities

603.03 – Homework

901.07 - Code of Ethics

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

13. BOARD REQUESTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Hayes moved the board adjourn. Director Clewell seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer