

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM
1606 BRADY STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, March 24, 2014 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, Jamie Snyder. Rich Clewell and Maria Dickmann. Dr. Tate and other administrators were present.

Director Krumwiede read the board priorities.
Director Snyder read the mission and vision statements.

I. STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Alathea and Brienne from Kimberly Center reported on Kindergarten round up and finals this Thursday and Friday. Emily from West High School reported on the volleyball team and that the jazz band will be at the Redstone Room in two weeks. Hanna from North High School reported on the awards won by their ROTC and announced the musical is April 5th and 6th and that a student from North has their artwork displayed at City Hall. She also mentioned the very sad passing of one of their show choir members, Shaniia McDowell, and that members of the show choir were asked to sing at her funeral.

II. SHOWCASE

A. Jackson Elementary

Members of the staff discussed how they are using PBIS at their school and that an increasing number of students are maintaining positive behavior due to this program. They discussed a professionally made DVD they use as an instructional tool that has modules for many different categories and they demonstrated by showing the board the module on modeling lunchroom behavior. In the video students demonstrated how they follow the Jackson “ROAR” which stands for Respect yourself, Respect others, Always use life skills, and Respect your surroundings. They shared that 88% of students have not had any office discipline referrals. Several board members thanked them for their presentation and discussed the importance of modeling behaviors and the positive impact of the PBIS program.

III. COMMUNICATIONS (Including Open Forum)

- A. March 25th, 6-7:30 Public Discussion on Bell Times, Central High School Auditorium
- B. March 26th, 6-7:30 Public Discussion on Bell Times, West High School Auditorium
- C. March 31st, 5:30PM Taste of ProStart, Rivercenter, Davenport
- D. April 1st, 3:00PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room
- E. April 2nd, 4:00PM, Policy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room
- F. April 7th, 5:30PM Committee of the Whole, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- G. April 14, 7:00PM Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- H. April 28, 7:00PM Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- I. Open Forum for Community Input- No one spoke.

IV. 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 were approved in one motion.

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

March 3rd, 2014 (Committee of the Whole Meeting), March 10th, 2014 (Regular Meeting).

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

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Ewen, Joseph	25%
Basketball Boys' Varsity North High	\$7,255.00
Voss, Candace	5%
Track Assistant Intermediate Co-ed Wood Intermediate	\$1,451.00

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Cooper, Ashley	Effective: March 24, 2014
Para Educator	Salary: \$10.31
Madison Elementary	Hours: 4 hrs/day
Henry, Jennifer	Effective: March 24, 2014
Food Service Cashier II	Salary: \$9.98/hr
Smart Intermediate	Hours: 3.75 hrs/day
Lafrenz, Alexandra	Effective: March 10, 2014
Para Educator	Salary: \$9.96
Madison Elementary	Hours: 6.5 hrs/day
Peterson, Jenilee	Effective: April 1, 2014
Food Service Worker	Salary: \$9.59/hr
West High	Hours: 3.25 hrs/day

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Raines, Jennifer
Food Service Worker
Central High

Effective: March 24, 2014
Salary: \$9.59/hr
Hours: 3.75 hrs/day

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

~~Holbrook, Dennis
Media Specialist
Jackson Elementary/Kimberly Center~~

~~Effective: March 31, 2014
Years of Service:~~

*Dennis Holbrook was listed twice on the 3/10/14 Board Agenda, he did not resign, he retired.

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Garcia, Octavio
Custodian
Smart Intermediate

Effective: June 30, 2014
Years of Service: 13 yrs 5 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Albracht, Nicholas
Para Educator
Wood Intermediate

Effective: March 12, 2014
Years of Service: 6 mos

Hester, Janelle
Attendance Coach
Williams Intermediate

Effective: March 12, 2014
Years of Service: 1 yr 6 mos

McCann, Janice
Professional Secretary II

Effective: March 13, 2014
Years of Service: 14 yrs 6 mos

Voss, Candace
Para Educator

Effective: March 6, 2014
Years of Service: 4 yrs 1 mos

Walter, Corina
Para Educator
Smart Intermediate

Effective: March 3, 2014
Years of Service: 1 yr

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Huizenga, Deborah
Pool
Pool

Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: March 1, 2014 – April 1, 2014

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Martinez, Barbara
Para Educator
Sudlow Intermediate

Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: March 8, 2014 – May 30, 2014

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approved the consent agenda as presented. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Sherwood, DeFauw, Clewell, Snyder, Dickmann and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the following for adoption of the bills from the bill listing periods: March 6th, 2014 through March 19th, 2014.

“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 March 6th, 2014 through March 19th, 2014. Director Dickmann seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Dickmann, DeFauw, Krumwiede, Snyder, Sherwood and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate reported that a committee is working on a transition plan for the students currently at the Wittenmyer Learning Center and have discussed suggestions for naming that program. The committee decided on the name Keystone Academy and Tate explained the reasons why they chose that particular name. He read a letter from Susan Brice, PBIS Consultant from the Iowa Department of Education announcing that Wilson Elementary School has received the PBIS Honor School Award for the 2012-13 school year. To receive this recognition schools must show evidence that certain criteria have been met. Tate also mentioned the reduction in the drop-out rate in the last three years due to the hard work on the part of the district, student’s desires and parent and community support. He reported that the drop-out rate has been cut in half both in 7th through 12th grade and grades 9 through 12.

VII. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Approval of Plans and Specification for Central Auditorium and Natatorium Project

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the plans and specifications for Central Auditorium and Natatorium Project. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

President Johanson conducted a public hearing on this project. No one spoke

and the public hearing was then declared closed.

Discussion: Director Sherwood asked about the environmentally friendly aspects of the project. Mr. Martin said they were not using any geothermal or solar on this project. Sherwood voiced concern that we are in an environmental crisis in the world and how leadership is needed and hopes the district will change its' philosophy to embrace moving in this direction. Director DeFauw asked for the costs involved in the resulting projects of moving the tennis courts and the reconfiguration of the parking lot. Mr. Martin said the tennis court parking would be approximately \$400,000 but this was included in the original estimate that was brought to the board and the whole project is about 25.3 million. DeFauw commented that the total project costs were in excess of 25 million. Director Clewell asked about renovation of the old pool and Mr. Martin provided more detail. Mr. Martin reviewed the plans of the project and Sherwood emphasized the importance of hiring local. President Johanson commented on the various items that Mr. Scott needs to consider for projects and asked about the considerations brought up by Director Sherwood concerning being environmentally friendly. He asked how Mr. Scott determines priorities and how much is determined by the board's thinking. Mr. Scott said if we are going green it would be an important decision by the board because there is a large impact to the projects. If they can fit this into the project they will do that but to add in more green initiatives would have pushed the price up for this particular project to 26 million or more.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Krumwiede, Sherwood, Snyder, Dickmann and Johanson. Nays: DeFauw. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Plans and Specification for North High School Student Locker Replacement

Motion: Director Dickmann moved the board approve the plans and specifications for the North High School Student Locker Replacement Project. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

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

Discussion: Director Snyder asked if they foresee any wall damage and Mr. Martin said the lockers should come out pretty clean.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Dickmann, Sherwood, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Clewell, Snyder and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

C. Approval of Plans and Specifications for Central High School Three Entrance Renovations Project

Motion: Director Sherwood moved the board approve the plans and specifications for the Central High School Three Entrance Renovations Project. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

Discussion: Director Sherwood asked if this was the result of poor maintenance and how this would be avoided in the future and Mr. Martin said these renovations were not maintenance related.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Sherwood, Clewell, Snyder, Dickmann, Krumwiede, DeFauw and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

D. Approval of Plans and Specifications for Restroom Renovations Phase 6 Project.

Motion: Director Dickmann moved the board approve the plans and specifications for Phase 6 Restroom Renovations Project for Adams and JB Young Schools. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

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

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Dickmann, Krumwiede, Clewell, Snyder, Sherwood, DeFauw and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

E. Approval of Plans and Specifications for 3801 Marquette Street Remodel Project

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the plans and specification for the 3801 Marquette Street Remodel Project. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

Discussion: Director Sherwood asked about the long term plan to re-establish indoor athletics. Mr. Martin discussed plans for creating a fitness area for students and there would be space in the future to build a gym. Director Dickmann commented on how this may strain resources and asked for the impact to the general fund. Mr. Martin said the project will require additional resources. Director Sherwood noted that it was said in the past that this would be a wash and that there would be no increase in costs to the general fund. Ms. Tangen said that was correct that it would

be a wash stating that when they looked at the costs of the Wittenmyer facility they had included maintenance and operation expenses. It is a wash because that was a savings the district would realize from the costs associated with the Wittenmyer facility and this is now being transferred to this facility so there is no additional burden to the general fund.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Clewell, DeFauw, Snyder, Dickmann Sherwood and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

F. Approval of Plans and Specifications for JB Young 202 Remodel Phase 2

Motion: Director Sherwood moved the board approve the plans and specification for the JB Young 202 Remodel Phase 2 Project. Director Dickmann seconded the motion.

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

Discussion: Director Clewell asked if they are using the Iowa Association of School Board's Iowa Construction Advocacy Team who utilizes Estes Construction which is local. Mr. Page stated that on this specific project they are not using this service, but explained how they are using construction managers on the Truman and 3801 Marquette Project. Clewell said he would forward them the information as there could be a cost savings.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Sherwood, Dickmann, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Clewell, Snyder and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

G. Approval of 1080 hours of instruction for 2014-15 School Year

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve an annual schedule for the 2014 to 2015 school year which includes 1080 hours of student instruction. Director Snyder seconded the motion.

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

Discussion: Director Clewell expressed appreciation to legislators for providing local control on this matter. DeFauw asked Dr. Tate to speak on the advantages of moving to 1080 hours. Dr. Tate said the bell time study committee decided that 1080 hours gives the district maximum flexibility and discussed the additional hours that would be available at all levels.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Snyder, Sherwood, DeFauw, Clewell, Dickmann and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

H. Food & Nutrition Pricing Recommendation

Motion: Director Dickmann moved the board approve the 2014-15 meal prices as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Dickmann, Clewell, Sherwood, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Snyder and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

I. Approval of Walcott Elementary Partial Roof Replacement

Motion: Director DeFauw moved the board approve the lowest responsible responsive bid of \$197,400.00 from Geisler Brothers Company of Dubuque, Iowa for the Walcott Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement Project. Director Snyder seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Dickmann asked about keeping projects local. Mr. Martin provided more details and said this is a good contractor they have worked with in the past and they try to stay with the lowest bid.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: DeFauw, Snyder, Sherwood, Krumwiede, Clewell and Johanson. Nays: Dickmann. Motion carried.

J. Approval of North High School Partial Roof Replacement

Motion: Director DeFauw moved the board approve the lowest responsible responsive bid of \$97,530.00 from Economy Roofing & Insulating Company, Inc. of Bettendorf, Iowa for the North High School Partial Roof Replacement Project. Director Dickmann seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Dickmann asked about the price differences in bids. Mr. Martin said everyone's bids depend on their workload. Sherwood asked if we would be better off postponing any projects due to the pressure being put on local contractors with so many projects being done currently in the Quad City area. Mr. Martin said we can't be sure what the future holds and he would not recommend postponing any projects.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: DeFauw, Dickmann, Clewell, Snyder, Sherwood, Krumwiede and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

K. Approval of Truman Elementary School Remodel

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the lowest, responsible, and responsive bids from the successful contractors in each of the 13 bid packages, as presented, with the additional alternates 1, 3, 4, 6, and 8 for a subtotal of \$6,186,305. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Sherwood, DeFauw, Clewell, Snyder Dickmann and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

L. Approval of 3801 Marquette Street Demolition Project

Motion: Director Snyder moved the board approve the lowest, responsible, and responsive bid from MWE Services, dba Midwest Demolition, Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$232,800. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Snyder questioned large discrepancy between the estimate of over \$600,000 and the bid of \$232,000. Mr. Page explained the rationale in the price difference and how that was related to per hour rates for the different companies. They also explained that this company specializes in demolition. Director Sherwood asked what we know about their safety record and taking care of their own people. Mr. Page explained when the company was interviewed they discussed safety precautions and how they have done work in the past for the district.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Snyder, Clewell, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Dickmann, Sherwood and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

M. Approval of BoardDocs Service and Supporting Technology

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the purchase of the BoardDocs LT Service and the laptop computers to support the board's use of this service. Director Snyder seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Krumwiede made note of the overview of the costs of program and the laptops and stated the Ad Hoc Technology Committee recommends the 17 inch laptop. Krumwiede discussed the timeline if the project is approved and Director Snyder discussed the advantages of using the 17 inch screen. He also explained that the laptops have a life expectancy of 5-7 years. Director Dickmann thanked the committee for moving in this direction.

Vote: The vote on the motion called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Snyder, Sherwood, DeFauw, Clewell, Dickmann and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

O. Resolution Fixing the Date of Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Approving Official Statement

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the following RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE OF SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2014, APPROVING ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURES AND APPROVING OFFICIAL STATEMENT:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 423E and 423F, the Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District (the "Issuer") is currently entitled to receive proceeds of the statewide School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use tax; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an election duly held in the District in accordance therewith on September 10, 2013, and pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 423E and 423F, the Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District approved a Revenue Purpose Statement and is currently entitled to expend proceeds of the statewide School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use tax; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it advisable and necessary that Bonds authorized at the election be offered for sale for the purpose authorized at the election, and it is in the best interest to issue Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it in the best interests of the School District and the residents thereof to receive bids to purchase School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds by means of both sealed and electronic internet communication; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information from its Financial Advisor, recommending the procedure for electronic bidding so as to provide for the integrity of the competitive bidding process and to facilitate the delivery of bids by interested parties:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF SCOTT AND MUSCATINE, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the PARITY® Competitive Bidding System and the Electronic Bidding Procedures attached hereto are found and determined to provide reasonable security and to maintain the integrity of the competitive bidding process, and to facilitate the delivery of bids by interested parties in connection with the sale of not to exceed \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2014.

Section 2. That all electronic bidding shall be submitted in substantial conformity with Iowa Code Section 75.14 and Chapter 554D.

Section 3. That School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 (the "Bonds"), to be issued and dated May 15, 2014, be offered for sale.

Section 4. That the Secretary of the Board of this School District shall cause to be prepared an Official Statement and to schedule the sale of the Bonds. The Bonds to be offered are School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000, to be dated May 15, 2014. The Official Statement shall include the following terms, and the Electronic Bidding Procedures attached to this Resolution are approved:

Time and Place of Sale: Sealed bids or electronic bids for the sale of Bonds of the Davenport Community School District, in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa (the "Issuer"), will be received at the office of the District's Financial Advisor, Public Financial Management, Inc., 801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, (515) 243-2600, until 11:00 o'clock A.M. on April 14, 2014. The bids will be publicly opened at that time and evaluated by the Chief Financial Officer and the Financial Advisor and referred for action at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sale and Award: The sale and award of the Bonds will be held at the Board meeting scheduled on the same date.

Manner of Bidding: Open bids will not be received. No bid will be received after the time specified above for receiving bids. Bids will be received by any of the following methods:

- Sealed Bidding: Sealed bids may be submitted and will be received at the office District's Financial Advisor, Public Financial Management, Inc., 801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, (515) 243-2600.
- Electronic Bidding: Electronic internet bids will be received at the office of the District's Financial Advisor, Public Financial Management, Inc., 801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, (515) 243-2600. The bids must be submitted through PARITY®.
- Electronic Facsimile Bidding: Electronic facsimile bids will be received at the office of the District's Financial Advisor, Public Financial Management, Inc., 801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, (515) 243-6994. Electronic facsimile bids will be sealed and treated as sealed bids.

Official Statement: An Official Statement of information pertaining to the Bonds to be offered shall be prepared by the District's Financial Advisor, including a statement of the Terms of Offering and an Official Bid Form. The Official Statement may be obtained by request addressed to the Chief Financial Officer, Davenport Community School District, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803, (563) 336-5000; or Public Financial Management, Inc., 801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, (515) 243-2600. Terms of Offering: All bids must be in conformity with and the sale must be in accord with the Terms of Offering as set forth in the Official Statement.

Legal Opinion: Bonds will be sold subject to the opinion of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Attorneys of Des Moines, Iowa, as to the legality and their opinion will be furnished together with the printed Bonds without cost to the purchaser and all bids will be so conditioned. Except to the extent necessary to issue their opinion as to the legality of the Bonds, the attorneys will not examine or review or express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of documents, materials or statements made or furnished in connection with the sale, issuance or marketing of the Bonds.

Rights Reserved: The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and to waive any irregularities as deemed to be in the best interests of the public.

Section 5. That the preliminary Official Statement in the form presented to this meeting be and the same hereby is approved as to form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, subject to such revisions, corrections or modifications as the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, and Board Secretary, upon the advice of the District's Financial Advisor, shall determine to be appropriate, and is authorized to be distributed in connection with the offering of the Bonds for sale.

Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell Sherwood, Dickmann, Krumwiede, DeFauw, Snyder and Johanson. All ayes motion carried.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation of Budget- Ms. Tangen presented both the budget amendment for 2013-14 and the 2014-15 Budget. She explained why the budget needs to be amended every year and discussed highlights of the amendment . She then reviewed the 2014-15 budget which includes a 2 million in reductions, receipt of the TLCS grant, reduction in the cash reserve levy, reduction in property tax levy, 10 million revenue bond issue and declining unspent balance. Of note regarding the general fund revenues is 4% growth which equals \$6366 per pupil, the Teacher Leadership Compensation Grant (TLCS) of 5 million and \$4.4 million less in cash reserves. For the benefit of the public she explained why we are making 2 million in reductions at the same time we are building, buying and remodeling all over the district. These construction projects come out of Capital Projects Fund which is funded through SAVE (LOSS) funds and revenue bond sales and the monies collected from these sources can only be used for those purposes expressed defined by law which include: Acquiring or constructing major capital facilities, purchasing buildings and furnishings, improving or remodeling, and payment of bond debt. She also noted that the 5 million TLCS grant is categorical funding which can only be used for expressed purposes as detailed in the funding source. Next steps for the budget are board action at the April 14th board meeting and then certifying the budget on April 15th.

Sherwood clarified that the Teacher Leadership Grant funds are not replacing current funding and Ms. Tangen said that was correct. Director DeFauw noted that we are actually only cutting \$800,000 from the budget since we are relying on \$1.2 million in relief from the health insurance fund. She also voiced her concern that the board is getting ready to approve a budget that puts us so close to a negative unspent balance and that we are overspending by 6 million dollars. She said the board needs to make some hard decisions and make sustainable budget cuts and hopes that in the next two months the administration comes to the board with some hard choices and options for us to consider. She said the board has discussed moving from a block to traditional schedule and increasing class size and the board needs to start making hard decisions. Director Sherwood agreed with DeFauw's concerns and said that cutting the budget requires strategic thinking and said he doesn't like sacrificing the block schedule and thinks there are other possibilities such as restructuring some of the elementary schools and making them K-8 schools. Ms. Tangen did mention that she can go to the School Budget Review Committee and ask for more spending authority for the excessive amount of ELL costs.

There was a discussion about the concerns expressed and the impact on the timeline for submitting the budget. Ms. Tangen explained that what the board is actually approving is establishment of the tax levy and the opportunity for further reductions can be made in the future since a budget amendment can be done at any time during the year. President Johanson asked Ms. Tangen to provide more detail as to the ramifications for having such a low unspent balance. Tangen talked about how we have walked the tightrope of going negative but also asked the board to keep in mind that the projected unspent balance is based on estimates for negotiations, utilities, contracts that will come in, open enrollment, vendor contracts and so forth. Director Clewell said there isn't anything here that should be a surprise to the board since we received that letter from the state two years ago so we have had that information for quite a while. He said that all board members had the opportunity when the budget was set to make changes and this was as far as we were willing to go. Clewell stated he agrees with the concerns expressed and the board has to do something different than what we have done in the past to cut the budget and some of us may have to relent on some areas we feel very strongly about.

President Johanson called a four minute recess.

B. Board Protocol

President Johanson said he would like to discuss a few topics concerning board protocol and some of the ways the board does business. The first item is the board's use of Roberts Rules of Order. The board defaults to the use of Robert's Rules but the board does not strictly adhere to them and he wanted to know the board's thinking on this. For instance, according to Roberts Rules when someone speaks then we have to allow everyone else to speak before that person speaks again according to Robert's Rules and the chair doesn't vote unless to break a tie, but our precedent has been for the President to always vote. The second area for discussion would be regarding board requests for information and agenda items. In the past board members can ask for anything. Some boards vet board requests by voting or in other ways. The last area he wanted to discuss was the length of board meetings since some of the board meetings have been very long. He noted that this board does not have time limits on how long board members speak or a time limit to the meetings. He said we might consider not allowing comments or questions during the showcases or presentations and then opened the topic for discussion.

Director Dickmann thinks it is good that all board members can fully express their opinions and the meetings do go long but this is part of the democratic process and the end result is better when everyone has chance to fully express their views. Director Sherwood said this discussion may be better suited for a board workshop. Director Snyder said he doesn't like the suggestion to limit comments on the showcases. Director DeFauw suggested more agenda management and that the agenda committee be mindful not to include too many agenda items. She noted that she is submitting an agenda request to discuss the option of moving up the start time of the regular meetings to 6:30PM. She also said she would not support the board president only voting to break a tie. Director Krumwiede expressed how difficult it is sometimes for the agenda committee to limit the agenda items and that board members should also be mindful of the number of requests they submit. President Johanson said it sounds to him like the board is saying to continue as we have been but to be mindful of time and that a future discussion item will be starting the regular meetings at 6:30PM.

C. On-Line Learning Classes AEA – Postponed.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

X. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

Director DeFauw extended condolences on behalf of the board and the school district to the family of Shaniia McDowell. She was a freshman at North High School who died March 12th, 2014 of an asthma attack. She was a member of show choir and a dear friend of DeFauw's daughter. DeFauw stated that Shaniia is truly being missed by the school community and reported that at the family's request, more than 50 of the show choir students took part in her funeral and sang the ballad that she participated in the prior Saturday.

Director Sherwood commented on a letter included in board packets from a counselor who was criticizing the admission policies used at the Kimberly Center. He provided a brief history of why they moved to this type of process and why it is so beneficial and that the Kimberly Center is doing a top flight job and that he disagrees with her views.

Director Dickmann wanted to thank Representative Thede for her continued support of 6% allowable growth.

Board Members had the following board requests:

Director Dickmann requested an agenda item-Discuss the prospect of creating a pilot program of "Tools of the Mind" curriculum at the pre-school and/or kindergarten level(s).

Director Snyder had an information request-I would like information as to how we as a district determine coach's compensation. We have had coach positions that earn less money than assistant coaches in other sports. What criteria are used to determine pay? Also, how do we determine if assistant coaches are need and how many?

Director DeFauw had an agenda request: Discuss moving the start time of regular board meetings to 6:30PM.

Director Sherwood had an agenda request: I would like a comprehensive presentation on the district's procedures for hiring, evaluating, and developing our coaching staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Dickmann seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer