

# **DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014**  
**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, April 14, 2014 for their Regular Meeting. The meeting was held at the Achievement Service Center, 1606 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa, in said District. Vice-President Krumwiede called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM .

On roll call the following board members were present: Directors: Ken Krumwiede, Nikki De Fauw, Rich Clewell, Bill Sherwood, Jamie Snyder, Rich Clewell and Maria Dickmann. Ralph Johanson arrived at 9:07PM. Dr. Tate and other administrators were present.

Director Sherwood read the board priorities  
Student board members read the mission and vision statements.

## **I. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR BUDGET**

### **A. Public Hearing for the Amendment of the Current 2013-14 Budget**

Vice President Krumwiede conducted a public hearing on the amendment to the current 2013-14 budget. No one spoke and the public hearing was declared closed.

### **B. Public Hearing for the Proposed District 2014-15 Budget**

Vice President Krumwiede conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2014-15 school district budget. No one spoke and the public hearing was declared closed.

## **II. STUDENT BOARD REPORTS**

Hanna Herrington from North High School reported on how well students competed at the IHSMAs solo and ensemble contest this past weekend, wins by the soccer team, shadow day for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Wood Intermediate, their blood drive and awards that have been won by the ROTC. Alatheia Wilkins and BrieAnn Harvey from Kimberly Center reported on students receiving academic awards and that Mr. Theede took some students to an alternative conference.

### **III. PRESENTATION**

**A. Junior Achievement** – President, Barbara Ven Horst provided an overview of Junior Achievement activities. Also in attendance was Board Chair, Dale Dollenbacher. Ms. Ven Horst stated they serve more than 53,000 students in 24 counties in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. Junior Achievement programs support youth development, education development and economic development. They use experiential learning and deliver programs based on three pillars: financial literacy, entrepreneurial thinking, and workplace readiness for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. They have provided over \$180,000 in resources and instruction to the Davenport School District. Board members thanked Mr. Ven Horst for her presentation and all they do for the district and some board members shared personal experiences with being involved with Junior Achievement.

### **IV. SHOWCASE**

**A. Central High School** – Principal, Scott McKissick announced they were notified today that members of the TAG group who participated in the National Scholastic Bowl finished as the top team in the state of Iowa. He then introduced TAG Coordinator, Gail Heninger and she introduced TAG students who gave speeches to the board about the various activities that take place in TAG program. The TAG students presented a video to the board. Board members complimented Ms. Heninger on her work with TAG students and expressed their interest in the various programs. Director Dickmann also suggested they start a debate team.

### **V. COMMUNICATIONS (Including Open Forum)**

- A. April 22, Retirement Dinner, Radisson Downtown, 6:00 Social Hour- 7:00-Dinner
- B. April 28, 7:00PM Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- C. May 2, 6-9PM, Davenport Schools Foundation Gala, Modern Woodman
- D. May 5, 5:30PM, Committee of the Whole, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- E. May 6, 3:00PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room
- F. May 7, 4:00PM, Policy Committee, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- G. May 12, 7:00PM, Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- H. May 20, 7:00PM, Kimberly Center Graduation, Galvin Fine Arts Center, St. Ambrose
- I. May 26, (Monday) Holiday- Closed
- J. May 27, (Tuesday) 7:00PM Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- K. Open Forum for Community Input-
  - Dee Ahrens-1217 S. Zenith Avenue, Davenport-Spoke against cuts to para-professional positions at Children’s Villages.
  - Judy Anthony-2912 Rockingham Rd, Davenport- Spoke against cuts to para-professional positions at Children’s Villages.
  - Ty Cutkomp, 33 Oak Lane, Davenport- Spoke against cuts to para-professional positions at Children’s Villages.
  - Erika Bremer-2245 W. Columbia Ave-Davenport- Spoke against cuts to para-professional positions at Children’s Villages.
  - Amy Long- 123 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St., Davenport – Spoke against cuts to para-professional positions at Children’s Villages.
  - Tammy McKune-1215 Tremont Ave., Davenport- Spoke against cuts to para-professional positions at Children’s Villages.

Jennifer Josound-732 W. 88<sup>th</sup> St, Davenport –Spoke against new start times for the high schools. .

Venessa Jones-1102 Iowa St.,Davenport – Spoke against cuts to para-professional positions at Children’s Villages.

Julie Kalkwart-1528 Robeson Ave, Bettendorf- Spoke against cuts to para-professional positions at Children’s Villages.

**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**

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (Regular Meeting), April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (Committee of the Whole).  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (Special Call Open Session)

**B. Contracts**

1. Eastern Iowa Community College for Dual Enrolled Classes – (Amount to be determined. Fiscal year 2013 was \$35,156. Tuition increasing to 55% of regular rate from 45%).

2. Chileda Institute for \$28,374 to provide services according to IEP.

**C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves, Etc.**

**APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS**

Berg, Alexander	5%
Assistant Intermediate Co-Ed Track	\$1,451.00
J B Young	
Claeys, Steve	12%
Baseball Assistant	\$3,482.00
West High	
Kresse, Sam	5%
Track Assistant Intermediate Co-Ed	\$1,451.00
Williams Intermediate	
Paulson, Griffin	12%
Baseball Assistant	\$3,482.00
West High	
Runge, Matthew	14%
Boys Soccer	\$4,073.00
Central High	
Shaw, Wendy	12%
Assistant Girls’ Track	\$3,482.00 Prorated to \$2,537.00
Central High	for the Remainder of the Season

Thissen, Greg 5%  
Assistant Intermediate Co-Ed Track \$1,451.00  
J B Young

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Allen, Wendy Para Educator Hayes Elementary	Effective: April 14, 2014 Salary: \$9.96/hr Hours: 6.50 hrs/day
Greer, Lindsey Para Educator Eisenhower Elementary	Effective: March 25, 2014 Salary: \$9.96/hr Hours: 2.5 hrs/day
Guile, Robert Custodian Sudlow Intermediate	Effective: April 14, 2014 Salary: \$13.38/hr Hours: 4.0 hrs/day
Huffstutler, Kimberly Attendance Coach West High	Effective: April 28, 2014 Salary: \$17.43/hr Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
Inman, Tara Para Educator Buchanan Elementary	Effective: April 3, 2014 Salary: \$10.31/hr Hours: 4.0 hrs/day
Starr, Jennifer Para Educator Central High	Effective: April 7, 2014 Salary: \$9.96/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day
Steele, Stephanie Para Educator Madison Elementary	Effective: March 31, 2014 Salary: \$9.96/hr Hours: 4 hrs/day

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED CORRECTION

Correction to March 24, 2014 Board Minutes:  
Peterson, Jenilee Effective: ~~April 1, 2014~~ April 2, 2014  
Food Service Worker Salary: \$9.59/hr  
West High Hours: 3.25 hrs/day

RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Heisdorffer, Cynthia Science Central High	Effective: End of 2013-2014 school year Years of Service: 21 yrs 7 mos
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Ambrozi, Tyler Grade 2 Jefferson/Edison	Effective: End of 2013-2014 school year Years of Service: 1 yr 9 mos
Hall, Amber Math Central High	Effective: End of 2013-2014 school year Years of Service: 8 yrs 9 mos

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Hall, Yolanda Counselor Central High	Effective: End of 2013-2014 school year Years of Service: 1 yr
Hardy, Damien Reading/Lit Sudlow Intermediate	Effective: End of 2013-2014 school year Years of Service: 10 mos
Klauer, April Family & Consumer Science Central High	Effective: End of 2013-2014 school year Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos
Shelley, Hannah Math Central High	Effective: March 31, 2014 Years of Service: 7 yrs 7 mos
Spencer, Mariah Reading/Language Arts Grade 8 J B Young	Effective: End of 2013-2014 school year Years of Service: 2 yrs
Wulff, Lindsey Preschool Children's Village West	Effective: End of 2013-2014 school year Years of Service: 5 yrs 10 mos

**Amendment:**

Davis, Mirchelle Para Educator Children's Villages Hayes	Effective: May 30, 2014 Years of Service: 22 years 9 mos
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Delf, Ryan Wrestling Assistant West High	12% \$3,482.00
Ellis, Hannah Flag Line Instructor West High	7% \$2,031.00
Grannen, Michael Assistant Volleyball Central High	12% \$3,482.00
Hall, Amber Varsity Volleyball Central High	25% \$7,255.00
Johnson, Sean Baseball Assistant West High	12% \$3,482.00
Mason, John Wrestling Assistant West High	12% \$3,482.00
Parsons, Paige Vocal Music Buchanan Elementary	5% \$1,451.00

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Dyer, Susan Para Educator Kimberly Center	Effective: End of 2013-14 School Year Years of Service: 24 yrs 5 mos
Heuer, Bruce Custodian Fillmore Elementary	Effective: June 30, 2014 Years of Service: 9 yrs

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Andybur, Katrina Professional Secretary I, 10.5 mos Wood Intermediate	Effective: March 25, 2014 Years of Service: 6 weeks
Hood, Tiffany Food Service Cashier II Walcott K-8	Effective: April 4, 2014 Years of Service: 1 yr 7 mos
Johnson, Sean Juvenile Court Liaison West High	Effective: April 11, 2014 Years of Service: 5 yrs 6 mos
Nunn, Dominique Para Educator Sudlow Intermediate	Effective: March 28, 2014 Years of Service: 7 mos
Parr, Kimberly Food Service Cook-in-Charge Madison Elementary	Effective: March 19, 2014 Years of Service: 9 yrs 11 mos
Schaffert, Danielle Para Educator Children's Village Hoover	Effective: March 31, 2014 Years of Service: 7 yrs 1 mo
Wallace, Theresa Food Service Worker West High	Effective: April 7, 2014 Years of Service: 22 yrs 6 mos

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Peterson, Andrea Grade 5 Garfield Elementary	Effective: 2014-2015 School Year Salary: B.A. – Step 2 on the 2014-15 Salary Schedule
Sullivan, Michelle Teacher - TBD Site TBD	Effective: 2014-2015 School Year Salary: B.A.+15. – Step 16 on the 2014-2015 Salary Schedule

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Huizenga, Deborah Pool Pool	Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: April 2, 2014 – May 6, 2014
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RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Fennelly, Patty  
Para Educator  
Madison Elementary

Effective: March 24, 2014  
Salary: \$10.31/hr  
Hours: 4.5 hrs/day

**Motion:** Director Snyder moved the board approved the consent agenda with the amendment. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**VII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the board approve the following resolution for the adoption of the bills from the bill listing periods: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 through April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 through April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Director Dickmann seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Tate read a letter from the Government Finance Officers Association notifying him that the district’s comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 qualified for a Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting. He stated this achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment. Tate announced that Bruce Potts, principal at Sudlow Intermediate, was awarded “Outstanding Administrator” for the State of Iowa through the Iowa Bandmasters Association. He also read a letter from a School Within School student from West High School thanking the administration and teachers for all of their help and shared how much this program has changed her life.

## **IX. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

### **A. Approval of Plans and Specification for Children's Village West-South Parking Lot Renovation Project**

**Motion:** Director Sherwood moved the board approve the plans and specifications for Children's Village West-South Parking Lot Renovation Project. Director Snyder seconded the motion.

Vice-President Krumwiede conducted a public hearing. No one spoke. The public hearing was declared closed.

**Discussion:** None.

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

### **B. Proposed Current 2013-14 Budget Amendment**

**Motion:** Director Dickmann moved the board accept the administration's recommendation to amend the 2013-14 Certified Budget in the area of Total Support Services from \$53,347,287.00 to \$59,576,456.00 and the Functional areas of Instruction from \$120,293,558.00 to \$120,955,217.00 The Noninstructional Programs and Total Other Expenditures remain unchanged from the original budget certification. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

### **C. Proposed 2014-2015 Budget**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the board accept the administration's recommendation to adopt and certify the Budget and Tax Levy rate for the 2014-15 fiscal year as published and presented. The proposed property tax levy rate per \$1000 taxable valuation will be \$15.59319 and resources and requirements are estimated at \$279,889,049.00 Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director DeFauw asked Ms. Tangen to speak to the taxable valuation that is being proposed as opposed to the current rate. Ms. Tangen explained that the tax levy rate for the proposed school year will be approximately one dollar less. She provided additional details and stated that some of the funds do not come with spending authority and since we had hit an amount that fell within the board's range of where we should be with the rainy day fund that is why she made the



recommendation that the levy rate be lowered. Director DeFauw apologized for bringing this up at such a late date but in thinking about the valuation and recognizing that we do have a surplus of funds in our reserve that we cannot spend, she expressed concern that once we give away this tax rate we will never gain it back because she is yet to see anyone on the board advocate for an increase in taxes.

**Vote:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Sherwood, Krumwiede. Nays: Dickmann, DeFauw, Snyder. Director DeFauw asked if President Johanson would be available later in the meeting. The board secretary stated that President Johanson should be arriving by 9:00PM. Vice-President Krumwiede stated that the motion could be tabled until President Johanson arrived.

**Motion to table later in the meeting:** Director Sherwood moved to table this vote until later in the meeting. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

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

**D. RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF \$ 10,000,000.00 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2014**

**Motion:** Director DeFauw moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, bids have been received for the Bonds and evaluated; and the best bid was determined:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. That the bid for the Bonds was determined by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and the Financial Advisor to be the best and most favorable bid received. Bonds are awarded, based on the following bid:

Bidder: Piper Jaffray & Company of Kansas City, Missouri

Purchase Price: \$9,946,730.08

Net Interest Cost: \$889,331.59

True Interest Cost: 1.7448%

Section 2: That the form of contract for the sale of the Bonds is approved and the President and Secretary are authorized and directed to execute the contract for sale of the Bonds on behalf of the School District.

Section 3. That all acts of the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and Financial Advisor done in furtherance of the sale of the Bonds are ratified and approved.

Director Dickmann seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Ms. Tangen introduced Jenny Blankenship from PFM (Public Financial Management) who has been acting as the district's financial advisor for the sale of the bonds. Ms. Blankenship reviewed the tabulation of bids and provided a summary of the specific bid information and the details concerning the selection of Piper Jaffary & Company and made a recommendation to award to this company. Director Sherwood inquired about the savings generated for construction projects and Ms. Blankenship provided more details.

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

#### **E Approval of Bread Products**

**Motion:** Director Dickmann moved the board approve the lowest responsible responsive bid of \$58,175.00 for delivery of bread products to 10 sites from Pan-O-Gold. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Sherwood asked about our bakery producing these items and Ms. Carrington explained it was not cost effective. Director Snyder asked about additional costs regarding delivery and Ms. Carrington provided more details.

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

#### **F. Approval of West High School Partial Roof Replacement**

**Motion:** Director Snyder moved the board approve the lowest responsible responsive bid of \$322,220.00 from Jim Giese Roofing of Dubuque, Iowa for the West High School Partial Roof Replacement Project. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Sherwood asked Mr. Martin about the requirements for always taking the lowest responsible bid and options for taking a local company if the cost is close. Mr. Martin said it is possible to take the local bidder if it is reasonable but he would not advise doing this but he suggested getting legal counsel. Sherwood said the district has an obligation to support local companies. Sherwood asked about the possibility of postponing this and Mr. Scott said he would not advise postponing the project.

Director DeFauw said there was one occasion in the past where this board did reject the lowest, responsive, responsible bid and chose a local vendor over one that was not local. The board was advised immediately the next day from legal counsel that what we had done could create potential litigation and could also set a climate that future bidders may not want to compete in our bidding process because they couldn't be assured that we would choose the lowest, responsive and responsible bid. There was more discussion about the possibility of postponing the vote on this item.

**Motion to postpone:** Director Sherwood moved to postpone the vote until the board seeks legal counsel. Director Dickmann seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Dickmann asked about the increase in price with a delay and Mr. Scott said an increase in costs is possible. Director Snyder expressed a serious concern about rejecting the lowest, responsible, and responsive bid and thinks it would have a very negative impact on the district. Director DeFauw said she doesn't think this is in the best interest of the district and she will vote no on this motion. Director Krumwiede said he remembers this situation mentioned by DeFauw he would also be concerned, but regardless of what happens with the motion he suggested getting legal counsel.

**Vote to postpone:** Ayes: Sherwood. Nays: Dickmann, Clewell, Snyder, DeFauw, Krumwiede. Motion failed.

**Discussion on original motion:** None.

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

#### **G. Approval ASC Total Roof Replacement**

**Motion:** Director DeFauw moved the board approve the lowest, responsible, responsive bid of \$98,200.00 from Geisler Brothers of Dubuque, Iowa for the ASC Total Roof Replacement Project. Director Dickmann seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**H. Approval of Cooperative Sharing Agreement Renewal Application 2014-15**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the board approve the 2014-15 renewal of the Cooperative Sharing Agreements in girls and boys swimming and girls and boys bowling with Assumption High School. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**I. Rejection of the Hoover Boiler and Air Conditioning Replacement Project Bid**

**Motion:** Director Dickmann moved the board reject the sole bid of Ryan and Associates for \$712,000.00 for the Hoover boiler and air conditioning replacement project. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Dickmann asked for clarification on this rejection. Scott Martin explained the bid was almost \$200,000 over the estimated costs for this project so it was rejected and will be re-bid. Dr. Tate said this will be last time Mr. Martin will be before the board and wanted to wish him luck in his new position.

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

**J. Approval of Naming Kimberly Center Building**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the board approve the name “*Davenport Learning Center*” for the building currently housing the Kimberly Center and other activities. Director Snyder seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Sherwood asked Dr. Tate if there was a process or committee used similar to the one for naming the Kimberly Center. Dr. Tate explained there was not. Sherwood said he thinks that the name “Keystone Academy” will eventually be in the background.

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

### **K. Approval of Naming 3801 Marquette Building**

**Motion:** Director Snyder moved the board approve the request of the Kimberly Center Naming Committee to name the building at 3801 Marquette Street the “*Mid City High School.*” Director Dickmann seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

### **L. Policy**

**Motion:** Director DeFauw moved the board approve the following policy:  
504.09 - Cell Phones and Electronic Devices.

Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

**Motion to amend:** Director Sherwood moved to amend this policy by addition to include the following third bullet point “High School students are allowed to use cell phones or electronic devices during passing time.” Director Clewell seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director DeFauw expressed concerns that passing time is not sufficient enough to allow students to do what they are expected to do during this routine time and passing times are not consistent among all the high schools. She also stated that President Johanson has expressed safety concerns regarding the use of cell phones during passing time. Director Sherwood said this addition is at the request of the principals and the majority of teachers he has spoken to and all the surrounding districts allow cell phone use during passing time.

Director Clewell stated he doesn't share the concerns about safety regarding cell phone use and this is part of empowering students. He doesn't want teachers to have to police cell phone use during lunch or passing time and no harm is done. DeFauw reiterated that she believes this sends a message to students that they don't have the ability to control themselves and their use of cell phones. Director Clewell said he understands DeFauw's concerns and if there was any reason to believe that disallowing cell phone use during passing time would enhance the student's educational experience he would support it but he doesn't see any detriment to using cell phones during passing time. President Johanson arrived to meeting and Director Sherwood read the amendment for him.

**Vote on amendment:** The vote was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Sherwood, Clewell, Dickmann, Snyder and Krumwiede. Nayes: DeFauw and Johanson. Amendment passed.

**Discussion on amended motion:** Director Clewell said he would prefer not using phones at lunch time which would encourage students talking to each other during lunch. DeFauw made note that a student board member mentioned that students would be texting other students that do not have the same lunch period. Sherwood noted he appreciated Clewell's comments but they have issues of supervision and enforcement currently, but administration will need to strictly enforce the new policy. Dickmann shared she also doesn't like to see students interacting with cell phones instead of other students, but banning their use is not the answer. Johanson said he would be more comfortable with going slow and said he believes strongly that cell phone use during passing time can create safety issues so this is difficult for him to support.

**Vote on amended motion:** Ayes: Sherwood, Clewell, Dickmann and Snyder. Nays: DeFauw and Johanson. Amended motion carried.

**Motion:** Director DeFauw moved the board approve the recommendation of the Policy Committee to approve the following policy:  
502.13- Bomb Threats

Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

Vice President Krumwiede called a recess a 9:25PM and the board reconvened at 9:35PM

Vice President Krumwiede clarified with each board member that their intention in postponing the vote on Item B: Proposed Budget for 2014-15 was to provide an opportunity for President Johanson to vote. Each board member stated that was their intent. Director Clewell noted that Johanson had not had the benefit of hearing the discussion. There was some discussion about whether Johanson would be provided with more information before casting his vote and Johanson got a brief update from the Board Secretary from the rough draft of the minutes. Director Krumwiede said it is his understanding that the discussion has already taken place and that it is now time for Johanson's vote.

Director Clewell read the following motion for President Johanson:

**Motion:** To accept the administration's recommendation to adopt and certify the Budget and Tax Levy rate for the 2014-15 fiscal year as published and presented. The proposed property tax levy rate per \$1000 taxable valuation will be \$15.59319 and resources and requirements are estimated at \$279,889,049.00

**Vote:** Aye: Johanson: Motion carried.

## **X. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Discussion of Superintendent's Bell Times Recommendation**

Dr. Tate had an emergency call and had to leave the meeting. Mr. Scott led the discussion on this topic along with other members of the Bell Time Study Group. Mr. Scott summarized the recommendations. He explained that as a result of the feedback they received from the public and students the committee has changed the initial proposal. The committee is now proposing a second model where the first bus route is for 11 elementary schools and their school day will run from 7:55AM to 2:45PM. The high school day will run from 8:30AM to 3:20PM and included in this time are four elementary schools. The late start time for the middle schools would be 9:05AM to 3:55PM and this also includes four elementary schools. Director DeFauw asked the committee to explain how these times differ from the original proposal and how the public's feedback was taken into consideration. Mr. Scott explained that concerns expressed by the public came down to two key issues which included concerns about students being able to get to their jobs so they made those adjustments. The other concerns was that 7:45AM was too early a start time for the elementary schools so they made arrangements with the transportation to change this to 7:55AM. Another big concern was practice time for high school students so the new time will allow for this.

Director Sherwood recommended that the district provide a service that would advocate for students regarding their employers regarding work times. Mr. Scott stated that the traffic issues expressed at the forums have been resolved. DeFauw relayed concerns expressed at the West forum regarding the school to work program and students who work a 3-11 shift to support their family and Mr. Scott explained the option available for this specific need. Director Snyder expressed concerns that a later start time could impact student's employment and also that parents rely on high school students for child care and if this option is not available it could lead to an increase in costs for child care. Director Krumwiede asked committee members to speak on the research that has been done showing the positive benefits of a later start time for high school students. Several committee members reviewed the research results that were discussed at the last board meeting and several board members made comments regarding this research. There was more discussion about the new high school start time and the possibility of not having it be a 45 minute difference between this proposal and the initial proposal and Mr. Martin said that this would not be possible because they do not have the number of buses to run a two tier system.

Director Clewell expressed appreciation to the committee for making these adjustments. He reflected that the task here was to enhance student achievement but the public and students are indicating they do not want this change and reiterated concerns already expressed about impact on student employment and child care. Clewell ask if there had been any thought given to a 6<sup>th</sup> block at the high school where there would be blocks 2,3,4 & 5 as they are now with proposed busing provided but to add a 1<sup>st</sup> block and 6<sup>th</sup> block where students and/or parents would provide their own transportation. Mr. Scott said they are reviewing this option. There was additional discussion about whether the city bus routes for students would be congruent with these changes and how this could affect so many students. DeFauw stated she would like to know if these changes will affect student

access to the city bus before a vote by the board. DeFauw also mentioned expanding the smart block. President Johanson asked for more details regarding the rationale for these changes and why the different start times for the elementary schools. It was explained that ideally all elementary schools would be able to start at the same time, but this would not make the change budget neutral since it would require more buses. Johanson also asked about the comments by committee members regarding athletes missing instruction time and Mr. Oates said this happens probably once a year.

Director DeFauw suggested moving the next agenda item to a future meeting. All board members agreed.

## **B. Policy**

- 303.01-Purchasing Policy
- 602.22-Programs for At-Risk Students
- 307.07-Conflicts of Interest
- 402.03-Application
- 602.05-Talented and Gifted
- 602.06-Curriculum Development
- 602.10-Summer School Instruction

## **XI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

## **XII. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS**

Director Sherwood distributed an email from a district art teacher and expressed his agreement with the concerns about the issues raised in the letter. Next, he commented on the concerns expressed during open forum by the para professionals. He said the district has done harm to them by giving them such late notice and that this is serious stuff. He also said that this evening they saw the face of what poverty in our own workforce looks like and as far as he is concerns this board has for long time done an egregious job of bringing up the wages of the para professionals in the district so they can lead a decent life in our employ. He said we have to close the economic gap between teachers and aides and we have to advocate for this group and that we are participating in the impoverishment of our own students.

President Johanson responded to Director Sherwood saying that he doesn't agree that the board has acted in this way and board members should be respectful of the board and other board members. Johanson stated that board members should be careful especially when using incendiary language by suggesting that the board is complicit in impoverishment. Having a discussion by the board is appropriate, but to condemn the board is inappropriate. He also said there are specific issues and language in the contracts with the unions that the board must comply with and it is not appropriate for the board to not follow those contracts as they are currently written. He said that if Director Sherwood believes the board has conducted itself improperly then there needs to be a discussion on that specific issue.



Director Sherwood said when he stated it is the board's responsibility he said these folks didn't get in this situation overnight or without the participation of this and previous boards. He also stated there is a problem with the way that income is disbursed in the district, and asked why this board hasn't directed administration to address the income gaps that currently exist. Johanson said it would be appropriate to request an agenda item that would address that issue.

Director Krumwiede extended condolences on behalf of the board to the family of Carl Dresselhaus who was a long time employee of the district. He also offered sympathies to the family of Alice Schmitt who was a freshman at West High School.

Director Sherwood had two requests:

Information request: I would like a legal opinion on our ability to reject a lower bid from an out of area provider in favor of a local bidder.

Agenda request: I would like a presentation on our art program in the elementary and intermediate buildings.

Director Dickmann has two requests:

Information request: Gather and refine information about the "Tools of the Mind" kindergarten curriculum in relation to cost and implementation for the district and inquire with surrounding districts if they are interested to share the costs.

Agenda item: Expand the "Encouraging White Boards" program that is currently at Central to all the high school buildings. IS3 group run by Farrah Roberts currently supervises the program.

All the board members thanked Scott Martin for his service to the district and wished him the best in his new job in Indiana.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM.

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Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer