

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM
1606 BRADY STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015
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, April 27, 2015 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, Jamie Snyder, Ken Krumwiede, Maria Dickmann and Linda Hayes. Nikki DeFauw was absent. Dr. Tate and other administrators were present.

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

2. STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Student board members from Central, West and North reported on activities going on at their school.

3. BOARD BOOK STUDY

3.01 See Poverty..Be the Difference – Chapter 3.

The title of Chapter Three is “Laying the Foundation for Institutional and Systemic Change.” The board was provided three questions to guide the discussion: 1. Dr. Beegle talks about eight areas where institutions need to improve when working with people in poverty. Of the eight-share your thoughts on what areas appear to be the greatest need in our school district.

2. Reflection on the Poverty Competency Assessment; and 3. How can the board use the fifteen essential elements that leaders can use to break the barriers of poverty mentioned in the book.

Director Hayes discussed items three and four and talked about the benefit of the Navigator Training she attended and the level of commitment required. Krumwiede mentioned there will be additional training provided in May and he will find out what the specific date is. Director Dickmann mentioned the benefit of sensitivity training and suggested having this type of training for Davenport. Dr. Tate mentioned item one and discussed how the board is already accomplishing many tasks, but he suggested focusing on board policy. Director Clewell emphasized the importance of collaboration because the school district cannot do this alone. He also mentioned how important it will be to integrate the understanding of poverty into the classroom and for those in mentoring roles. Director Snyder agreed and stated how important it is to ingrain these concepts into

everyday thought directly or indirectly into programs. They reviewed the poverty competency assessment and board members emphasized the importance of an up-to-date resource list that is made available to families to need it most. Several board members emphasized the importance of being empathetic, and Dr. Tate added how important this is at the building level. The board discussed the important elements that need to be included in their action plan. It needs to be measurable, have high expectations and provide the resources necessary to make it successful. A significant start will be reviewing board policy through the lens of poverty.

President Johanson mentioned the level of commitment required for this effort and how this will be a challenge with board members leaving. Krumwiede said it will be important to narrow the focus of the plan, make it realistic and achievable. He agrees that the best start is reviewing board policies with this in mind. Johanson also mentioned the joint meeting with the city on May 18th and how this can be an agenda for discussion for this meeting. The book discussion will conclude with a discussion of an action plan and a Skype session with Dr. Donna Beegle at the May 4th Committee of the Whole meeting.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.01 Upcoming Events and Meetings

May 4, 5:30PM, Committee of the Whole, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room

May 5, 3:00PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room

May 6, 4:00PM, Policy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room

May 11, 6:00PM Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room

May 25 HOLIDAY Closed

May 26, (Tuesday) 6:00PM, Regular Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room

May 27th, Wednesday, 7:00PM, Mid City Graduation Ceremony, Galvin Fine Arts Center, St. Ambrose

May 31st, Sunday, Graduation Ceremonies: 11am-West; 2pm-Central; 4:30PM-North; I Wireless

ANNOUNCEMENT: The District will be going to a 4-day work week during the summer months for the following weeks: June 8th through August 14th-(Closed Fridays) during this time period. This also applies to the ASC.

4.02 Open Forum for Community Input

- Barb Park, 3820 Kenwood Ave. Davenport, IA-Provided reasons for not denying the open enrollment appeal for her daughter.

-Mark Leverenz, 7411 112th St., Davenport, IA- Provided reasons for not denying the open enrollment appeal for his son.

-Rebecca Menard, 1115 Emerald Drive, Davenport, IA-Spoke against proposed restructuring system for nurses.

-Michelle Silvera, 1633 Parkview Lane, Davenport, IA- Spoke about school calendar.

-Julie Lundvall, 927 Sawgrass Ct. Eldridge, IA –In favor of calendar proposed on April 13th

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Sacco, Benjamin Math Central High	Degree: M.A. +30 – Step 9 Salary: \$57,271.00
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APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Charles, John Assistant Baseball West High	12% \$3,590.00
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Henson, Michael Assistant Baseball West High	12% \$3,590.00
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Sacco, Benjamin Varsity Head Football Central High	25% \$7,755.00
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Smith, Abigail Assistant Girls' Volleyball Central High	12% \$3,722.00
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APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Sinnott, Steven PC Technician ASC	Effective: May 11, 2015 Salary: \$16.65/hr Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Ashworth, Michael Special Education Wood Intermediate	Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 1 yr 5 mos
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Denton, Andrew Math Wood Intermediate	Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 1 yr 11 mos
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Ruhnke, Mary Special Education Madison Elementary	Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 19 yrs 10 mos
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Schomburg, Kelsey Special Education Walcott K-8	Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos
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Sullivan, Michelle Reading Interventionist Walcott K-8	Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year Years of Service: 5 yrs 5 mos
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Walls, Christina
 Grade 5
 Harrison Elementary

Effective: EOY 2014-15 School Year
 Years of Service: 12 yrs 5 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Bodenbender, Karl Musical Director Central High	2% \$620.00
DeFoe, Nathaniel Swimming Boys' Varsity North High	20% \$6,204.00
DeFoe, Nathaniel Swimming girls' Assistant North High	12% (.50 FTE) \$1,861.00 (\$1,861.00)
DeFoe, Nathaniel Swimming Girls Varsity North High	20% (.50 FTE) \$6,204.00 (\$3,102.00)
Larson, Dianna Assistant Girls' Basketball West High	12% \$3,722.00
Lenger, Thomas Assistant Football Central High	12% \$3,722.00
Porter, James Assistant Football Central High	12% \$3,722.00
Schomburg, Kelsey Swimming Intermediate Co-ed East & West	6% \$1,861.00
Schomburg, Kelsey Swimming Girls' Assistant North High	12% (.50 FTE) \$3,722.00 (\$3,102.00)
Schomburg, Kelsey Swimming Girls' Varsity North High	20% (.50 FTE) \$6,204.00 (\$1,861.00)
Schwartzlose, Casey Assistant Football Central High	12% \$3,722.00
Zeglis, Brian Band HS Marching Percussion Central High	4% \$1,197.00

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Menes, Russell
 Campus Security
 Walcott K-8

Effective: June 1, 2015
 Years of Service: 4 yrs 6 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Ahrens, Colleen Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: April 8, 2015 Years of Service: 6 mos
Hernandez, Enrico Custodian McKinley Elementary	Effective: April 13, 2015 Years of Service: 3 yrs 7 mos
Hornbuckle, Matthew Custodian West High	Effective: April 16, 2015 Years of Service: 4 yrs 6 mos
McCullum, Kershawn Food Service Van Driver Operation Center	Effective: April 24, 2015 Years of Service: 4 mos
Ryser, Trisha Para Educator Smart Intermediate	Effective: April 6, 2015 Years of Service: 2 mos
Schumaker, Paul Para Educator Young K-8	Effective: May 15, 2015 Years of Service: 8 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Van Deventer, Emilie 4 Year Old Program Buffalo Preschool (0.50 FTE)	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: 2015-2016 School Year
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5.02 Contracts- Change Order to TriCity Electric for \$38,538.84

Motion by Director Krumwiede seconded by Director Dickmann the board approved the consent agenda as presented.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS

6.01 Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Dickmann 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 period of April 9, 2015 through April 22, 2015 with the following voided check:

#326803 payable to S.J. Smith Welding Supply in the amount of \$191.28 (amount incorrect)

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate reported that 100 cadets from the Central Army JROTC program traveled to the VA hospital in Iowa City. This was a service learning project planned by the cadets. He also read a thank you from Dr. Leslie Flynn, Assistant Professor and Dawn Bowlus, Director of the Jacobson Institute for Youth Entrepreneurship, both from the University of Iowa. They thanked Davenport West's Endotherm team for presenting to the College of Business Board of Directors saying that "all in attendance were in wonderment at the accomplishments of the team." After the presentation, John Pappajohn donated \$10,000 to the team, Tom Bedell contributed \$1,000. These funds are used as seed capital to help promote innovation in our schools.

8. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

8.01 –Public Hearing and Approval of Start Date

Motion by Director Dickmann and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved August 24th, 2015 as the start date for the 2015-16 school calendar year.

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

Discussion: Director Dickmann shared her frustration with the state regarding the start date. Director Krumwiede said our responsibility as a board is establishing a start date and not the calendar. The start date is what the board is considering with this vote President Johanson agreed with Dickmann in how unfortunate it is that the state made this decision but how the district must comply.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.02 - Public Hearing for West High Locker Room Renovation Project

Motion by Director Snyder and seconded by Director Clewell the board approved the plans and specifications for the West High School Locker Room Renovation Project.

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

Discussion: Mr. Maloney provided a diagram for the board of the proposed renovations.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.03 – Approval of Food and Supply Bid

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Krumwiede the board approved the lowest, responsible and responsive bid from Reinhart FoodService for \$1,915,748.25 for food, supplies, storage and distribution.

Discussion: Ms. Carrington explained that the technology included in this bid provides the ability to interface and submit orders electronically. Director Dickmann asked why they didn't receive more bids and Ms. Carrington said this is common because large districts require transportation services that are not available with other vendors.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.04 – Approval of Renewal of Cooperative Sharing Agreement

Motion by Director Dickmann and seconded by Director Clewell the board approved the renewal of the 2015-16 Cooperative Sharing Agreements in girls and boys swimming and girls and boys bowling with Assumption High School.

Discussion: Director Dickmann asked if this includes any compensation from Assumption and Mr. Oates replied it does not. Dickmann asked that this be considered in the future.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.05– Approval of Two-Year Contract with Para-Educator Bargaining Group

Motion by Director Krumwiede and seconded by Director Clewell the board approved the terms of the two-year negotiated contract for the Davenport Community School District Para-Educator Bargaining Group for the duration of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

Discussion: Director Dickmann thanked everyone for their hard work on these negotiations.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.06– Approval Two-Year Contract with District Custodial, Warehouse, Security and Copy Center Employees Bargaining Group.

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Dickmann the board approved the terms of the two-year negotiated contract for the Davenport Community School District Custodial, Warehouse, Security and Copy Center Employees Bargaining Group for the duration of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.07– Approval Two-Year Contract with Secretarial Bargaining Group

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Krumwiede the board the terms of the two-year negotiated contract for the Davenport Community School District Secretarial Bargaining Group for the duration of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.08– Approval Two-Year Contract with Food and Nutrition Bargaining Group

Motion by Director Snyder and seconded by Director Dickmann the board approved the terms of the two-year negotiated contract for the Davenport Community School District Food and Nutrition Bargaining Group for the duration of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.09– Approval of Change Order to Russell Construction

Motion by Director Krumwiede and seconded by Director Hayes the board approved the change order to Russell Construction for \$199,169 for additional work at Fillmore School.

Discussion: Director Krumwiede expressed appreciation for the additional space for preschool. Director Dickmann agreed. Director Clewell asked if we incurred additional expense with the change order and Mr. Maloney said we did not and provided more explanation. President Johanson asked about the total amount. He understands and supports reason behind this but the information provided was minimal and asked about changes to A1A and if they have been made. Mr. Maloney said they have been made.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.10– Approval of Change Order to Hometown Plumbing for Wood Intermediate

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Krumwiede the board approved the change order to Hometown Plumbing for additional work at Wood Intermediate School for \$53,710.

Discussion: Mr. Maloney provided more details about the work being completed.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.11– Approval of Contract with Advanced Environmental for Asbestos Abatement at Fillmore

Motion by Director Dickmann and seconded by Director Clewell the board approved the contract with Advanced Environmental for \$58,500 for asbestos abatement at Fillmore Elementary.

Discussion: Director Dickmann asked if the district has worked with this company in the past and Mr. Maloney said they have and he has complete confidence in this company. Johanson asked how the asbestos was discovered and Maloney explained all schools are required to be inspected and provided more details about the process and how they arrive at the decision to implement the abatement process.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.12– Open Enrollment Denial Appeals 2015-16

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Krumwiede the board upheld the Superintendent’s decision to deny open enrollment between districts based on the District’s Diversity Plan and Board Policy 501.16 for the following students who appealed:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>District Requested</u>	<u>Attendance Center</u>
Macy Beinborn	9th	Pleasant Valley	Central
Kaitlyn Bendickson	9th	Bettendorf	North
Madison Christensen	1st	North Scott	Truman
Luke Leverenz	Kinder	Bettendorf	Buffalo
McCartney Low	1st	Bettendorf	McKinley
Grace McGee	10th	K12 online	North
Brian Munos	12th	North Scott	Central
Alec Palmer	11th	Bettendorf	Central
Elizabeth Park	9th	Bettendorf	Central
Zoelyn Pique	Kinder	Bettendorf	Hayes
Naomi Powers	6th	North Scott	Sudlow
Nicholai Rusch	12th	Clayton Ridge	West
Kayla Sheraden	10th	Pleasant Valley	North
Dana Webb	Kinder	North Scott	Truman

Motion to amend: Director Dickmann made a motion to amend the motion to remove Elizabeth Park from the list. Director Hayes seconded the motion.

Discussion on amendment: Director Dickmann said she is normally 100% behind the Diversity Plan but explained she felt this was an extraordinary circumstance. Director Clewell explained he made the motion reluctantly because he understands how parents feel but stated it is the board’s responsibility to abide by the Diversity Plan and highlighted a few of reasons why this is so important and why the board has to stand up for the policy. He explained that the Superintendent

has reviewed all the cases and is recommending that the board deny the requests. He will reluctantly vote no for this amendment

Vote on amendment: Ayes: Dickmann, Hayes and Snyder. Nays: Krumwiede, Clewell, Johanson. Tie vote/amendment failed.

Discussion on original motion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8.13– Approval of \$9,795,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2015.

Motion 1: Director Clewell moved to adopt the following Resolution entitled as “RESOLUTION APPOINTING BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF DES MOINES, IOWA, TO SERVE AS PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR, AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE SAME as indicated in Attachment A” Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

Motion 2: Director Krumwiede moved that the Tax Exemption Certificate be placed on file and approved as indicated in Attachment B. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes motion carried.

Motion 3: Director Clewell moved that the form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate be placed on file and approved as indicated in Attachment C. Director Hayes seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes motion carried.

Motion 4: Director Clewell introduced and moved to approve the following Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF ISSUANCE AND SECURING THE PAYMENT OF \$9,795,000 SCHOOL INSTRASTRUCTURE SALES, SERVICES, AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2015 OF THE DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS 423E AND 423F AND PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS” as indicated in Attachment D. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.01 Textbook Adoptions

Juli Stazsewski, Michelle Harvey, and Melissa Hansel provided a brief overview of the textbook adoptions for K-5 Math and 6th grade Literature. The process can take up to 2 years. They used a rubric, conducted a blind study and got feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders including having community nights for parents to provide input. Board members asked for more details and the presenters explained how it aligns with Smarter Balance and that parents will have access to the information online.

9.02 Legislative Update

Director Clewell provided a legislative update. He explained the board has been trying for the past five years to get legislators to do something about funding inequity thus the t-shirts everyone has seen saying “We Are Worth-Less.” He reported that critical mass is finally building and getting the attention of legislatures due to everyone’s efforts especially Dr. Tate and students. Senate Study Bill 1254 died in the Education Committee in the Senate, but it was revived as House Study Bill 240. He reported on the trip that board members and Dr. Tate made to the Capitol to advocate for the bill and their meeting with the Governor and other legislators. He said the Governor said he would leave it up to the House and Senate to bring him a bill. He explained that House Study Bill 240 is only an interim solution to funding inequity and that the long term solution requires an overhaul of the state funding formula. They are contacting other schools and asking for their support on HB 240 since they would also benefit financially if passed. He also provided an update on contacts they are making with several corporations such as Hy-Vee.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

11. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

Director Krumwiede thanked the family of former Director Bill Sherwood for donating his person library to Davenport Schools. The library is being housed at Mid City High School.

Board Requests

Director Hayes- Agenda Item: Continuing discussion on Board Self-Evaluation.

Director Clewell- Information request: Principal Bechen described how they are teaching math. I would like her to describe the innovative process she is implementing. This relates to teaching under the common core.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer