

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
5:30 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, May 1, 2017 for the Committee of the Whole Meeting. It was held at the Achievement Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room, 1606 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Johanson called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30PM. Present: Director's Snyder, DeSalvo, Clewell, Hayes and Johanson. Mayfield participated by phone. Director Gosa was absent.

1.01 Diversity Plan

Dr. Tate introduced the discussion regarding the District Diversity Plan. He had provided a memo to the board outlining some statements and options to meet the intent of the Diversity Plan. He asked the board to consider these words from the Diversity Plan "The district believes maintaining a diverse school district better prepares student to live in a global society, expands every student's educational opportunities and leads to a more effective use of district resources" He pointed out that the term minority as defined in the Diversity Plan refers to socio-economic status. The board had a discussion concerning options presented. Board members expressed some concerns about maintaining the neighborhood schools, how these suggestions would actually be implemented, and could the district start with one school as a pilot and see how that goes. There was feedback about how important it is to create schools that attract students. There was also discussion about opening up all the schools, including elementary and middle, similar to what already exists at the high schools. Board members suggested sending this to the policy committee for further consideration.

1.02 Membership in IASB, UEN AND RSAI

The board discussed the cost vs. benefits regarding membership in IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards); UEN (Urban Education Network); and RSAI (Rural School Advocates of Iowa). It was acknowledged that the board budget, as it currently stands, would not allow membership in all three organizations, but the budget could be adjusted. Last year the board joined the RSAI and UEN. The board discussed the benefits of memberships in relation to the cost. The board will be voting on membership in these organizations at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer