

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DAVENPORT SCHOOLS ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER

JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM

Achievement Service Center

1606 BRADY STREET

DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, June 24, 2013 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 6:30PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: Directors: Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, Nikki DeFauw, Rich Clewell, Bill Sherwood, Patt Zamora and Larry Roberson. Dr. Tate and other administrators were present.

Director Krumwiede read the vision statement.

I. COMMUNICATIONS (Including Open Forum)

- A. June 25, 6:30-8PM, Community Workshop VI, Central High Cafeteria
- B. July 1, 5:30PM-Committee of the Whole Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Rm
- C. July 3, 4:00PM-Policy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room
- D. July 8, First day to file nomination papers for school board election on 9/10/13
- E. July 8, 7:00PM-Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- F. Open Forum for Community Input
Steve Grubbs, 5200 30th Street SW, Davenport – Steve reported on the results of the West High Debate Team and that they finished in the top 20 in the country. He told the board the debate team needs a 15 passenger van because their team is now too big for parents to transport.
Larisha Tot, 3019 W. 72ne St #2, Davenport –Larisha voiced her opinion on grandfathering and how this is affecting her children in a negative manner.

II. 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

June 3, 2013 (Committee of the Whole Meeting); June 10, 2013 (Regular Meeting);
June 17, 2013 (Special Called Closed Session).

B Contracts

95% Group for professional development for \$41,231

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

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Daniel, Katherine Kindergarten Monroe Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Dierikx, Guy P.E. North High	Degree: M.A. – Step 6 Salary: \$46,306.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Schubert-Osorio ESL Adams/Satellite	Degree: M.A.+15 – Step 11 Salary: \$55,207.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Shirley, Rebecca Kindergarten Hayes Elementary	Degree: B.A.+15 – Step 11 Salary: \$50,757.00 Effective: August 7, 2013

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Dierikx, Guy Football Varsity North High	25% \$7,255.00
Frederick, Jenna Flag Line Instructor Central High	7% \$2,031.00
Lyons, Adam Head Girls' Cross Country North High	20% \$5,804.00
Porter, James Assistant boys' Basketball Central High	12% \$3,482.00

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Correction to June 10, 2013 Board Minutes:

Huff, Kathryn Administrative Assistant ASC – Accounting Department	Effective: July 7, 2013 July 1, 2013 Salary: TBD Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Gusaas, David Math Central	Effective: May 29, 2013 Years of Service: 6 yrs
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Dirschel, Nancy Soccer Boys' Varsity West High	14% \$4,063.00
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Vogel, Margaret 2%
Musical (High School) Musical Director \$580.00
North High

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Posey, Larry Effective: June 28, 2013
Para Educator Years of Service: 6 yrs 1 mo
Children’s Village West

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Gott, Sara	Principal- Madison Elementary	Principal – Hayes Elementary
Klipsch, Jake	Principal- Hayes Elementary	Principal – Eisenhower Elementary
Mielenhausen, Steve	Principal- Eisenhower Elementary	Principal – Madison Elementary

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Sullivan, Michele Unpaid Leave of Absence
Teacher Effective: 2013-14 and 2014-15 School Year
Pool

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The vote of the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Zamora, Roberson, DeFauw, Sherwood, Clewell and Johanson. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the following resolution: “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 June 6th, 2013 through June 19th, 2013 with the following voided checks:

- #308047 payable SATCO Supply in the amount of \$55.33 (Wrong amount)
- #308077 payable to Thompson Publishing Co. in the amount of \$433.99 (Wrong amount)

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

V. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate had no report.

VI. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Approval of Plans and Specifications for the District Wide Security Cameras-Phase One.

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve the plans and specifications as presented for the District Wide Security Cameras Phase One Project. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

President Johanson announced this was the time and place for the Board to hold a public hearing on the District Wide Security Cameras-Phase One Project which appeared in the *Quad City Times*, on June 14, 2013. No one came forward to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

Discussion: Director DeFauw asked if proximity card readers are being used and Scott Martin said they will be implementing these as part of the process for staff. Director Clewell said safety is a primary concern for all board members but explained why his vote will be no on this agenda item. He considers this to be a slippery slope issue and he believes there are other ways to provide safety for students without the use of cameras. He promotes empowering staff and students to be responsible for their behavior instead of looking over them with cameras.

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

B. 28E School Based Supervision

Motion: Director Zamora moved the board approve an amendment to the contract with Juvenile Court Services of the Seventh Judicial District and the Iowa Department of Human Services dated July 1, 2008 for School Based Services for a term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for \$183,045. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Sherwood asked for details concerning the sharing agreement. Dr. O'Melia explained there are six juvenile court liaisons and the salary is split 50/50 and the arrangement on benefits is approximately the same but slightly higher for the district. Sherwood noted he has had the pleasure of working with court liaisons and they are worth double the money. Director Zamora expressed the value of the liaisons from the perspective of being an attorney. Director Clewell questioned the contract language in paragraph 1(B)(1) and (2) which states: (1) 50% or \$141,586.00 paid by the Department and (2) 50% or \$183,045.00 paid by the District. He stated if the amount is 50% then it is confusing to see different amounts. Dr. O'Melia explained the 50% is on the salary portion and the benefits portion is equal with exception of the family insurance which is paid by the district.

Motion to amend: Director Clewell made a motion to amend to change the Fifth Amendment to the 28E Agreement for the School Based Supervision Program to eliminate the phrase “50% or” in paragraph 1(B)(1) and (2) and just include the total amounts to be paid by the Department and the District. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote on the amendment: Ayes: Clewell, Sherwood, DeFauw, Zamora, Krumwiede Roberson and Johanson. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Discussion: None.

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

C. Approval of Boundaries

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the revised Administrative Regulation 501.12A which delineates the revised school boundaries for all elementary, intermediate and high schools in the Davenport Community School District. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director DeFauw stated she would like to make a motion to amend the boundary recommendation.

Motion to Amend: Director DeFauw moved that the Boundary recommendations presented by the superintendent be re-defined as transportation zones for each referenced school building and that the Board affirms open enrollment for all students residing within the Davenport Community School District. Parents may choose to enroll their student in a building contingent upon available classroom space. If the child resides within the transportation zone (previously referred to as school boundary) and lives outside the building walk zone, the student will have access to transportation with existing fee structures to remain in place. However, if the family resides outside the defined transportation zone, the parent is responsible for providing the student’s transportation to the school of choice. The Superintendent will be responsible to determine A to B ratios for each building to ensure compliance with the Diversity Plan and take measures to ensure that sufficient space is reserved for student’s moving within the curricular year. This plan will take affect with the 2014 – 2015 school year. Until that time, all transfer requests will be processed in accordance with current district practice. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Discussion on amendment: Director DeFauw stated there has been significant opinion expressed not only at the board table but within the community that the board should give serious consideration to allowing all students, not just high school students, to open enroll within the district. She believes this is a more equitable way to allow students and families to make choices and what she has proposed addresses

concerns related to transportation and ensuring there will be opportunities for students to move during the circular year that were raised at the last meeting.

Director Zamora said this would be an administrative nightmare because it would be very difficult to determine who is going to be where. Some of our schools would become overcrowded which was the purpose of boundary changes in the first place and other schools would become skeletal because of perceived notions and people's misunderstandings and not realizing that the education in all of our buildings is the same. Director Roberson voiced his support for giving parents choice since parents are the best judge of what is best for their own children. Director Clewell reflected back to 2006 when the board approved allowing open enrollment at the high school. At first, the board was looking to maximize efficiencies but then the board listened to the public who said they wanted open enrollment at the high school level. He believes this has been very successful. He has considered the option of open enrollment for all the schools based on the idea of giving parents the ability to choose, but has decided against this approach because he believes elementary schools are vital centers to our community and open choice at this level could result in schools being closed. Director Krumwiede stated the reason for considering boundaries in the first place has been the problem of overcrowding at the elementary schools and open enrollment would create more overcrowding. He agrees with Zamora in that this would also be an administrative nightmare and he is very concerned that students moving into the neighborhood would end up not being able to attend their neighborhood school. He stated open enrollment district-wide would be one of the worse things we could do.

Director DeFauw remarked there is nothing in the proposal that suggests enrollments wouldn't be established and maintained for buildings as they are now. There is a provision for retaining space for students moving into the area and the transportation would be very parallel to what it is currently. Krumwiede stated it would still be hard to control and doesn't see how it could be managed properly. He reiterated he is a strong believer in strong elementary schools and open enrollment would divide neighborhoods and hamper a community effect. Director Sherwood stated choice is great but not everyone has choice when they can't afford transportation. He believes this proposal would result in disenfranchising families. DeFauw referenced Director Krumwiede's earlier statement that choice erodes the school's sense of community and stated she is not certain how this statement is congruent with the vote from the last meeting.

President Johanson stated that regarding the issue of this being an administrative nightmare, there are areas, notably in Florida, where they have open enrollment where it has been very successful. He has confidence in our administration's ability to handle something like this. He believes this could be one of the big ideas that board members have advocated for in the past. He said it is his opinion that every student is more important than making sure that every building is equal. Regarding parents and transportation he believes the same conditions exist with the high school students as they do with the elementary and intermediate students with respect to parents not being able to afford transportation. Director Sherwood believes that high school students are old enough to act independently and find transportation. He believes that poverty impacts more severely at the elementary level. Johanson noted that in Iowa Code where they recognize open enrollment the discussion talks about the parent's right to choose at all levels. Director Sherwood noted that the open

enrollment between districts can result in an outflow of students and the board has moved in ways to curtail that and if this is such a great thing, he is not sure why we have done some of the things we have recently.

Vote on Amendment: Ayes: DeFauw, Roberson and Johanson. Nays: Clewell, Zamora, Sherwood and Krumwiede. The motion failed and the amendment failed.

Discussion: Director DeFauw noted her concern about the undeveloped area north of the Harrison boundary as proposed. She recommended assigning that undeveloped area to Fillmore School since Harrison cannot accommodate the growth. She noted previous comments made to reassign the undeveloped area to Fillmore so families would know prior to building what school their student would be attending. Scott Martin stated that this is being covered and they will make sure that as this area is developed, both sides of 64th Street would go to Fillmore School. Director Roberson said that the area mentioned by Director DeFauw have corn fields being purchased and will be developed in the future and expressed concerns that Harrison and Fillmore will not be able to accommodate this type of future growth and that something needs to be planned for the future. President Johanson noted this is an Administrative Regulation, not a policy, but this is how this particular Administrative Regulation has been handled in the past and he just wanted to bring this to attention of the board. Director Clewell commented on policy 501.12 Boundary Lines and recommended some changes. President Johanson stated this particular policy is not up for discussion at this time so any recommended changes to the policy would need to be discussed at another time.

Vote: Ayes: Krumwiede, Zamora, Clewell and Sherwood. Nays: DeFauw, Roberson and Johanson. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Grandfather Clauses

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve Administrative Regulation 501.12B, which lists the sequence for implementing the boundary changes previously approved. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Motion to amend: Director DeFauw moved to amend the motion to omit the language relevant to the siblings of transfer students. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director DeFauw explained she is making this amendment because she believes that separating students is detrimental to the ability to support elementary schools. She stated that Director Krumwiede has noted the importance of family involvement and wanting to create an atmosphere where parents are encouraged to be supportive of their student's buildings. She believes it is in the best interest of the families to be able to maintain the continuity of their student's educational environment until the time those students would matriculate to next grade level. Director Sherwood asked Dr. Tate how this would affect getting numbers back in balance. Dr. Tate stated any of the grandfathering will take more time to get us where we want to be with the boundaries and provided additional explanation. Director Roberson does not support splitting up families and having students go to

different schools. President Johanson stated we have allowed the choice in the past and this seems a reasonable approach.

Vote on amendment: Ayes: DeFauw, Roberson, Krumwiede, Clewell, Zamora, Sherwood and Johanson. Motion carried.

President Johanson stated that the last sentence relevant to Siblings of Transfer Students will be struck from the original motion concerning Administrative Regulation 501.12B.

Discussion: Director DeFauw referenced a group of individuals interested in transferring their student to elementary or intermediate school and asked how this affected where they attended kindergarten round-up since the boundaries had not been decided until now. Bill Schneden said he doesn't think this will be an issue because all kindergarten age students were sent back to their home schools to attend round-up.

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

E. New Building Usage Fees

Motion: Director Zamora moved the board approve the fee schedule for use of building facilities effective July 1, 2013 as presented. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

F. New Early Childhood Tuition Fees

Motion: Director Sherwood moved the board approve tuition and wrap fees for the Childrens Villages for the 2013-14 school year as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Roberson asked if the increase will exclude any kids currently attending the programs and if they anticipate any decline in enrollment. Kathy Schulte explained they have several grants for a variety of categories and highlighted some of the program changes that will begin July 1, 2013. Director Sherwood asked about the partnership with St. Joesph's and asked if it will be bilingual. Kathy said they are working on this option and looking at programs to encompass the entire family.

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

G. Revenue Purpose Statement

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the following resolution approving revenue purpose statement and ordering an election on a revenue purpose statement to authorize expenditures from the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund (The “Revenues”)

WHEREAS, the School District receives school infrastructure local option tax revenues ("SILO") which has been replaced by one-cent state sales, services, and use tax revenues, which must be deposited in the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund and distributed to the School District pursuant to Iowa Code 423E.4, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 277.4 requires each school district to approve and submit a revenue purpose statement to the County Commissioner of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after nomination papers are due for a school board candidate, listing the specific purpose or purposes for which the state sales, services, and use tax for school infrastructure revenues and appropriations and other moneys received from the State Secure an Advanced Vision Education Fund, pursuant to Iowa Code 423E.4, as amended, will be expended.

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

Section 1: That the Board wishes to authorize spending the Revenues for other purposes and to replace and extend the existing authorization and in doing so, must approve the following Revenue Purpose Statement.

Section 2. That the following Revenue Purpose Statement shall be approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the Revenue Purpose Statement with the Scott County Commissioner of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after nomination papers are due for a school board candidate.

Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: President Johanson explained that on the actual ballot it will be listed as Proposition D.

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

Revenue Purpose Statement
Davenport Community School District

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 423F.3, Code of Iowa, the Davenport Community School District hereby adopts and submits to the Commissioner of Elections of Scott County, Iowa, this Revenue Purpose Statement to be submitted to the electors at an election to be held September 10, 2013.

Money received by the Davenport Community School District from the State of Iowa secure an advanced vision for education fund may be spent for any one or more of the following purposes:

To provide funds for property tax relief.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology, as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities, procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds for emergency repairs to respond to natural disasters, such as fire, wind damage, flood; unanticipated mechanical, plumbing, structural, roof, electrical system failures; environmental remediation; or to respond to changes in demographics that require construction of additions or improvements to school buildings or new school buildings.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes; and other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Davenport Community School District.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code section 423E.5.

Section 3. That an election is called of the qualified electors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. The following Proposition is approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the Proposition for the Ballot with the Scott County Commissioner of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after nomination papers are due for a school board candidate:

SAMPLE BALLOT:
PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED? YES NO

Summary: To adopt the revenue purpose statement to replace the current Revenue Purpose Statement and authorize the expenditure of revenues from the State of Iowa secure an advanced vision for education fund received by the Davenport Community School District.

In the Davenport Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of the sales, services and use tax funds from the State of Iowa secure an advanced vision for education fund for school infrastructure (penny sales, services and use tax for schools) shall be adopted:

To provide funds for property tax relief.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology, as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities, procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds for emergency repairs to respond to natural disasters, such as fire, wind damage, flood; unanticipated mechanical, plumbing, structural, roof, electrical system failures; environmental remediation; or to respond to changes in demographics that require construction of additions or improvements to school buildings or new school buildings.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes; and other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Davenport Community School District.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code section 423E.5.

It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the secure an advanced vision for education fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Davenport Community School District. [END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 4. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules. The District requests the polls be open from 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Section 5. That the Election Board for the voting precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections, not less than 15 days before the date of the election, a certified copy of which appointment must be officially placed on file in the office of the Secretary.

Section 6: The Commissioner of Elections is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the date of the election, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, as defined by Iowa Code section 618.3.

Section 7. The *Quad City Times*, a legal newspaper, is published within the District and is hereby designated to make the publication of the Notice of Election.

Section 8. That the County Commissioner of Elections shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies as necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election and the Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commissioner of Elections in the preparation of the necessary proceedings.

Section 9. That the Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections to constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 47.

VII. DISCUSSION

Edison Learning Partnership End Of Year Report - Brett Fechner thanked the board for the opportunity to review their activities and progress throughout the year. Christie Pitts started the presentation with an overview of the current affairs at the school. 100% of all students have an assessment binder and are monitoring DIBELS, SRI, and eValuate data and are setting goals. Ms. Pitts and Ms. Wilson, literacy coach, lead data meetings every week. Ms. Pitts conducted at least 3 EFLT observations on every teacher and provided feedback and had a strong focus on writing this year. Laura Hayes discussed return on investment. Edison Learning Director of Achievement Support had 47 days on site conducting professional development and observations of reading and math instruction; provided leadership support to the principal and attended leadership meetings and supported the implementation of the school design rubric, eValuate data analysis, and the school improvement plan.

Bret Fechner presented the results review. He stated teachers have poured their hearts and souls out this year in their efforts. He reviewed threshold data indicating improvements in reading and math proficiencies. He reported that the overall data shows students are making gains. Director Sherwood asked about comparison data with the district. Dr. Tate reported this data would be provided in a future presentation.

Director Sherwood commented that through his research it appears that reading is harder to make gains in than math and their data also supports this idea and there was brief discussion concerning learning gaps. Director Roberson asked how many of their students are exposed to pre-school. Ms. Pitts responded there are not that many. They provide referrals and promote pre-school at registration time. Director Krumwiede thanked them and explained this helps board members learn about what is happening at Edison. He stated that at previous board meetings he has asked for data concerning intermediate students that have attended Edison and how they compare to other students in our district that have come from other elementary schools. Mr. Fechner explained that Dawn Anderson-Rascher did provide this data to them for two comparable schools and he thought it would be more beneficial to review the data with Dr. Tate first.

Director Clewell asked for suggestions on what can be done to help kids get ready for kindergarten. Ms. Pitts suggested adding a pre-school wing to the school and creating another Children's Village. Board members also asked Mr. Fechner to comment on data concerning 4th grade and the changes in the months of March and April. President Johanson asked about assessment results and measurements and commented on 4th grade data and asked about comparing past cohort data and if they have reviewed this type of data. Mr. Fechner explained how the Iowa Assessment was a new test and the data would not be comparable. Johanson remarked that this will be last year they can make those comparisons, unless their contract is renewed, and he said he thinks it might be helpful in demonstrating improvement. Mr. Fechner said he can make this data available for their presentation in the fall. Director Roberson asked if it was fair to assess before the 3 year mark and there was some discussion about this topic. Director Sherwood said he applauds her request for an early childhood classroom at Edison and would support this once funding is available and congratulated them on their progress.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

IV. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

Director DeFauw recognized Dr. O'Melia's last board meeting due to her retirement. She said words cannot express or convey the amount of respect she has for Dr. O'Melia and how much she has appreciated all the time and effort she has given the school district. She added that Mr. Scott has some big shoes to fill.

Director Sherwood added that Dr. O'Melia was a wonderful mentor to him his first year of teaching. He also complimented Andy Neyrinck and Scott Martin on the high quality ALICE training he attended. He also recognized the exceptional performances of students in the play "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" at North High School.

President Johanson also recognized Dr. O'Melia and thanked her for all of her contributions and commented on how much she has helped student achievement. He also said she is just "plain fun" to be around and expressed how much she will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Zamora seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer