

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM
1606 BRADY STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803
MONDAY, JULY 14th, 2014
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, July 14, 2014 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, Ken Krumwiede, Rich Clewell, Bill Sherwood, Jamie Snyder, and Maria Dickmann. Dr. Tate and other administrators were present. Nikki DeFauw was absent.

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

2. PRESENTATION

Jim Schebler, volunteer at the Davenport School Museum, presented information on the Davenport School Museum. He explained the recent passing of one of the museum's co-founders, Robert McCue, prompted this presentation. Mr. McQue was also a teacher, principal, and school board member with the district. The museum is located in the basement of the Achievement Center Service and is a joint project staffed entirely by volunteers. Mr. Schebler provided a history of the founding of the museum. Mrs. Baker was a teacher in the district for 45 years collected artifacts for 15 years and eventually started the museum in 1960 at JB Young. She also wrote the "History of Davenport Schools" which is available at the museum. Robert McQue took over after Mary Baker. The museum finally moved eight years ago to the ASC. Mr. Schebler reviewed some of the artifacts that are available at the museum and also mentioned they have digitized all of the yearbooks they have. Board members thanked Mr. Schebler and recognized how important their work is at the museum.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.01 Upcoming Events and Meetings

- A. August 4th, 5:30PM Committee of the Whole, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- B. August 11th, 6:00PM, Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- C. August 18th, School Starts
- D. August 25th, 6:00PM, Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- E. September 1st, Labor Day Holiday, CLOSED
- F. September 2nd (Tuesday), 5:30PM Committee of the Whole, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room

3.02 Open Forum for Community Input

Sallie Ellis – 2216 N. Nevada, Davenport –Spoke issues concerning security and budget.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.01 Reading of the Minutes of the Last Regular and Intervening Meetings

6-23-14 Regular Meeting

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Gilliland, Heidi
Principal
Buffalo Elementary
Effective: July 24, 2014
Salary: \$92,284.26

Heller, Guy
Associate Principal
West High
Effective: July 24, 2014
Salary: \$86,828.14

Huggins, Kristin
Associate Principal
Young K-8
Effective: July 24, 2014
Salary: \$83,723.01

Ivory, Rachel
Principal
Buchanan Elementary
Effective: July 24, 2014
Salary: \$92,284.26

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Balsar, Clint
Communication/Visual Arts
Division Teacher
Creative Arts Academy
Degree: M.A. – Step 20
Salary: \$62,842.00
Effective: August 13, 2014

Beliveau, Lianne
Language Arts
Wood Intermediate
Degree: B.A. – Step 1
Salary: \$35,329.00
Effective: August 13, 2014

Bergert, Jennifer
Counselor
Buchanan Elementary
Degree: M.A. – Step 8
Salary: \$50,614.00
Effective: August 13, 2014

Bradley, Ryan
Reading
Smart Intermediate
Degree: B.A. – Step 1
Salary: \$35,329.00
Effective: August 13, 2014

Brewer, Wayne
Special Education
Monroe Elementary
Degree: M.A. – Step 11
Salary: \$55,200.00
Effective: August 13, 2014

Bucklaw, Timothy
Physical Education
Keystone Academy
Degree: M.A. – Step 8
Salary: \$50,614.00
Effective: August 13, 2014

Bush, Emily
Math
Sudlow Intermediate
Degree: B.S. – Step 5
Salary: \$41,443.00
Effective: August 13, 2014

Carpenter, Travis
Language Arts
Sudlow Intermediate
Degree: B.A. – Step 1
Salary: \$35,329.00
Effective: August 13, 2014

Craig, Ellen Art Central High	Degree: M.A.+30 – Step 18 Salary: \$65,899.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Ewing, Lisa Special Education Keystone Academy	Degree: M.A. – Step 13 Salary: \$58,257.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Franken, Joel Department Head Creative Arts Academy	Degree: M.A. – Step 19 Salary: \$62,842.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Gibbs, Kari Counselor Madison Elementary	Degree: M.S. – Step 2 Salary: \$41,443.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Gibbs, Shannon District Math Coach K-5 ASC	Degree: M.A. – Step 9 Salary: \$52,143.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Harkness, Robert Social Studies Central High	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Johnson, Jennifer Special Education/Life Skills MD Central High	Degree: B.A. – Step 4 Salary: \$41,443.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Kennedy, Kara Special Education/BD Central High	Degree: B.S. – Step 3 Salary: \$38,386.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Klocke, Molly Counselor Monroe Elementary	Degree: M.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$39,915.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Kottke, Sarah Reading/Science/Social Studies Young K-8	Degree: B.S. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Kreassig, Elizabeth Instrumental Music Walcott K-8	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00
Kroener, Rosemary Special Education/SCI Smart Intermediate	Degree: B.A. – Step 5 Salary: \$41,443.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Kuntz, Brittany Grade 5 Buchanan Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Linnenbrink, Alyssa Grade 1 Fillmore Elementary	Degree: M.A. – Step 12 Salary: \$56,728.00 Effective: August 13, 2014

Luedtke, Rachel Grade 2/ Grade 5 Buchanan Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Marth, Sherri Grade 2 Jackson Elementary	Degree: M.A. – Step 21 Salary: \$62,842.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Martinez, Tonya Interventionist/Math Coach Jefferson Elementary	Degree: M.A. – Step 6 Salary: \$47,557 Effective: August 13, 2014
May, Ronnie Performing Music Division Creative Arts Academy	Degree: M.A.+30 – Step 21 Salary: \$65,899.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
McCloud, Ian Science West High	Degree: B.A. – Step 2 Salary: \$36,858.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
McCollough, Kelly Grade 3 (.5) Young K-8	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$17,665.50 Effective: August 13, 2014
Merdinger, Jennifer Math Wood Intermediate	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Migiel, Crystal Grade 4 Buchanan Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Mitchell, Amy Grade 4 Fillmore Elementary	Degree: M.A. – Step 9 Salary: \$52,143.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Moorhead, Eric Special Education/SCI Central High	Degree: B.Ed. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Nuci, Crystal Grade 3 Jefferson Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Reitz, Natalie Nurse Buffalo/Garfield Elementary	Degree: B.S. – Step 5 Salary: \$36,684.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Shovlain, Renee P.E. Wood Intermediate	Degree: B.A. – Step 13 Salary: \$50,614.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Soedt, Gena Language Arts Smart Intermediate	Degree: B.S. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,329.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Swords, Arafel Special Education West High	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$35,359.00 Effective: August 13, 2014

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Tidwell, Amanda Special Education Williams Intermediate	Degree: M.A.+30 – Step 10 Salary: \$56,728.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Verdon, Matthew Special Education Keystone Academy	Degree: M.A. – Step 18 Salary: \$62,842.00 Effective: August 13, 2014
Weter, John Preschool Special Education Children’s Village West	Degree: B.A. – Step 3 Salary: \$38,386.00 Effective: August 13, 2014

APPOINTMENTS: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

Bahls, Jean Curriculum and Instruction Specialist ASC	Effective: July 9, 2014 Salary: \$59,836.00 Hours: 8.0 hrs/day (205 days/school year)
Kruse, Dawn Curriculum and Instruction Specialist ASC	Effective: July 23, 2014 Salary: \$59,836.00 Hours: 8.0 hrs/day (205 days/school year)

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

DeFoe, Nathaniel Swimming Girls’ Varsity North High	20% (.50 FTE 10%) \$5,984.00 (.50 FTE \$3,740.00)
McCloud, Ian Wrestling Assistant West High	12% \$3,590.00
Schomburg, Kelsey Swimming Girls’ Varsity North High	20% (.50 FTE 10%) \$5,984.00 (.50 FTE \$3,740.00)
Schomburg, Kelsey Swimming Girls’ Assistant North High	12% (.50 FTE 6%) \$3,590.00 (.50 FTE \$1,668.00)

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Amuso, Dawn Food Service Cashier I West High	Effective: August 11, 2014 Salary: \$10.10/hr Hours: 3.5 hrs/day
Carr, Matthew Campus Security West High	Effective: August 18, 2014 Salary: \$13.73/hr Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
Harper, Justin Campus Security Mid City High	Effective: August 18, 2014 Salary: \$13.73/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day
Kincaid, Stephanie Attendance Coach West High/Walcott K-8	Effective: August 1, 2014 Salary: \$16.04/hr Hours: 8.0 hrs/day (190 days/school year)

Moeller, Leigh
Food Service Worker
Davenport Learning Center

Effective: August 11, 2014
Salary: \$9.89/hr
Hours: 4.75 hrs/day

Tabor, Megan
Juvenile Court Liaison
Mid City High

Effective: August 1, 2014
Salary: \$27,308.37
Hours: 8.0 hrs/day (215 days/school year)

Zamora, Wendi
Food Service Worker
North High

Effective: August 11, 2014
Salary: \$9.89/hr
Hours: 3.75 hrs/day

RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Baxa, Carol
At-Risk Interventionist
Kimberly Center

Effective: June 2, 2014
Years of Service: 22 yrs 10 mos

Murray, Charlotte
Special Education Level I
Jefferson Elementary

Effective: July 8, 2014
Years of Service: 38 yrs 3 mos

Ramos, Marjorie
Grade 5
Monroe Elementary

Effective: July 7, 2014
Years of Service: 7 yrs 11 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Balsar, Clint
Art
Central High

Effective: June 30, 2014
Years of Service: 17 yrs

Baustian, Kellie
Grade 3
Hayes Elementary

Effective: July 8, 2014
Years of Service: 2 yrs 1 mo

Bowman, Brook
Special Education
Buchanan Elementary

Effective: July 3, 2014
Years of Service: 2 yrs

DeCook, Carrie
Reading Interventionist
Williams Intermediate

Effective: July 24, 2014
Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos

Franken, Joel
Art
Jackson Elementary

Effective: June 30, 2014
Year of Service: 8 yrs

Gibbs, Shannon
Grade 5
Harrison Elementary

Effective: June 30, 2014
Years of Service: 9 yrs 10 mos

Gilliland, Heidi
School Admin. Manager
Wilson Elementary

Effective: May 30, 2014
Years of Service: 3 yrs 5 mos

Huggins, Kristin
School Admin. Manager
Young K-8

Effective: May 30, 2014
Years of Service: 1 yr 9 mos

Ivory, Rachel School Admin. Manager Buchanan Elementary	Effective: May 30, 2014 Years of Service: 1 yr 9 mos
Martinez, Tonya Grade 2 Adams Elementary	Effective: June 30, 2014 Years of Service: 4 yrs 11 mos
Marzen, Melanie Science Wood Intermediate	Effective: June 26, 2014 Years of Service: 1 yr 11 mos
Shults-Hendricks, Heather Sp Ed/Crisis Interventionist Central High	Effective: 6/24/2014 Years of Service: 7 yrs 6 mos
Weller, Bettina Family Consumer Science North High	Effective: June 30, 2014 Years of Service: 10 yrs 11 mos
Young, Suzanne Family Consumer Science North High	Effective: June 16, 2014 Years of Service: 1 yr 11 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

Heller, Guy Curriculum & Instruction Facilitator ASC	Effective: June 30, 2014 Years of Service: 1 yr 11 mos
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Breinich, Elizabeth Intramurals Truman Elementary	6% \$1,795.00
Curtis, Jason Football 7 th Grade Williams Intermediate	8% \$2,394.00
DeFoe, Nathaniel Swimming Girls' Assistant North High	12% (.50 FTE 6%) \$3,590.00 (.50 FTE \$1,668.00)
Johnson, Eric Football Assistant West High	12% \$3,590.00
Moore, Scott Football Assistant 7 th Grade Williams Intermediate	7% \$2,094.00
Toohill, Mary Track Girls' Varsity North High	20% \$5,984.00
Woods, Edmond Basketball Boys' Assistant North High	12% \$3,590.00

Woods, Edmond 12%
 Football Assistant \$3,590.00
 North High

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Ryan, Betty Effective: June 16, 2014
 Para Educator Years of Service: 2 yrs 8 mos
 LOA

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Camp, Gloria Effective: July 7, 2014
 Para Educator Years of Service: 20 yrs 11 mos
 Adams Elementary

Carr, Matthew Effective: June 26, 2014
 Para Educator Years of Service: 3 yrs 5 mos
 Young K-8

Harper, Justin Effective: June 26, 2014
 Para Educator Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos
 North High

Hensel, Traci Effective: July 7, 2014
 Para Educator Years of Service: 10 mos
 Pool

Lewerenz, Kelly Effective: July 3, 2014
 Para Educator Years of Service: 5 mos
 Truman Elementary

Newman, Alyssa Effective: June 30, 2014
 Para Educator Years of Service: 11 mos
 Wood Intermediate

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Asay, Bonnie	Associate Principal- Sudlow Intermediate	Principal – Fillmore Elementary
Bosco, Catherine	Associate Principal- Central High	Associate Principal – North High
Caparula, James	Associate Principal- Wood Intermediate	Associate Principal – Sudlow Intermediate
Conrad, Tammy	Associate Principal- North High	Associate Principal- Williams Intermediate
Conrad, Tammy	Associate Principal- Williams Intermediate	Principal- Children’s Villages *
Klipsch, Jake	Principal- Eisenhower Elementary	Principal-Mid City High
Martin, David	Associate Principal-Young K-8	Principal- Eisenhower Elementary
Sanders, Sheri	Principal- Buffalo Elementary	Principal- Adams Elementary
Tollefson, Robert	Associate Principal- West High	Associate Principal- Wood Intermediate
Williams, Cory	Associate Principal-Williams Intermediate	Associate Principal- Mid City High
Womack, Sheri	Principal- Kimberly Center	Principal- Keystone Academy

*Tammy Conrad was going to be the Associate Principal at Williams Intermediate but has recently accepted the position for the Principal at the Children’s Villages.

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

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS

5.01 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 periods of June 19th, 2014 through July 9th, 2014 with the following voided check:

#318535 payable to Century Link in the amount of \$2,158.64 (Needed separate checks)

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

6. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate reported that the Davenport West High School baseball team won the Mississippi Athletic Conference Baseball Title for the first time in 26 years.

7. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

7.01 - Approval of Annual Membership Dues for IASB

Motion by Director Krumwiede and seconded by Director Clewell the board approved the annual membership dues to Iowa Association of School Boards for the 2014-15 school year for \$11,068.

Discussion: In attendance at the meeting were Lisa Bartusek, Executive Director of IASB, Galen Howsare, Deputy Executive Director/CFO and Emily Piper, IASB Legislative Consultant. Ms. Bartusek provided a brief overview of the organization and services offered by IASB such as being a member created and member driven organization, private consultants are always available, board training that is based on the Lighthouse research, policy services and a service package that can meet individual needs of a school district. Board members discussed some of the benefits of membership such as board training, the leadership academy, legislative and lobbying support and active participation on the Legislative Resolutions Committee. Director Clewell asked how IASB could help the Legislative Advocacy Committee and Ms. Piper discussed options. Clewell encouraged IASB to craft programs for urban districts and for our district to fully utilize the programs that are available. Ms. Piper talked about IASB priorities for the upcoming year such as state supplemental aid, school funding and the Iowa Core. She said their top priority is the funding stream and that it be done on time. She also talked about how important it is for members to submit their legislative priorities which are due to IASB by August 15th. Krumwiede also emphasized how the board needs to discuss legislative priorities at the next meeting. President Johanson asked how supportive IASB is to per pupil funding and the issue of equity. For Davenport, equity means a couple million more dollars per year for the district. Mr. Howsare

distributed the School Finance Task Force report on the school funding formula and a report called “Financial Focus” which included data on our district finances. Mr. Howsare and Ms. Bartusek responded to Johanson questions noting that they will keep the issue of equity in per pupil funding front and center but they also have to support what their members support. There was a discussion about the weighted voting and whether the IASB seems to favor the smaller districts where this is concerned.

Vote: All ayes motion carried.

7.02 - Approval of Start Time for Meetings

Motion by Director Dickmann and seconded by Director Sherwood to approve the following change to Regular Board Meeting Start Times:

6:30 PM (When school is in session)

6:00PM (When school is out of session).

Discussion: The board discussed the option of starting the Regular Meeting at 6:00PM year round so it would not be confusing to the public.

Amendment: Director Sherwood moved to amend the motion and have the Regular Meetings start at 6:00PM year round. Director Snyder seconded the motion.

Discussion on amendment: None.

Vote on amendment: All Ayes motion carried.

Motion as amended: The board approve the start time for Regular Meetings to be 6:00PM year round.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes motion carried.

7.03 - Approval of Contract with One Neck IT Solutions

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Dickmann the board approved the contract renewal with One Neck IT Solutions in the amount of \$103,000.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

7.04 Approval of Construction Manager for Central High Auditorium/Natatorium Project

Motion by Director Clewell and seconded by Director Dickmann to approve Russell Construction for the Central High Auditorium/Natatorium Project.

Discussion: There was discussion about the timing of hiring a CMA and the whether the selection was process was fair and that this proposal is \$60,000 over the other proposal. Sherwood explained he knows that Russell construction is a good company and has done fine work but the questions have been raised about the process. Director Sherwood made a motion to instruct Mr. Maloney to reanalyze the bids, but President Johanson stated that this motion would not be appropriate under Roberts Rules of Order since the motion before the

board is whether to approve Russell Construction as the CMA. Sherwood agreed and explained why he would be voting no. Snyder also said he would be voting no and would like to see this reevaluated. Director Clewell said he understands the concerns but pointed out that administration has reviewed this proposal and then reviewed it again at the board's request and it seems inappropriate to him to not move forward. Clewell also made note that the board hires staff to make these decisions and even though the proposal costs more he believes rationale has been provided to justify this and he would be voting yes. Krumwiede stated administration has done what the board has asked them to regarding this proposal and he will support the administration's recommendation. Sherwood noted the board chose to go in a different direction with the architect and if the process is flawed then we have an obligation to correct it and noted that he believes Mr. Maloney has not told him that the process was not flawed. President Johanson referred to the document provided by Mr. Maloney on the process for selecting the CMA and asked more specific questions about the bids and Maloney said the fees will be negotiated. There was continued discussion about the process and Mr. Maloney stated that Mr. Loss agreed the process was legally sufficient and he believes Russell Construction presented the best team for this project.

Vote:

Ayes: 3 (Clewell, Krumwiede and Johanson)

Nays: 3 (Dickmann n, Snyder and Sherwood) .

Tie vote motion fails.

7.05 Endorsement of Regional Vision

Motion by Director Dickmann and seconded by Krumwiede the board approved the following Resolution:

“The Davenport Community School District is proud to endorse the Regional Vision and join the movement to lead and influence others to think, speak and behave in new ways that will transform our region. We pledge to promptly identify and implement ways in which our organization's strategic priorities and goals can be aligned to help the regional vision become reality. We hereby designate Director Rich Clewell as a representative of our organization to periodically meet with the designees of other regional organizations. Our designee is directed to serve as an active participant in shaping the future of our region, communicate our achievements in regional alignment and report back to us how the alignment of others is making a difference in our region.”

Discussion: Johanson thanked board members for their interest in serving on this council.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

7.06 Approval of Facility Long Range Plan

Administration recommends that the board acknowledge the SAVE/LOSST Long Range Plan and the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Long Range Plan as the blueprints for programming the expenditures of the allocated SAVE/LOSST and PPEL funds.

President Johanson explained Director DeFauw requested this agenda item be moved to a time when all board members could be present. Johanson explained the Agenda Committee was consulted and agreed to remove this agenda item until all board members were able to attend the meeting in order to take action on this item.

7.07 Approval of Mid City Annex

Motion by Director Dickmann and seconded by Director Clewell the board approved an expansion of the scope of the Mid City High School project at 3801 Marquette Street to include a physical activity center (PAC) adjacent to the school with an approximate cost of \$4,200,000.

Discussion: Director Sherwood stated that this figure puts us well within range to have built a new facility if the board would have been willing to wait, but he will support the motion because the students deserve a facility. Dickmann agreed that a physical activity center is important but also expressed concerns about operating expenses.

President Johanson requested more detail on the budget for this project and what the amount included. His inclination is to postpone this item until the board has a discussion about the long range plan. President Johanson turned the Chair over to Director Krumwiede.

Motion: President Johanson made a motion to postpone indefinitely. There was not a second. Motion failed.

Vote:

Ayes: (5) Dickmann, Clewell, Sherwood, Krumwiede and Snyder.

Nays: (1) Johanson

Motion carried.

7.08 Approval of Policies

Motion by Director Sherwood and seconded by Director Dickmann the board approved the following policies as presented.

602.22 - Programs for At Risk Students

307.07 – Conflicts of Interest

402.03 – Application

602.05 – Talented and Gifted Programs

602.06 – Curriculum Development

602.10 – Summer School Instruction

602.12 – Alternative Education

601.02 – School Calendar

303.02 – Opening of Bids

501.09 – Pregnant Students

502.01 – Physical Examination

502.02 – Vision Screening

502.03 – Annual Physical Examination for Athletes

501.10 - Home Instruction

Discussion: Director Clewell asked for clarification on 601.02.

Vote: All Ayes motion carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.01 Local School Improvement Advisory Committee/Board Member Participation

Board members discussed pros and cons of board members attending LSIAC meetings on a regular basis. In previous board discussions board members expressed concerns about members attending and that their attendance could inadvertently influence discussion or prioritization of topics. Board members agreed it is important for the board to be kept informed of committee activities and if board members did attend they should participate more as an observer. Dawn Saul stated she believes the committee would welcome board participation. Several board members emphasized that the role of board members on this committee should be clearly defined and it was suggested that the committee come to the board with those parameters. Dawn said they would be happy to provide that information.

President Johanson took a 5 minute recess and reconvened at 8:25PM

8.02 Budget Discussion

The first topic for discussion was whether to move the Achievement Service Center. Dr. Tate explained how a vacant district building would be required to consider the move and more research was needed as to whether there would be a net savings. There was some discussion about using a space at Lincoln school. Sherwood suggested keeping an eye out for an available space within the district and a possible building in the community that would be more efficient. Dr. Tate asked board members for additional suggestions concerning budget reductions. Director Dickmann suggested the following: using solar panels or wind turbines to cut down on electricity costs; cutting funding for up to five of the most subsidized sports program; using only funding outside of the general fund for technology; having two skinnies instead of one of the blocks; cutting languages such as German and French; close one of the high schools; move Stepping Stones/preschool programs in house; and having more K-8 schools.

Sherwood reported that the K-8 committee met and they are gathering information and will eventually report back to the board. He also suggested wind power and that the district must look at reducing our carbon footprint with passive and active solar and how this will eventually save money. Krumwiede brought up sharing resources with other community agencies and noted how our district is not the only organization experiencing budget constraints. He also expressed concern about pre-schools and asked if neighborhood preschools would save money. Clewell suggested hiring an efficiency expert that could conduct an evaluation of district operations for cost savings. Sherwood also noted that the district should look at ways to advance revenues. Johanson mentioned the administrative annuity and explained he was not inclined to reduce it for current employees but would consider eliminating it for future employees. He suggested a comprehensive insurance review that would include employee education. He also mentioned the idea of conducting insurance dependent eligibility audits. He noted the Des Moines school district conducted this type of audit and found 385 people ineligible for a cost savings of over 1 million dollars. Sherwood encouraged the district to take advantage of as many grants as possible.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

9. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

Director Snyder reported the North High School Dance Team took 1st place at annual dance camp and also won a leadership award.

Director Krumwiede expressed condolences on the passing of Mike Wood, former science teacher in the district.

President Johanson formally appointed Director Clewell to serve on the Chamber's Regional Vision Council. He also appointed Director Snyder to serve on the Policy Committee and explained that Director Dickmann also volunteered to serve on that committee and will eventually be rotated in. Johanson reported that he attended a very inspirational event sponsored by the NAACP.

Board Requests:

Information requests:

Director Snyder-What is our general fund operating budget for our pre-school programs vs. what do we receive in state funding for early childhood education. Basically, how much of our pre-school program is out of our pocket absent state funding?

Director Dickmann-1) What percentage of our students are reading at grade level in each grade? What is the percentage at each school? 2) What are the utility and maintenance costs of each building and the average usage of the buildings in persons per day approximately?

Agenda Request:

Director Krumwiede-The board decide our IASB legislative priorities at the first August board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Sherwood seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer