

**DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
DAVENPORT SCHOOLS ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER  
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM  
Achievement Service Center  
1606 BRADY STREET  
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
7:00PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, August 12, 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 7:00PM.

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. PRESENTATION**

A. Stepping Stones Out of School Time and Jefferson Edison Celebration

Sarah Harris and Shaney Ford provided an overview of the new Out of School Time Stepping Stones Program at Jefferson Edison School. Shaney Ford, Director of the Stepping Stones Program, explained that Jefferson Edison is a new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant site which started this summer. Sixty K-5 students attended the program 7:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday from June 10 through August 2. The program focuses on academic enrichment and this summer they had a very successful focused reading intervention program. The new site also has a Stepping Stones Afterschool Program which is one of 17 Stepping Stones Afterschool program sites. The Afterschool Programs offer academic intervention supports, enrichment activities, structured recreation and a monthly study trip. Shaney provided an overview of the overall Stepping Stones Program and Sarah Harris highlighted a key partner, LULAC Council 10, which provided \$1,000 in sponsorships for Hispanic Latino Stepping Stones summer students at Jefferson Edison. Sarah thanked LULAC 10 for their support of Stepping Stones and the district. The Directors thanked LULAC and the Stepping Stones program for all their efforts. There was a question about the percentage of free and reduced students who attend and Shaney explained that the fees are still an obstacle for some families.

## II. COMMUNICATIONS (Including Open Forum)

- A. August 19, 5:00PM Superintendent Evaluation, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- B. August 22, 6:30-8:30PM Meet the Candidates Forum, United Neighbors, 808 Harrison St.
- C. August 26, 7:00PM, Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- D. September 2, Labor Day Holiday (Closed).
- E. September 3, TUESDAY, 5:30 Committee of the Whole, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- F. September 9, 7:00PM, Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- G. September 10 School Board Elections
- H. September 23, 7:00PM Organizational and Annual Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- I. Open Forum for Community Input
  - Daniel Flaherty-2137 Warren St. Davenport, IA-Urged board to update 504.09 Cell Phone policy to be more progressive.
  - Jacnita Combs- 6 Hidden Valley Circle, Davenport, IA – Against new boundary changes and advocated for an appeals process.

## III. CONSENT AGENDA

To conserve time and focus attention on non-routine matters on the agenda, the Board will 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

July 1, 2013 (Committee of the Whole); July 8, 2013 (Regular Meeting); July 10, 2013 (Closed Session); July 16, 2013 (Special Call Open Session); and August 5, 2013 (Special Call Open Session).

### B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves, Etc.

#### APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Bailey, Chelsey Media Specialist Jefferson/Edison	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Curren, Debra Grade 2 Washington Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 9 Salary: \$46,306.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Dasso, Marguerite At Risk Smart Intermediate	Degree: B.S. – Step 6 Salary: \$41,856.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Elkhatib, Etaf Special Education Hayes Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Falana, Venessa Writing Specialist Jefferson/Edison	Degree: B.S. – Step 3 Salary: \$37,405.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Farnsworth, Kayla School Within A School Sudlow Intermediate	Degree: B.S. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013

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Graff, Jenna K-5 Lit/Math Primary Multi-Age J B Young	Degree: B.A.+15 – Step 5 Salary: \$41,856.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Hanrahan, Derek Grade 6 J B Young	Degree: B.A – Step 3 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Harkey, Allison Language Arts/Reading J B Young	Degree: B.A. - Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Lantz-Gushanas, Hollie Nurse West High	Degree: AA – Step 6 Salary: \$30,878.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Lum, Dereck Art (0.75 FTE) Buffalo/Wilson Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$25,828.50 Effective: August 7, 2013
Menes, Kelli School Within At School Smart Intermediate	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Moses, Mandy Special Education McKinley Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Price-Brenner, Paul Orchestra Smart Intermediate	Degree: M.A.+60 – Step 5 Salary: \$49,273.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Roemen, Amy Preschool Lincoln- 4 YO Program	Degree: B.A. – Step 3 Salary: \$37,405.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Rueve, Anne Vocal Music Jefferson/Edison	Degree: B.M. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Seffrood, Courtney Grade 2 Eisenhower Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Shaw, Wendy Nurse West High/Eisenhower Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 6 Salary: \$37,088.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Taylor, Melissa Preschool – Special Education Children’s Village West	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Tharp, Rachel Math West High	Degree: B.A. – Step 7 Salary: \$43,339.00 Effective: August 7, 2013
Wandolowski, David Title Interventionist Jackson Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$34,438.00 Effective: August 7, 2013

Weideman, Mary  
Grade 5  
McKinley Elementary

Degree: B.A. – Step 1  
Salary: \$34,438.00  
Effective: August 7, 2013

APPOINTMENTS: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

Hawkinson, Beth  
Assistant Behavior Analyst  
ASC

Effective: August 8, 2013  
Salary: \$28,191.60 (205 days/school year)  
Hours: 7.5 hrs/day

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

~~Adams, Melanie 7%  
Girls' Basketball Grade 8 \$2,031.00  
Sudlow Intermediate~~

Adams, Melanie 8%  
Girls' Volleyball Grade 7 \$2,322.00  
Sudlow Intermediate

Samuelson, Shawn 12%  
Assistant Girls' Basketball \$3,482.00  
Central High

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Martin, Lee  
Campus Security  
North High

Effective: August 12, 2013  
Salary: \$13.38/hr  
Hours: 7.5 hrs/day

RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Howard, Deborah  
Language Arts  
North High

Effective: July 31, 2013  
Years of Service: 10 yrs 1 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Smiley, Jodi 15%  
Teacher in Charge (.5) \$2,176.50  
McKinley Elementary

Thompson, William 12%  
Assistant Football \$3,482.00  
West High

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Stald, Laurie  
Para Educator  
Sudlow Intermediate

Effective: August 12, 2013  
Years of Service: 20 yrs 1 mos

Wegener, Lyndsey  
Para Educator  
Walcott Intermediate

Effective: August 6, 2013  
Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Gutierrez, Sarah  
Food Service Cook-in-Charge  
McKinley Elementary

Effective: August 21, 2013  
Years of Service: 3 yrs 7 mos

Humphrey, Brenda  
Food Service Worker  
Sudlow Intermediate

Effective: August 6, 2013  
Years of Service: 8 mos

Kuhn, Molly  
Para Educator  
Central High

Effective: August 7, 2013  
Years of Service: 6 mos

Martin, Lee  
Para Educator  
North High

Effective: August 9, 2013  
Years of Service: 9 mos

Taylor, Melissa  
Para Educator  
Para Pool

Effective: August 2, 2013  
Years of Service: 6 mos

VandeVoort, Colleen  
Professional Secretary  
Madison Elementary

Effective: August 16, 2013  
Years of Service: 2 yrs 11 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Collins, Rhonda  
Food service Worker  
Walcott School

Unpaid Leave of Absence  
Effective: August 7, 2013 – December 20, 2013

**Motion:** Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the Consent Agenda with addendum. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Roberson noted that Lee Martin, Campus Security at North, brings more than campus security to North and stated he is glad he decided to come back.

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the board approve the following resolution for the adoption of the bills from the bill listing periods: July 4, ~~2012~~ 2013 through July 17, ~~2012~~ 2013 (Special Release with President's approval) and for July 18, ~~2012~~ 2013 through August 7, ~~2012~~ 2013.

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 with the following voided checks:

#308488 payable to Karen Stocking in the amount of \$175.00 (Wrong amount)  
#308698 payable to Iowa Dept. of Human Services in amount of \$497,320.72 (Wrong amount)  
#309218 payable to Steven Couch in the amount of \$210.00 (Need two checks).  
#309235 payable to Tricon General Construction in the amount of \$329,352.35 (Void & replace). Director Clewell corrected his motion to note that the year dates in the resolution were read as 2012 and should be 2013. Director Sherwood seconded the corrected motion.

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

## V. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate reported it has been a great start to the school year and noted the Davenport Police Department is doing a special enforcement of school zones this week and next week to help remind motorists to slow down in school zones. He also mentioned the issue of balanced enrollment and how much he dislikes it. They did some hard work done this year to do boundaries and enforce a strict transfer policy which will eventually mean we would never have to send a student out of their home district to another school. Unfortunately, this year they had to send some students out of their home area due to balanced enrollment and the grandfathering of students. He said this should work out over the next few years. He reported on the success of the Graduation Destination event this past Saturday. Some solid contacts were made and he also complimented Sarah Harris the organizer of this event.

## VI. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### A. Public Hearing for North Softball Complex Renovations Project

**Motion:** Director DeFauw moved the board approve the plans and specifications for the North Softball Complex Renovations Project as presented. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

President Johanson announced this was the time and place for the Board to hold a public hearing on the North Softball Complex Project which appeared the *Quad City Times*, on August 2, 2013. No one came forward to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**B. Approval of District Wide Security Cameras Project**

**Motion:** Director Zamora moved the board approve the lowest, responsible, responsive bid from Communication Innovators of Eldridge, Iowa for \$327,304.00 for the District Wide Security Cameras Project. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Sherwood asked for more details about the district wide system and expressed concerns about access to the system and emphasized the importance of administrators providing permission to survey their buildings. Scott Martin explained the district wide system will allow access to all schools and highlighted that a central point of contact is needed in the event of crisis. Director DeFauw noted that the board recently approved a security camera policy that gave very specific references to who has access to videos and under what circumstances and said she is not sure there was a provision for district access to building specific tapes. Director Roberson also noted his main reason for wanting the cameras was to survey our grounds but doesn't like the idea of having a system that monitors students. Dr. Tate emphasized the system is necessary in the event of an active shooter and this system would allow the police department to know that location. Cameras are also used to prove who initiates assaults and theft and there was some discussion on this. Director Clewell explained the reasons he would be voting saying he understands the importance of safety but has concerns the cameras violate personal privacy and sends a message to students that we do not trust them. He requested an expanded discussion on what we can do to keep our students safe. President Johanson emphasized the importance of making the public aware of the system.

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

**C. Approval of Lincoln Academy Sprinkler System**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the board approve the lowest, responsible, responsive bid from Continental Fire Sprinkler Company of Davenport, Iowa for \$258,000.00 for the Lincoln Academy Sprinkler System Project. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Sherwood explained he would be voting no because the system is not a requirement and the district could get this done cheaper.

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

#### **D. Approval of West High Sound and Dimming System.**

**Motion:** Director Zamora moved the board approve the lowest, responsible, and responsive bid from Davenport Electric Contracting Co. for \$281,075.00 for the West High Sound and Dimming System Project. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Zamora asked if this system was good enough and Director Sherwood explained there was a good discussion at the Committee of Whole Meeting on this topic and he was satisfied with the system.

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

#### **E. Approval of Unity Point at Home Contract**

**Motion:** Director Krumwiede moved the board approve a contract with Unity Point at Home for RN or LPN services at \$50/hour for the 2013-14 school year. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** There were many questions by the board regarding this contract and the directors would like more detailed explanations of the services provided and requested more explanation on the following: Is the \$50 per hour rate the same for RN and LPN; is this an open-ended contract for any number of students to be served?; what is the difference with this service and what is provided by school nurses?; what are the specific services being rendered for this since it states it is home care services?; what will the total amount be?.

**Motion:** Director Krumwiede made a motion to table this agenda item. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

#### **F. Approval of Allen Behavioral Consultants Contract**

**Motion:** Director Krumwiede moved the board approve a contract with Allen Behavioral Consultants for ESY services starting August 2013 – May 2014 for 180 instructional days at a per diem of \$520. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.



**Discussion:** There were many questions regarding this contract and board members stated they needed more information before approving this contract. Specifically, the contract is confusing, and seems to be missing words; the contract is for 180 days and students are only in school for 178 days; why are behavior consultants needed when there was a behavior specialist just hired in the consent agenda this evening?; where are the services delivered and why can't the district provide them?; why is this so expensive?; and does this mean there will be additional students needing this service?.

**Motion:** Director Clewell made a motion to table this agenda item. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

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

#### **G. Approval of 2013-2014 Board Calendar**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the board approve the 2013-2014 Official Board Calendar. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

#### **H. Approval of Modifications to Diversity Plan Reference Chart: School Ratio**

**Motion:** Director DeFauw moved the board approve the revised Diversity Plan Reference Chart: School Ratio as presented. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director DeFauw explained that legal counsel has expressed concerns about the lack of clarity for this document and she explained the suggested revisions. Director Roberson asked about legal counsel's advice on the implications for out of district transfer requests. DeFauw stated that legal counsel said the district is required to have a plan that regulates how we manage internal transfer and out of district open enrollment requests but the plans do not have to be the same. DeFauw explained that legal counsel did not see a situation where we might experience litigation.

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

## **I. Policy Review**

**Motion:** Director DeFauw moved the board approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation for the following policies:

305.05 - School Bus Transportation

305.18 – Paid Conditional Busing Fees (deletion of policy)

Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director DeFauw explained these policies were brought forward by Scott Martin as the result of the elimination of paid conditional busing.

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

## **VII. DISCUSSION**

President Johanson changed the order of agenda items as Director DeFauw would need to leave the meeting early.

### **A. Diversity Plan**

Director DeFauw stated she wasn’t sure there was a discussion needed since the Diversity Plan Reference Chart:School Ratio has already been approved. President Johanson agreed and stated unless there was any more discussion they would move to the next agenda item.

### **B. Policy Review**

Director DeFauw reviewed the following policies:

502.15 – Drills for Emergency – Director Krumwiede asked about guidelines and drills for ALICE and after discussion DeFauw suggested the policy committee add a sentence as it relates to drills for intruder lock down protection and more specific information could be included in an Administrative Regulation. There was a brief discussion about the lack of implementation in having the fire department observe at least one fire drill in every building.

503.01 – Promotion and Non-Promotion Practices in Elementary Schools –Change recommended.

503.09 – Credits Earned in a Foreign School-Change recommended.

505.09 – Attendance at Events Outside of School-Change recommended.

505.10 – Intermediate School Band Uniforms-Deletion recommended.

505.12 – Student Distribution of Non-Curricular Materials-No changes.

Director Clewell recommended language to indicate the criteria must meet the administrative regulation for this policy and also said the last paragraph does not seem necessary.

506.01 – Collection of Money from Students-No changes.

Director Krumwiede asked about guidelines and noted every building does not have a safe. Marsha Tangen said there are safes in most of the buildings and all were offered safes in the past. Staff are asked to put money in the most safe and secure location that is available and explained that security deposits are picked up by the banks and keys for night deposits are also available.

506.02 – Activity Funds-No changes.

506.03 – Class or Student Gifts to School-No changes.

601.01 – Type of School Organization-No changes.

601.02 – School Calendar – Minor change.

Director Clewell mentioned changes in the 2014-15 school year due to Education Reform and the option of having 1080 hours or 180 days of instruction. He suggested this be reviewed by the Policy Committee. DeFauw suggested a discussion at a Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting.

601.03 – Instructional Accountability-No change.

505.02 – Student Organizations-Change recommended.

505.03 – School Publications-No change.

505.04 – Social Events- Will go back to policy committee.

503.05 - Student Library Circulation Records-No change.

504.09 – Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Director DeFauw noted feedback has been previously provided on this policy by building principals, student board members and several discussions have taken place at the board table. She asked if the policy committee bring forward a modified policy or does the board want more information. Director Zamora said she hates giving in but the current policy is not being enforced anyway, so she recommends allowing cell phone use during lunch and passing time but does not think it is reasonable in the classrooms. Director Roberson stated cell phones can be used as a learning tool and asked Rob Scott if this can be controlled if expanded use was allowed. Rob Scott is in favor of cell phone use during passing time and lunch break because he hopes this will allow teachers to be more strict in the classrooms. Roberson stated he is in favor of cell phone use during passing time and lunch. Director Krumwiede mentioned the need to clarify if this is strictly for the high school and would like to review the cell phone policies

of other districts. Director Clewell would like to engage the new student board members in the conversation and agrees the policy needs to be updated. Clewell said he will ask the Technology Committee for their feedback since he is member of that committee. Director Sherwood thinks the North Scott and Bettendorf policies are good ones which also include signed student agreements which he feels would be important. He suggested inviting staff from these two schools to a meeting.

President Johanson stated he believes there is a sense of urgency in revising the policy and asking for additional feedback would delay the process. He believes the policy committee is capable of making the necessary modifications with the feedback that has already been provided. He reiterated his concerns about safety with cell phone use during passing time. DeFauw said she is in favor of cell phone use during lunch time but has serious concerns about use during passing time. DeFauw requested a report from each high school on how many disciplinary actions have started with the confiscation of a cell phone and the severity of those actions. She reminded the board the current cell phone policy does not preclude the use of cell phones or other electronic devices for the purpose of education in the classroom. Director DeFauw left the meeting at 8:45PM.

## **B. Revenue Purpose Statement**

Marsha Tangen provided a brief overview of the Revenue Purpose Statement which will be appear as Proposition B during the School Board Election on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS) defines what the district can use state tax funds for; in this case, the revenue generated from the state penny sales tax otherwise known as Local Option Sales Tax (LOSS) or some people refer to it as SILO (School Infrastructure Local Option) sales tax. She emphasized this is NOT a new tax and does not raise taxes.

In early 2008 voters in Scott County approved renewing the LOSS levy. Also in 2008, the legislature replaced the SILO with a state penny for school infrastructure and property tax relief which requires tax revenues be deposited in the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) fund. This vote does not determine whether the tax will be collected-the state law imposes the penny of sales tax. The RPS only directs how the revenues for the school district will be spent. Tangen explained we are asking voters to go to the polls and vote on the uses of the SAVE fund (previously LOSS/SILO). Again there is no impact on taxes and approving the RPS would align it with the sunset of the funding. Director Sherwood asked about the marketing plan and how it will appear on the ballot. Tangen explained information on the Proposition will be put on the web page. She emphasized that the district can't advocate for or against the Proposition but can only provide information. She noted the last time this came up for a vote it was overwhelming approved. There was a discussion about using the statewide penny funds on technology and Tangen explained it has been used to purchase technology and related items for a long time as long as the total is over \$500.

### **VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Dr. Tate provided an update on Lincoln School. He thanked the board for approving the sprinkler system. The Home School Assistance program for the district now has two rooms at Lincoln. They are putting a library and meeting room in one space and home school instruction in the other room. Stepping Stones moved from the Achievement Service Center to Lincoln School. They took over the media center the computer lab and now have additional storage space in the gym. The major tenant renting space is Headstart which will have 11 rooms and at the end of August. There will also be an early childhood program once the sprinkler system is installed. In the future he will be negotiating with the NAACP and Progressive Baptist to use other parts of the building and Tate believes the building will be full this year.

### **IX. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS**

Director Roberson gave a big shout out to the Davenport North baseball team for returning to State and thanked the coach and kids for all of their hard work.

Director Zamora said her request will be forthcoming after she gets additional information.

Director Sherwood thanked staff for the Destination Graduation event and commented on how impressed he was with this effort. He noted that Iowa funds our schools well below the national average and reiterated it would require a 25% increase in allowable growth just to bring us to the national average. He advocated for a statewide effort to get us to the statewide average for student spending. He attended the Hoop Fest and recommended the district have a presence at this event next year.

Director Sherwood brought forward the following board requests from the Policy Committee:

- 1) The committee requested a discussion of policy 602.01-Program Goals and Objectives
- 2) The committee would like a report on home instruction.

Director Sherwood had the following board request:

- 1) I would like a recommendation from the administration as to whether or not we should name the new student teacher house which will encourage a more diverse workforce.

Director Sherwood commented on the parking situation on Harrison Street and how this would put Central students opening their doors into the traffic lane and asked about this situation. Dr. Tate responded they have started discussions with city operations.

Director Krumwiede commented on the Graduation Destination event and thanked all who participated in this great event.

Director Clewell had the following board requests:

I would like the Agenda Committee to evaluate the timing of a board discussion on the criteria (ie: student academic achievement and socio-economic status) of the District Diversity Plan. We agreed to delay this discussion when we approved the most recent revision of the Diversity Plan. He believes there are more important criteria to consider other than academic achievement. He believes race is an important factor and that racial balance in our schools is important and Supreme Court never said that we couldn't consider this and he hopes this district might take the leadership to recognize this.

Director Roberson requested that before his time is up on the board he be included in this board discussion on diversity, inclusion, student achievement and closing the gap for students of color.

President Johanson reported on the City Conference Board meeting he attends and mentioned they voted to adopt the VanGuard software for assessments. The City and County Conference Board are also considering merging the two assessor's offices. He also recognized how wonderful Graduation Destination was and the success of this event. Director Zamora noted that the school board is represented on the conference boards because we have tax rates that we have to deal with. She asked why they would spend money on new software that duplicates what the county already has if they are talking about merging.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12PM.

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Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer