

# **DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DAVENPORT SCHOOLS ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE CENTER

JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM

Achievement Service Center

1606 BRADY STREET

DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

**RECEPTION (OPEN TO PUBLIC)**

6:15 PM

**REGULAR AND ANNUAL BOARD MEETINGS**

7:00 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, September 10, 2012 for their Regular and Annual Meetings. 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 7:00 PM.

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

## **RECEPTION**

A reception was held for the Board of Directors and Student Board Members in the Jim Hester Board Room prior to the Regular and Annual Board Meetings. Members of the community were invited to meet with the students and board members during the reception.

Director De Fauw read the vision statement.

### **I. SHOWCASE**

#### **A. Jackson Elementary**

Principal Teresa Bechen introduced Mr. John Mutum, their SAMS staff member. Ms. Bechen explained their first priority has always been academics. She provided a summary of PBIS and explained how they implement various programs and how students earn "praise paws" which supports positive behavior. The school has a long tradition of experienced teachers and outstanding support from the PTA. She provided a review of some of their school activities. She showed the board their data wall and also talked about how effective intramural sports and the arts have been for their students. They read aloud a variety letters written by students on what they liked about their school.

Director Krumwiede thanked both of them and asked how long they have had data walls up. She stated they have been up in the classrooms for a while but this will be first year

for the data wall in the foyer. Director Sherwood asked some questions on the frequency of team meetings and methods of interventions. She said the teams meet once a month and explained some of the intervention methods they are currently using. Sherwood also commented that he had previously asked for some tracking data but it had not been provided to him. Ms. Bechen said she would gather this data and provide it to him.

## **II. INTRODUCTIONS**

### **A. Student Board Members for 2012-13 School Year**

President Johanson asked student board members to introduce themselves. Each student board member also shared why they want to be a student board member, some of the school activities they are involved in, and their plans after graduation. In attendance were Kaine Renkosik representing the Kimberly Center (Autumn Torres is also representing Kimberly Center but was not able to attend); Ana Kugler, Isaac Anderson and Caroline Saveraid representing Central High; Chole Blick and Noah Sund representing North High; and Brandon Wheeler, Aubrey Kohn, and Andre Scales representing West High. President Johanson expressed the board's appreciation for their commitment to serve and also thanked the parents and family members in attendance.

Director Clewell thanked all the students and noted how important their contribution is to the board and the district. Director Sherwood thanked students and remarked how impressed he was with all of the students. He encouraged the students to speak up at meetings and call board members if they have any questions. Director Roberson thanked all the students and also encouraged them to speak up in meetings. Director DeFauw commented they are contributing to the management of district and she looks forward to getting to know all of them. Director Krumwiede said he knows this is big commitment in time and expressed his appreciation. Dr. Tate reminded the students they will be meeting with him 20 minutes before each meeting to review the agenda materials.

## **III. PRESENTATION**

### **A. Mentor & Teacher Orientation Program**

Ms. Juli Staszewski and Ms. Sheri Wilson presented Journey to Excellence, the mentor and teacher orientation program. Ms. Staszewski said this is one of the best programs in the state of Iowa because of Ms. Wilson and all her hard work. Sheri distributed brochures on the program and presented a powerpoint to the board. They have 77 beginning teachers and 43 newly hired experienced teachers. She explained the components of Teacher Quality Program and reviewed the Iowa Induction Model. She discussed the different phases that teachers experience and the learning projects involved in each phase. She highlighted the work involved in being a mentor and some details about the selection process and shared comments about the program from both mentors and mentees. Director Sherwood asked about the selection process for mentors and if they are paid. Sheri explained the selection process and that mentors receive \$500 per semester. Sherwood requested retention data over a 5 year period and Sheri said she would be glad to provide him with that information. Director Krumwiede thanked both of them and commented how there had been concerns about the

number of early retirements but when he attending the teacher orientation he was very impressed with mentors and how many are retired teachers.

#### **IV. RECESS**

President Johanson recessed the Regular Meeting which was reconvened at the close of the Annual Meeting.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

#### **I. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

##### **A. Nominate Temporary Chairperson**

The Board Secretary explained she had the responsibility to assist the Board with the election of officers for a one-year term. The procedures were explained for selecting a Temporary Chair and for election of the President and Vice President.

Director Clewell nominated Mary Correthers as the Temporary Chair for this election. There were no other nominations, so nominations were closed. The vote on the nomination for temporary chair was called and unanimously approved.

##### **B. Election of President**

Mary Correthers asked for nominations for the office of President. Director Krumwiede nominated Director Johanson. Director Zamora nominated Director Roberson. Director Roberson declined the nomination due to his work schedule. There were no other nominations. The vote for Board President was recorded as follows. Ayes: Clewell, Zamora, Roberson, Krumwiede, Johanson, Sherwood, De Fauw. Ralph Johanson was declared Board President of the Davenport School Board for the 2012-2013 School Year.

##### **C. Election of Vice President**

Mary Correthers asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. Director Clewell nominated Director Krumwiede. Director Zamora nominated Director Clewell. Director Clewell nominated Director Zamora. Director Zamora declined the nomination for Vice-President. Director Clewell declined the nomination of Vice-President. There were no other nominations. The vote for Board Vice President was recorded as follows. Ayes: Clewell, Zamora, Roberson, Krumwiede, Johanson, Sherwood, De Fauw. Ken Krumwiede was declared Board Vice President of the Davenport School Board for the 2012-2013 School Year.

##### **D. Board Secretary Administers the Oath of Office to President**

Mary Correthers administered the Oath of Office to the Board President and Vice President for the 2012-2013 School Year.

##### **E. The Board Secretary turned the Chair back over to President Johanson.**

**II. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION AT ANNUAL MEETING**

**A. Designation of Financial Institutions**

**Motion:** Director Zamora moved the board adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District, in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, that the following named financial institutions are hereby designated as depositories of funds for said school district in amounts not to exceed the amounts hereinafter set forth, and the School District’s Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Davenport Community School District’s funds in the amount not to exceed named for said financial institutions:**

| <u>Name of Financial Institution</u> | <u>Location</u>  | <u>Maximum Amount</u> |
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| Wells Fargo                          | Davenport, Iowa  | \$60,000,000          |
| US Bank                              | Davenport, Iowa  | \$60,000,000          |
| Northwest Bank & Trust Co.           | Davenport, Iowa  | \$20,000,000          |
| First Midwest Bank, N.A.             | Davenport, Iowa  | \$60,000,000          |
| Quad City Bank & Trust               | Davenport, Iowa  | \$20,000,000          |
| THE National Bank                    | Davenport, Iowa  | \$60,000,000          |
| Blue Grass Savings Bank              | Blue Grass, Iowa | \$ 5,000,000          |
| Buffalo Savings Bank                 | Buffalo, Iowa    | \$ 5,000,000          |
| Walcott Trust & Savings Bank         | Walcott, Iowa    | \$ 5,000,000          |
| Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust  | Des Moines, Iowa | \$45,000,000          |
| Valley Bank                          | Davenport, Iowa  | \$20,000,000          |
| Investors Management Group (IPAS)    | Des Moines, Iowa | \$ 45,000,000         |

Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Clewell asked if the Iowa Schools Investment Trust is the only investment with the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB). Ms. Tangen said it is the only one and there are no funds in this account since we are no longer members of the IASB.

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

**B. Appointment of 504/ADA Coordinator for 2012-2013**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the board appoint Kendahl Owoh to serve as the Section 504/ADA Coordinator for the 2012-2013 school year. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**C. Annual Resolution for payment of Bills**

**Motion:** Director Zamora moved the board approve the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that in between regularly scheduled board meetings, that after the bills have been reviewed by the Board and verified by the administration, Board Secretary, and Superintendent, the Board President may be authorized to approve payment of claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts including payment of claims and salaries. Be it further resolved the Board will officially approve these warrants at the next Regular Board meeting and the warrants will be entered in the minutes of record.” Director Clewell seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**D. Appointment of District Medical Director 2012-2013**

**Motion:** Director Krumwiede moved the board approve that the District to continue to utilize the services of Dr. Greg Garvin from Genesis Health Group to provide Medical Director Services to the Davenport Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year at the same annual cost of \$6,300 (\$525 per month). Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**III. ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS**

**A. Annual Settlement Report**

The Board Treasurer reported the current amounts in individual financial institutions from the General Fund for the Davenport Community School District at the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2012. All depositories or financial institutions were confirmed by the auditing firm of McGladrey & Pullen LLP.

**Discussion:** President Johanson asked if the First Midwest Bank, NA listed in the designation of financial institutions is the same bank as First Midwest Savings in the report. Ms. Tangen stated it was the same institution.

**IV.** Director De Fauw moved the board adjourn the Annual Meeting. Director Clewell seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the Annual Meeting adjourned and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:18 pm.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS (Including Open Forum)**

- A. September 12, Policy Meeting, ASC, Executive Board Room
- B. September 13, 6-7:30PM- Legislative Advocacy Annual Ice Cream Social, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- C. September 24, 7:00PM- Regular Board Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- D. October, 1, 5:30PM – Committee of the Whole Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- E. Open Forum for Community Input :
  - Tina Richtor - 2933 Walnut Ct. Bettendorf, IA – Tina said she chose Central High because it is a good school and expressed her concerns about changing from a block to traditional schedule because it would be difficult for her son.
  - Kay Waskowiak , 2953 Middle Rd., Davenport, IA - Kay has taught school for 37 years but wanted to speak as a parent. Her son is a member of show choir, marching band, and honors and she expressed concerns about going to a traditional schedule.
  - Patrick Shoemaker – 1440 E. Bloomington, Iowa City. Patrick is a Spanish teacher at West High and also expressed concerns about going to a traditional schedule.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The minutes from the following meetings will be presented for approval as follows:  
August 27, 2010 (Regular Meeting).

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

**APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED**

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| Andrews, Andrea<br>Earth Science<br>West High                           | Degree: B.A – Step 1<br>Salary: \$30,927.00<br>Effective: August 30, 2012     |
| Butikofer, Eugene<br>Special Education (173 days)<br>Jackson Elementary | Degree: M.S. – Step 10<br>Salary: \$47,913.52<br>Effective: August 24, 2012   |
| Filgo, Katherine<br>Pre-K (4 Year Old)<br>Children’s Village Buchanan   | Degree: B.A. – Step 1<br>Salary: \$29,829.00<br>Effective: September 10, 2012 |
| Ivory, Rachel<br>SAM<br>Buchanan Elementary                             | Degree: SPDR – Step 19<br>Salary: \$59,389.00<br>Effective: August 8, 2012    |

9-10-12 Minutes

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| Townsell, Jillian<br>SAM<br>Fillmore Elementary | Degree: M.A. – Step 10<br>Salary: \$46,251.78<br>Effective: September 9, 2012 |
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| Van der Wal, Rachel<br>Special Education Strat II (171 days)<br>Garfield Elementary | Degree: B.A. – Step 1<br>Salary: \$31,293.68<br>Effective: August 28, 2012 |
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APPOINTMENTS: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

**Correction to August 27, 2012 Board Minutes**

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| Owoh, Kendahl<br>Program Administrator Specialist<br>Special Programs<br>ASC | Effective: August 27, 2012<br>Salary: <del>\$74,319.00</del> \$78,673 prorated to<br>\$66,569.36 for the remaining 220 days) |
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APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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| Blocker, Nick<br>Football Assistant<br>West High | 12%<br>\$3,398.00 |
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| DeFoe, Nathaniel<br>Swimming Boys' Varsity<br>North High | 20%<br>\$5,664.00 |
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| Hallquist, Coleen<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball<br>Smart Intermediate | 8%<br>\$2,266.00 |
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| Hester, Janelle<br>Volleyball Assistant<br>North High | 12%<br>\$3,398.00 |
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| Ivory, Rachel<br>SAM<br>Buchanan Elementary | 15%<br>\$4,248.00 |
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| Mohs, Chris<br>Wrestling Assistant<br>North High | 12%<br>\$3,398.00 |
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| Schlichting, Mark<br>Wrestling Assistant<br>West High | 12%<br>\$3,398.00 |
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| Schollaert, Cindy<br>Teacher in Charge<br>Monroe Elementary | 15%<br>\$4,248.00 |
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| Townsell, Jillian<br>SAM<br>Fillmore Elementary | 15%<br>\$3,834.68 |
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| Warner, Kimberly<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball<br>Smart Intermediate | 8%<br>\$2,266.00 |
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9-10-12 Minutes

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| Wise, Ashley<br>Cheerleaders Assistant Sr. High<br>North High | 12%<br>\$3,398.00 |
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APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

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| Echols, Gary<br>Attendance Coach<br>Smart Intermediate | Effective: September 12, 2012<br>Salary: \$16.04/hr<br>Hours: 8.0 hrs/day |
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| George, Stacey<br>Food Service Cashier I<br>Wood Intermediate | Effective: August 20, 2012<br>Salary: \$9.68/hr<br>Hours: 3.75 hrs/day |
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| Green, Wendy<br>Para Educator<br>Fillmore Elementary | Effective: September 4, 2012<br>Salary: \$9.69/hr<br>Hours: 6.5 hrs/day |
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| Hensel, Traci<br>Para Educator<br>Eisenhower Elementary | Effective: September 10, 2012<br>Salary: \$9.69/hr<br>Hours: 3 hrs/day |
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| Irwin, Michelle<br>Food Service Worker<br>West High | Effective: September 5, 2012<br>Salary: \$9.29/hr<br>Hours: 3.25 hrs/day |
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| Lawrence, Kristin<br>Para Educator<br>Children's Village West | Effective: August 30, 2012<br>Salary: \$10.70/hr<br>Hours: 6.25 hrs/day |
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| McLaughlin, Derrick<br>Para Educator<br>Sudlow Intermediate | Effective: August 22, 2012<br>Salary: \$9.69/hr<br>Hours: 6.5 hrs/day |
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| Price, Emily<br>Para Educator<br>McKinley Elementary | Effective: August 23, 2012<br>Salary: \$9.69/hr<br>Hours: 6.5 hrs/day |
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| Robinson, Darlene<br>Food Service Manager I<br>West High | Effective: September 17, 2012<br>Salary: \$12.47/hr<br>Hours: 8.0 hrs/day |
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| Sparbel, Kristin<br>Para Educator<br>Fillmore Elementary | Effective: September 4, 2012<br>Salary: \$9.69/hr<br>Hours: 6.5 hrs/day |
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| Tashiro, Stephanie<br>Para Educator<br>Smart Intermediate | Effective: August 22, 2012<br>Salary: \$9.69/hr<br>Hours: 5 hrs/day |
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| Weipert, Elizabeth<br>Para Educator<br>Children's Village West | Effective: August 31, 2012<br>Salary: \$10.70/hr<br>Hours: 6.25hrs/day |
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| Whitehead, Delilia<br>Food Service Cashier I<br>Walcott | Effective: September 10, 2012<br>Salary: \$9.50/hr<br>Hours: 3.0 hrs/day |
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

**Correction to August 27, 2012 Board Agenda:**

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| Bawden, James                       | Effective: June 30, <del>2012</del> <b>2013</b> |
| Curriculum & Instruction Specialist | Years of Service: 5 yrs                         |
| Fine Arts                           | [+5 yrs as teacher 1976-81]                     |
| ASC                                 |   |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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| Bollman, Mandie    | 15%        |
| Teacher in Charge  | \$4,248.00 |
| Buffalo Elementary |            |

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| DeFoe, Nathaniel         | 12%        |
| Swimming Boys' Assistant | \$3,398.00 |
| North High               |            |

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| Mutum, John            | 15%        |
| Teacher in Charge (.5) | \$2,124.00 |
| Buchanan Elementary    |            |

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| Schneiderman, Daniel       | 12%        |
| Basketball Boys' Assistant | \$3,398.00 |
| North High                 |            |

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| Vincent, Aaron                   | 8%         |
| Volleyball 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | \$2,266.00 |
| J B Young                        |            |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

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| Harris-Thomas, Heidi | Effective: August 24, 2012    |
| Para Educator        | Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos |
| Kimberly Center      |                               |

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| Larson, Debra       | Effective: September 7, 2012 |
| Food Service Worker | Years of Service: 1 yr 8 mos |
| Madison Elementary  |                              |

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| McKittrick, Jennifer | Effective: August 22, 2012 |
| Para Educator        | Years of Service: 2 yrs    |
| West High            |                            |

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| Meier, Chris  | Effective: August 31, 2012    |
| Para Educator | Years of Service: 3 yrs 5 mos |
| Central High  |                               |

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| Pemberton, Sadie | Effective: August 31, 2012   |
| Para Educator    | Years of Service: 1 yr 6 mos |
| North High       |                              |

**Motion:** Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Sherwood asked about the supplementals for SAMS. Dr. Tate explained it had to do with the timing and also asked Ms. Deb Miller to speak on the topic. She stated that the teacher contract states there will be 15% supplemental that goes with this position.

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

## VII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the approval of the 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 from the bill listing period of August 23, 2012 through September 5, 2012. as presented with the following voided check: #29909 payable to Family Resources in the amount of \$70,801.38 - Duplicate entry. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

## VIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate will send a written report.

## IX. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### A. Forming Early Childhood Task Force

**Motion:** Director Roberson moved the board approve the creation of an Early Childhood Taskforce. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Roberson is truly glad the task force is being created and emphasized again how important early childhood education is to student achievement and asked Dr. Tate about the expectation of the task force members. Dr. Tate said he will form the task force first and then get busy with making progress. Director Zamora asked what their focus will be. Director Krumwiede and Director Roberson both expressed the importance of the task force.

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

## **B. Whittenmeyer Services Contract**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the board approve the contract with Family Resources, Inc. for educational services at the Wittenmeyer Learning Center for the 2012-13 school year according to the following compensation schedule: Residential General Education Students - \$150,025 plus \$6001 per student over 25 on certified count day; Residential Special Education Students – allowable costs as determined by DE Billing Tool plus 50% of difference between amount collected and \$106/day; Community Students - \$158/day. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Roberson asked for clarification on the contract language. Dr. Tate explained why it is confusing and how it is related to the billing tool that is used for this contract. He explained that after long talks and hard work there is a savings of \$243,000 embedded in the contract. Director Zamora asked if the district is still paying for students from other districts and Dr. Tate said the district is splitting the loss with Whittenmeyer and explained how he doesn't see this changing in the near future. Director Sherwood asked about reimbursement for administrative costs and Ms. Tangen stated the district is reimbursed for administrative costs. Director Roberson asked again about the district paying for students from other districts and Ms. Tangen provided further explanation. Director Krumwiede asked if there was a decrease in services and Dr. Tate replied there was not a decrease in services only a different price structure. Director Krumwiede thanked him for his hard work on this.

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

## **C. School Based Therapy Sessions Contract**

**Motion:** Director Zamora moved the board approve a contract with Vera French for school based therapy services to adolescents and young adult students attending Kimberly Center for \$52,400 for the 2012-13 school year. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Sherwood asked if the services are paid for out of the grant and expressed how critical these services are and hopes they will find a way to continue providing these same services once the grant is gone. Director Clewell asked about the costs for elementary schools. Dr. O'Melia said a donation is made out of allowable growth which results in limited expense for the district.

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

#### **D. Consulting Services for SAMS Contract**

**Motion:** Director Krumwiede moved the board approve a contract with School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) for consulting services supporting School Administration Managers (SAMs) in twelve DCSD schools in the amount of \$53,350 for the 2012-13 school year. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Sherwood asked how they are building capacity in order to eliminate these costs over time for the training and support. Dr. Tate asked Mr. Schneden if we could do the training in house and he explained they could train some of the SAMS in data collection internally. Sherwood asked about the language in the contract about the meetings being mandatory and Dr. Tate explained it was part of the service package.

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

#### **E. Approval of Superintendent Contract**

**Motion:** Director Zamora moved the board approve the Superintendent contract as discussed. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None.

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

### **X. DISCUSSION**

**A. Transportation Reductions** – Dr. Tate emphasized the importance of informing the public about possible transportation reductions and recommended having a public meeting or listening session on September 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Central High School depending how the discussions proceed this evening. Tate reviewed the proposed transportation cuts including eliminating long standing bus routes; eliminating babysitting accommodations including YMCA routes; efficiency through routing consolidations; and elimination of paid conditional busing. Mr. Scott Martin provided information that was requested by the board at the Committee of the Whole Meeting concerning walk zones for a variety of other schools. Director Zamora asked how many buses the district runs that are paid conditional and how much is paid for these buses. Eight buses transport students from the YMCA daycare to the school which are all paid conditional. She asked if it is correct that that money collected for paid conditional is less than the cost of one bus. Mr. Martin responded this is correct. Zamora said this is not a good use

of our resources. Director Sherwood asked if consideration has been given to modifying for rural routes recommended this be considered. Mr. Martin said changes could be considered but assured the board they would not get rid of safety buses. Director De Fauw asked about and negotiating with the city bus to try and catch some of the students using paid conditional. Mr. Martin said he is continuing this discussion with the city and plans to share the GIS information with them and discuss the possibilities. De Fauw expressed concerns about extending walk zones because some students may have to wait outside the schools since some are not allowed in buildings until 5 minutes before school begins and this is not safe and also an issue in cold weather. Mr. Martin said some students participate in the breakfast program, but Director De Fauw made the point that this will not include all students. Mr. Martin said he will look into this matter. Director Roberson agreed with Director De Fauw about children having to wait outside the school buildings and hopes the city is willing to work with him on students using the city bus. Mr. Martin said he may not have an answer by the next meeting but he will work on getting an answer from the city on this matter.

Director Clewell explained the topic of discussion to the new student board members and why transportation reductions needed to be discussed. He said he is not satisfied there has been enough public input gathered regarding this issue and the meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> seems a little late. Clewell would like input from the Local School Improvement Advisory Council. He likes the idea of students being able to use the city bus and also wonders if the district could save money by doing business differently. Mr. Martin discussed transit style busing and how board policy would need to be changed, but making some changes such as this would save money. Mr. Martin also mentioned the idea of using larger buses and presented some of the pros and cons and said he thinks this would be a good idea.

President Johanson asked student board members for feedback. Caroline said it wouldn't be possible for her to walk to school even though she is in a walk zone. Aubrey commented that when she was a student at Smart she was told she had to walk two miles but this would not work for her at the time but her mother made other arrangements. Director Krumwiede also agreed with Director DeFauw's concerns and stated he hopes we think this through carefully and mentioned inconsistencies in the practices and how some elementary schools allow students in the building 20 minutes before school starts. He also emphasized the need to communicate to parents early and often throughout the year regarding any changes that are made to transportation. Director De Fauw asked Mr. Martin about transit busing and also expressed concerns about extending allowable ride times that was mentioned at the last meeting. Director Zamora agreed with Director De Fauw about not extending allowable ride times. Director Roberson said there a lot of work to be done and reminded everyone how important it is to remember this is about getting kids to school and how we need to consider all angles in addition to cutting costs. Dr. Tate asked if the board members if they want to schedule the listening session. All board members agreed the next step is to have a listening session next Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 6-7:40 p.m. at Central High School in the cafeteria.

## **B. Budget Issue – Traditional vs. Block Schedule**

Dr. Tate said the Resource Allocation Committee had put forth last year the possibility of going from a block to a traditional schedule which would save the district 1.5 to 1.6 million dollars. Tate asked the board if this idea has enough support or potential to invest the time to investigate or would the board prefer to find the budget cuts somewhere else.

Director Zamora stated she strongly supports the block schedule and that the board needs to look elsewhere for the budget cuts. Director Sherwood said that a change would hurt instruction but stated the he would like to see the savings that would result from a modified block but he will not support the elimination of the block schedule.

Director DeFauw supported creative ways to save money, but agrees with Director Sherwood with the idea of modifying the block schedule and remarked there has been missed opportunities in this regard. The student board members shared their opinions. Caroline is a big supporter of the block schedule; Aubrey stated there is more flexibility with the block; and Andre asked for more detail concerning the traditional schedule. Ana stated she has more time to work on homework and several students mentioned the possibility of using the skinnies. Noah mentioned the issue of the change in graduation requirements. Director De Fauw asked about textbooks and Dr. O'Melia stated there would be more textbooks required in the traditional schedule.

Director Clewell remarked that the board has asked Dr. Tate to find ways to save money and stated he has done some research on which method is best for student achievement and there are arguments for both the being better approach. Clewell did state that relationships between students and teachers are very important and this may be more difficult with a traditional schedule. He stated that at this point he is not convinced that student achievement would be enhanced by going to a traditional schedule and it could even be derogatory to student achievement. Director De Fauw asked about the effect on electives from going to a traditional schedule. Dr. O'Meila said this change would reduce the amount of time for electives. Director Zamora said the graduation requirements would probably have to be reduced because the requirements we have currently could not be met. Dr. O'Melia stated she is correct the schedule model could not be changed without also addressing the issue of graduation credits.

President Johanson said he wants to make sure the board is answering the question posed by the Superintendent and there have been strong comments about keeping the block schedule and moderate recommendations for a modified block. He strongly supports investigating what can be done to reduce costs and leans toward some modification of the block schedule. Director Krumwiede asked Dr. Tate for his thoughts. He stated it doesn't appear this should be looked at further since there is not much support for the idea, but they can look a modified schedule for to determine the savings, but also recommended we look in other areas for budget cuts. Director Roberson mentioned continuous improvement and this should be

looked at all the time. He is in favor of continuing the block but thinks there are also ways to reduce the cost and it sounds as if the skinnies would be the best approach.

### **C. Board Committee Assignments and UEN Representative**

Leg Advocacy Committee: Director Clewell, Director Krumwiede and President Johanson expressed interested in serving on this committee.

Policy Committee: Director De Fauw, Director Sherwood, and President Johanson would like to continue serving on this committee.

Agenda Committee: Board President, Vice-President and one board member serve on this committee with the Superintendent. Director Roberson would like to continue serving on this committee. Director Clewell suggested implementing a rotation schedule for the additional board member who serves on this committee and hopes the board will consider this suggestion. President Johanson said he will take this as a board request.

Director Zamora said she would like to volunteer to be the UEN Representative for one more year.

President Johanson said he will make these assignments official at the next meeting.

## **XI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

None.

## **XII. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS**

Director Roberson thanked Steve Overton, the basketball coach at North High School who recently retired. Roberson said he made a tremendous difference in the classroom with the young men that he coached and thanked him for making academics a priority.

Director De Fauw encouraged student board members to share good news with the board because she knows there are great things happening in the schools that board members may not be aware of.

Director Sherwood had the following requests:

Information request: Ms. Tangen provide data on how the hiring of many new teachers at lower grade levels alters our estimation of savings from early retirement.

Agenda request: I would like to discuss requiring a semi-annual report from the Superintendent as to the efforts and progress in improving the minority representation on our staff and minority student achievement.

Director Clewell requested more input from the Local School Improvement Advisory Committee since they are the state mandated group to provide input from the public to the board. He said the board needs to be engaged with this committee in a realistic way and improve their relationship with the committee.

President Johanson stated with respect to the interest in the fertilizer plant there was a board request for the board to look into the legality and propriety of taking an official stance. Both Margaret Buckton and Wendy Meyer, our attorney, expressed concern that per Dillon's Rule it is not obvious that the board has this type of authority to take an official stance issues such as this. He stated that he asked Ms. Meyer about Attorney General interpretation, and she has not been able to find any information on this. The Agenda Committee had put this on the agenda for the meeting this evening, but he removed the item due to time constraints of the meeting and chose to handle the matter in his board report. He said the board will continue to consider this issue once all the information is gathered.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Zamora seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer