

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:00 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, August 27, 2012 for their Regular Meeting pursuant to law. The meeting was held at the Achievement Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, 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, Larry Roberson, Ken Krumwiede, Bill Sherwood, Patt Zamora, Rich Clewell and Nikki De Fauw. Superintendent Tate and other administrators were also present.

Director De Fauw read the vision statement.

I. SHOWCASE

Hayes Elementary - Dr. Jake Klipsch, Principal at Hayes Elementary introduced staff and members of the "Green Team" and they provided a presentation to the board about their classroom project. Ms. Smysor, 5th grade teacher, explained the components of the program and how it helps students learn about the environment. Staff and students attended a 2 day training and then wrote and received a grant. She explained how students conducted grounds and recycling investigations and other projects that gave the students real hands on learning about the environment. Students from her class that presented were Brandon Clark, Megan Dunn, Hope Halligan, and Brady White. The students took turns talking about each power point slide and their contribution to the project. Ms. Robin Dunn from Davenport Public Works discussed what a great collaborative project this is and thanked all those involved and described some of the engaging water quality lessons and other aspects of this successful project.

Director Clewell thanked students and staff. Director Sherwood asked about project ideas for next year and President Johanson thanked everyone and commented on how this was a fantastic presentation.

II. COMMUNICATIONS (Including Open Forum)

- A. Tuesday-September 4, 5:30PM – Committee of the Whole Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room (September 3rd is a Holiday-Closed)
- B. September 5, 4:00PM-Policy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room
- C. September 6, 4:00PM-Legislative Advocacy Committee, ASC, Executive Board Room
- D. September 10, – 6:45PM Reception for new student board members and 7:00PM-Regular Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- E. September 13, 6-7:30PM- Legislative Advocacy Annual Ice Cream Social, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- F. September 24, 7:00PM- Regular Board Meeting, ASC, Jim Hester Board Room
- G. Open Forum for Community Input

Jacob Keyes, 2026 West 1st St, Davenport, IA – Jacob, a student, asked the board to consider better training for lunch staff and stated that lunches were not adequate and of poor quality at the schools.

Ranissa Wyatt, 1416 West 13th, Davenport, IA– Ranissa asked the board to consider and open campus for West High School.

David Arp, 10310 200th St., Davenport, IA- David shared statistics with the board on daily load schedules for semis in relation to loading and transporting procedures for dangerous materials if the fertilizer plant comes to Walcott.

David Paulsen, 8688 190 St, Walcott, IA – David shared some photographs with the board talked about the pollution that would come from the fertilizer plant and the safety of children.

Laura Paulsen, 8688 190 St. Walcott, IA – Laura handed out information about related to tax revenue and the proposed fertilizer plant and the disadvantages of the tax abatements that will be a part of the deal.

Timothy Hayes, 428 W. Parkview Dr. Walcott, IA – Timothy stated that the idea of a the fertilizer plant being built so close to the school appalls him and he asked the board to take a position and vote that this is the wrong course to take.

Richard August, 6381 230 St. Walcott, IA – Richard stated that members of the public have asked the board to take a stand on this proposed fertilizer plant and that safety of the children should be the board’s main concern.

Blaine Bolte, 8621 180 St. Walcott, IA- Blaine presented an article from the May 2012 issue of River Valley Cooperative Solutions Magazine and talked about the dangers of having the fertilizer plant so close to the school.

Margaret Ball, 1601 E. High St. – Margaret read the District’s anti-bullying anti-harassment statement and reminded the board of the policy 504.10. She described how her son was attacked by another student in the classroom and his injuries required medical attention. She asked the board to make sure that the student who attacked her son not be allowed back in her son’s school.

Grant Allison, 7724 200th St., Walcott, IA- Grant thanked the board for providing a fine education to his children. He talked about how income from fertilizer plant is only projected and the board should be more concerned about the safety of children. He asked the board to make a public statement opposing the proposed fertilizer plant.

Molly Regan, 2226 N. Gaines Street, Davenport, IA. – Molly expressed concerns about the safety of children and talked about how having a fertilizer plant so close to the school would create fear in children. She asked the board to take a position on the issue.

Sandra Bateman, 18939 108th Ave, Davenport, IA- Sandra read some statistics on accidents related to other fertilizer plants throughout the country and expressed concerns about the safety of students.

Ty Arp, 9795 210 St. Walcott, IA – Ty also talked about his concern about the safety of children and asked board to make a statement to board of supervisors not supporting the plant.

Chad Arp, 409 W. James St, Walcott, IA – Chad asked the board to take a stand against the proposed fertilizer plant. He shared data from the EPA concerning release rates and the dangers of accident.

Kent Arp, 255 W. Meadow Lane, Walcott, IA- Kent explained some of the dangers if the plant had an accident and how this would also impact Davenport. He distributed information to the board on environmental guidelines regarding this type of plant.

Lyle Roseman, 10021 210 St., Walcott, IA – Lyle asked the board to take a stand against the proposed plant saying if the plant is built he will look into open enrollment for his kids.

Roxe Ann Roseman, 23255 115th Avenue, Walcott, IA – Roxe asked the board to take a stand and tell the Board of Supervisors that student safety is more important than building the plant.

Royce Bear, 10135 210th Street, Walcott, IA – Royce stated that the better question is how can the board not take a position on this proposed plant and talked about the dangers of anhydrous ammonia and the proximity of the plant to schools

President Johanson thanked everyone who shared their concerns and comments. He thanked Mr. Jack Achs and the students from his class for participating. He thanked everyone for supporting their community.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

To conserve time and focus attention on non-routine matters on the agenda, the board considered a number of items grouped together as a Consent Agenda, all items to be approved in one motion.

A. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Regular and Intervening Meetings

The minutes from the following meetings were presented for approval as follows:
August 6, 2012 (Committee of the Whole), August 13, 2012 (Regular Meeting).

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Correction to August 13, 2012 Board Minutes – moved to Non-Bargaining Certificated

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| Owoh, Kendahl | Effective: August 14, 2012 |
| Program Administrator | Salary: \$74,319.00 |
| Special Programs | |
| ASC | |

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

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| Arevalo, Jorge Spanish (179 days) Central High | Degree: M.A.+60 – Step 9 Salary: \$52,378.26 Effective: August 16, 2012 |
| Arp, Leah Special Education (180 days) North High | Degree: M.A. – Step 8 Salary: \$47,033.00 Effective: August 15, 2012 |
| Heneghan, Marissa Reading/Language Arts (184 days) Smart Intermediate | Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$33,672.00 Effective: August 9, 2012 |
| Kitzmann, Corey Special Education (184 days) Smart Intermediate | Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Salary: \$33,672.00 Effective: August 9, 2012 |
| McConnell, Tatiana Language Arts/Reading (182 Days) Young Intermediate | Degree: B.S. – Step 3 Salary: \$36,155.94 Effective: August 13, 2012 |
| Martel, Marjorie Media Specialist/Librarian CV West/CV Hoover | Degree: B.A+15 – Step 6 Salary: \$45,803.17 Effective: August 20, 2012 |
| Ouimet, Nicole Special Education McKinley Elementary | Degree: M.Ed. – Step 4 Salary: \$42,546.00 Effective: August 15, 2012 |
| Price-Brenner, Kevin Orchestra Central High | Degree: M.A. – Step 7 Salary: \$51,237.00 Effective: August 8, 2012 |
| Tappa, Theresa Special Education SCI (175 Days) Monroe Elementary | Degree: B.A. + 15 – Step 1 Salary: \$33,396.475 Effective: August 22, 2012 |
| Wiesner, William Media Specialist (184 Days) Wilson Elementary | Degree: B.A. – Step 2 Salary: \$35,304.00 Effective: August 9, 2012 |

APPOINTMENTS: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

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| Owoh, Kendahl Program Administrator Special Programs ASC | Effective: August 27, 2012 Salary: \$74,319.00 |
| Vrombaut, Krista Exceptional Education Specialist ASC | Effective: August 8, 2012 Salary: \$59,836.00 (205 days) |

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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| Boyer, Sarah Assistant Girls' Swim Central High | 12% \$3,398.00 |
| Butler, Rolanda Teacher in Charge (.5) Fillmore Elementary | 15% \$2,124.00 |
| Carr, Matthew Assistant 7 th Grade Football Young Intermediate | 7% \$1,982.00 |
| Hawbaker, Gustaf Assistant 7 th Grade Football Sudlow Intermediate | 7% \$1,982.00 |
| O'Brien, Ron Basketball Boys' Girls Varsity North High | 25% \$7,080.00 |
| Steverson, Dennis Wrestling Central High | 25% \$7,080.00 |
| Thissen, Gregory 7 th Grade Volleyball Young Intermediate | 8% \$2,266.00 |
| Thompson, William Football Assistant West High | 12% \$3,398.00 |

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

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| Burns, Karly Para Educator Children's Village West | Effective: August 20, 2012 Salary: \$10.70/hr Hours: 6.25hrs/day |
| Crane, Jameson Para Educator West High | Effective: August 22, 2012 Salary: \$9.69/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day |
| Hass, Garrett Para Educator West High | Effective: August 27, 2012 Salary: \$9.68/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day |

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| Hatfield, Carol Para Educator West High | Effective: August 22, 2012 Salary: \$10.04/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day |
| Hatfield, Drew Custodian West High | Effective: August 27, 2012 Salary: \$13.03/hr Hours: 4.0 hrs/day |
| Hester, Janelle Attendance Coach North High | Effective: August 20, 2012 Salary: \$16.04/hr Hours: 8.0 hrs/day |
| Phillips, Joyce Food Service Worker Children's Village West | Effective: August 20, 2012 Salary: \$9.29/hr Hours: 3.75 hrs/day |
| Vrombaut, Alan Para Educator Kimberly Center | Effective: August 22, 2012 Salary: \$9.69/hr Hours: 6.50 hrs/day |
| Woods, Cassie Para Educator Children's Village West | Effective: August 27, 2012 Salary: \$10.70/hr Hours: 6.25 hrs/day |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

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| Vrombaut, Krista Special Education Smart Intermediate | Effective: August 7, 2012 Years of Service: 6 mos Reason: Other District Assignment |
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RETIREMENT: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

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| Bawden, James Curriculum & Instruction Specialist Fine Arts ASC | Effective: June 30, 2012 Years of Service: 5 yrs |
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

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| Townsell, Jillian Title I Specialist ASC | Effective: September 3, 2012 Years of Service: 2 yrs Reason: Other District Employment |
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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| Johnson, Sean 7 th Grade Girls Volleyball Young Intermediate | 8% \$2,266.00 |
| Overton, Stephen Basketball Boys' Varsity North High | 25% \$7,080.00 |
| Rios, Tom Basketball Boys' 8 th Grade Williams Intermediate | 7% \$1,982.00 |

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| Saladino, Samantha Assistant Intermediate Co-Ed Track Sudlow Intermediate | 5% \$1,416.00 |
| Steverson, Dennis Assistant Wrestling Central High | 12% \$3,398.00 |
| Tandy, Michael Boys' Track Central High | 14% \$3,965.00 |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

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| Andrews, Jodi Para Educator Sudlow Intermediate | Effective: August 24, 2012 Years of Service: 4 yrs 4 mos |
| Dolleslager, Devin Para Educator West High | Effective: August 13, 2012 Years of Service: 2 yrs 7 mos |
| Dunlap, Sharon Para Educator Pool | Effective: August 10, 2012 Years of Service: 21 yrs 8 mos |
| Hauschild, Kathy Para Educator Fillmore Elementary | Effective: August 7, 2012 Years of Service: 9 mos |
| Kannenberg, Jared Para Educator Fillmore | Effective: August 7, 2012 Years of Service: 1 yr |
| Kurth, Leah Para Educator Smart Intermediate | Effective: August 10, 2012 Years of Service: 9 mos. |
| Liddell, Kashonda Para Educator Monroe Elementary | Effective: August 13, 2012 Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos |
| Littig, Stephanie Food Service Cashier II Washington Elementary | Effective: August 13, 2012 Years of Service: 11 mos (Resigning Food Service Only— will remain as Para Educator) |
| Overton, Stephen Para Educator North High | Effective: September 4, 2012 Years of Service: 7 yrs 6 mos |
| Schermer, Gavin Tech Support ASC | Effective: August 29, 2012 Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos |

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| Schwarz, Lisa Para Educator Kimberly Center | Effective: August 1, 2012 Years of Service: 6 mos |
| Sharp, Molly Para Educator Fillmore Elementary | Effective: August 31, 2012 Years of Service: 19 yrs |
| Sprout, Candace Para Educator Kimberly Center | Effective: August 9, 2012 Years of Service: 5 yrs 7 mos |
| Stark, RosAnne Para Educator Eisenhower Elementary | Effective: August 14, 2012 Years of Service: 31 yrs 11 mos |
| Taylor, Margaret Para Educator Hayes Elementary | Effective: August 16, 2012 Years of Service: 9 mos |

RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

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| Camp, Gloria Para Educator Adams Elementary | Effective: 8/20/12 Salary: \$11.45/hr Hours: 3.0 hrs/day |
| Saldivar, Rikki Food Service Cook Young Intermediate | Effective: August 20, 2012 Salary: \$11.37/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day |

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

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| Saldivar, Rikki Food Service Cook Young Intermediate | Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: March 5, 2012 – End of 2011-12 School Year March 5, 2012 – August 17, 2012 |
| Sissel, Leann Food Service Worker North High | Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: August 8, 2012 – January 7, 2013 |

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Roberson asked about the correction in the Administrative Section of the consent agenda. Dr. Tate stated the change in position title was due to qualifications criteria of the position.

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

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve 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 as presented for the bill listing period of August 9, 2012 through August 22, 2012 with the following voided checks:

#298669 payable to Gary Ciccotelli for \$50 (Wrong vendor)
#298721 payable to Matthew Hassig for \$25 (Wrong vendor)
#298816 payable to RK Dixon for \$427.12 (Wrong amount)

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

IV. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Tate read a letter from the Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District informing him that Mr. Kim Strunk from Davenport West High School has been selected as the winner of the 2012 Teacher of the Year for the State of Iowa Soil Conservation Award. This award recognizes public or parochial school teachers who are performing outstanding service in creating public awareness of the need to safeguard our heritage of natural and human resources. He reported on the Drop Back In:Finish It Kick Off event and discussed some of the touching stories and reports from the ambassadors. He shared that one of the teams brought back three former students who wanted to get started back to school. Director Sherwood remarked how impressed he was with the event and shared that he was a high school drop out and if someone would have contacted him at age 17 he probably would have come back to finish. Director Roberson thanked everyone involved and how this was an outstanding event and a demonstration of how this community wants to educate all of our citizens and hopes we continue to focus on this in the future.

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Legal Service Cooperative for 2012-13

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the legal services agreement addendum with Mississippi Bend AEA and Lane and Waterman for an annual fee of \$18,020 and hourly rate of \$170.00. The addendum is through June 30, 2013. Director Sherwood seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

B. River Bend Transit Contract

Motion: Director Zamora moved the board approve the contract for specialized transportation services with River Bend Transit for the 2012-13 school year in the amount of \$419,780. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Sherwood asked about cost per ride. Ms. Tangen said she did not know the answer to this question and explained that River Bend Transit is the only provider for this service since it is specialized transportation for special education. She stated that River Bend Transit is being recommended as a sole source provider. She said she will find the answer to his questions and put in the Friday packet. Director Sherwood stated if the cost per ride is too high we might consider provider the service ourselves. Ms. Tangen stated we do not have the specialized equipment. Director Sherwood stated it could be cheaper in the long run for the district to purchase the specialized vans and provide our own service rather than farm it out and would like to see the information on cost per ride.

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.

C. LETRS Training

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the contract with Cambium Education, Inc. for \$96,000 to provide training to staff members in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) for the 2012-13 school year. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Discussion: President Johanson asked if \$96,000 includes the cost of books and how much books and materials would cost. Dr. O'Melia stated the \$96,000 fee did not include the cost of books and materials which she was told would be approximately \$33,000. He asked about the number of books. Dr. O'Melia said there are 12 books and 4 sessions with 3 books per session. He asked about the number of participants. Dr. O'Melia said they are estimating 100 participants and two cohorts. President Johanson stated he understands the contract to read that the \$96,000 in contracting services covers 40 participants and a charge of \$100 per participant after that and asked Dr. O'Melia if this sounded correct. Dr. O'Melia stated she is not as familiar with the contract as Ms. Staszewski but knows she squeezes as many into a cohort as possible for as few dollars as possible. There was a discussion about the relation between the cost per participant and the number of participants and asked about the urgency of the training.

Dr. Tate commented the training is very urgent and critical and how beneficial it is and explained how the training will be implemented into the action plans. President Johanson stated his interpretation of the contract language is that this training will cost closer to \$200,000. Ms. Tangen recommended the contract not include a dollar amount and have it indicate that it is for the 2012-13 school year. President Johanson asked Director Krumwiede if he would like to amend his original motion in accordance with Ms. Tangen's recommendation.

Amended motion: Director Krumwiede amended the motion to read the board the approve the contract with Cambium Education, Inc. for not a specific amount to provide training to staff members in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) for the 2012-13 school year.

President Johanson asked Director Roberson if he seconded the amended motion. Director Roberson said he does but asked if the contract is limited to 40 participants or would we take additional people who require the training. Dr. O'Melia stated her understanding from Ms. Staszewski was the contract included two cohorts with up to 50 people in each cohort and we were able to go over 40 participants and have done so in the past. Director Roberson stated he accepts the amendment.

Director Zamora said she has a problem approving contract with open ended amount and stated we are either approving the contract or we are not. If it needs to be rewritten so it is more than that is what should be done.

Dr. Tate recommended the board approve the contract as written for \$96,000 and if it is required we can back later for a second cohort if needed. Director Zamora reiterated that her confusion is the question of whether we paying \$96,000 for 40 participants or for 80 participants and if we do not know what contract is actually saying then she is not comfortable with it. Dr. Tate said if the board approves this contract then all they can send to the training is 40 participants and apologized for the confusion.

Director DeFauw echoed Director Zamora concerns and stated that the board is engaging in a legally binding agreement without having full knowledge of what we are agreeing to. The best scenario would be the contract would be clarified and rewritten to accurately reflect what our expectation is.

Director Roberson asked if there is time to rewrite the contract and stressed the importance of getting started with the training. Superintendent has proposed we take the contract as written and if there is an additional need they could come back.

Director Zamora stated that the motion before us now is the amended motion which does not have a dollar amount. Director Sherwood expressed the same concerns and said this is pricey training. Dr. Tate explained it is 16 full days of training. Director Sherwood said this makes a huge difference, but he will not vote for an open check but would go back to original motion. Director DeFauw said if we accepted Dr. Tate's recommendation we would vote down the amended motion.

Director Zamora said her problem was not with training but how the contract is written. Ms. Tangen explained the contract is for consulting services not for books or

materials. The books would be purchased separately and the contract only references the books needed for the training since this is only a contract for the consulting services. Director Krumwiede withdrew his amended motion. Director Roberson stated he accepts going back to original motion but expressed frustration there was not a discussion asking if this service could be provided for less money. Director Krumwiede made the point that money is already being in the District to do the DIBELS training and this training is necessary to continue with that progress. Director Zamora clarified that her problem is not with doing the training but with approving a contract that she doesn't know what it means and that it doesn't cover everything we are looking at. If the contract says we are going to send 100 people than that is what the contract should say.

President Johanson clarified that the vote will be on the original motion that the board approve the contract with Cambium Education, Inc. for \$96,000 to provide training to staff members in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) for the 2012-13 school and in accordance with the contract that was provided to the board.

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

D. West Façade Change Order

Motion: Director Zamora moved the board approve of Change Order #1 for work done at West High School on the facade in the amount of \$47,442.39. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

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

E. Recommendation for HVAC System for Garfield Elementary

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve HVAC project for Garfield Elementary in the amount of \$1.65 million to be completed the summer of 2013. Director Roberson seconded the motion

Discussion: None.

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

F. Recommendation for HVAC System for Central High School

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve HVAC project for Central High School in the amount of \$2.7 million to be completed during the summer of 2013. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Sherwood asked about the boilers. Mr. Martin said they are from 1918. Director Sherwood asked how they ensure the equipment replacing the boilers is high quality. Mr. Martin explained the steps they take to get quality equipment and they usually have a 20-30 year lifespan. Director Sherwood asked if there are people on staff who are qualified to do water treatment and Mr. Martin responded they do. Director Roberson asked about savings from this equipment. Mr. Martin said they estimate the savings to be \$50,000 per year. Director Clewell asked how this project fits in with future proposals for Central High School. Mr. Martin discussed the options for future expansion regarding heating and cooling. President Johanson asked for clarification on some of the costs. Mr. Martin explained specifically what the amount includes.

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

G. Policy Review

Motion: Director De Fauw moved the board approve the following policies as previously discussed at the August 13th 2012 Board Meeting.

302.06 – Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Supplies

602.11 – Special Education

302.01 – Handling of Cash and Other Funds Received

Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Roberson asked if policy 602.11 only applies to Davenport School District or does it apply to surrounding areas or Districts that are not able to provide these services. Dr. O'Melia said the policy governs all student receiving special education services under the auspices of the Davenport School District. She said it is based solely on our ability to provide that service within the current capacity and it is our current practice in the district to provide these services to surrounding areas.

Director Krumwiede said in reference to policy 302.11 there had been a previous discussion about providing a safe for every school and asked if this had been done. Ms. Tangen she didn't know if there was a safe in every building. Director Krumwiede said he has concerns about approving policy if we don't have a safe for every building in order to provide a secure place to put money. Director Sherwood stated some

schools use fireproof file cabinets for this purpose.

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

VI. DISCUSSION

A. Board Interaction with Community Issues

President Johanson explained there have been several issues brought before board requesting the board advocate on certain positions. He asked for discussion on the question of whether the board should be advocating positions and if so, what are the criteria and how does the board decide exactly what their position would be.

Director Zamora said we should all speak out strongly about our personal beliefs but she is not sure if the board is permitted to take positions and recommended we ask our legal counsel. Director Sherwood said he thinks when an issue impacts the health of students and staff the board has an ethical obligation to address it and believes there is no doubt the board should be discussing the issue of the fertilizer plant.

Director Clewell has very serious concerns about the board taking positions. He stated the board recognizes their responsibility to ensure the safety of children but would be reluctant to say the board has a responsibility to take official positions. This is a matter for the County Board of Supervisors and if this board would become involved in the matter of the fertilizer plant it would add much confusion to the process. He said we all have a civic duty and responsibility to express our concerns but the school board taking an official position on the issue would not be the avenue to go down. Director Clewell referenced Dillons Rule and how this could put the board in a legal situation. Director De Fauw said we should take a cautious approach to voting on or passing resolutions that speaks to the governance of other bodies within our jurisdiction but their may be times we want have the conversation and decide what is in the best interest of the district and the students. She mentioned past situations and said we should always be respectful of others. This has other implications and is not isolated to this one issue. She said she doesn't reject, in principal, having the conversation about taking an official stand related to the fertilizer plant or other issues.

Director Krumwiede said he agrees with Director De Fauw's comments on taking a cautious approach and mentioned a time when another governmental body came to the board to try to influence the board's decision making on an issue. He said individuals can express their individual feelings citizens but as an elected board he doesn't believe we were elected to the school board to give our advice to other elected officials in the county. He stated how much he appreciates everyone's passion and their advocacy on this issue. Director Roberson said there are people on both sides of the issue, but said he will not tip toe around the safety of students who attend our schools. He does have an opinion and expressed concerns about the plant being built so close our schools and will always speak out for the safety of students.

Director Sherwood stated we do not have the power to stop it, but to give someone the sense of our beliefs it important and if he was a county board member he would appreciate that. He said he finds it disconcerting that the board would be upset because another body came to give their input. He said the board should not assume there is a legal restraint and he would like to see an attorney general's opinion, an opinion from the Department of Education, and our own legal counsel. He said he got elected to be an advocate for students and hopes the rest of the board would do that as well.

President Johanson said this board has been pretty careful with respect to what is legal and it does have very good counsel and he will make sure that happens. He stated that last fall it was decided that all information and agenda item requests would be considered and hopes the board understands why we could not comply with Director Sherwood's request for a resolution to be on the agenda this evening since the board had no previous discussions about it. President Johanson said there could be a discussion in the future on the specific issue of the fertilizer plant as mentioned by Director De Fauw. Director Zamora clarified that she strongly opposes any chemical plant near the students but she wants a legal opinion on whether the board has the authority to take an official position. Director DeFauw reiterated her comments and stated that the citizens speaking out about this issue have made a very compelling case and she thanked them for their diligence and efforts.

President Johanson said what he has heard is that the board needs to get a legal opinion and he will do that and if someone wants to make a request for a discussion item on issue then that is a reasonable request.

B. APEX

Ms.Pam Kirsch provided an overview of the APEX program. The program provides online courses for students and is research-based and aligned to the common core. It is updated to stay current with new information. She shared results from last two years for APEX credits earned at each of the sites. During 2010-11 the total credits were 401 and 803 for 2011-12. She talked about the program's potential for dropout recovery and how they work with student schedules. Some of the student from the Drop Back In Event have already enrolled in the program. She highlighted some of the pros and cons of the program and emphasized that APEX is not a panacea for every learner. Several teachers shared their experiences using the APEX program and talked about how beneficial it has been for their students. One teacher said that without the APEX program she believes that Kimberly Center would lose students.

Director Sherwood expressed concerns about the integrity and rigor of the APEX program referencing various examples. He also discussed the issues with the program being an isolated learning environment and not integrated. He explained the goal should not be graduation but education.

C. Edition Learning Year End Report

Mr. Brett Fechner and Ms. Christie Pitts provided an overview of activities for the past year and goals for the upcoming year for Jefferson-Edison Elementary School. Ms. Pitts passed out a report of the past year's activities to the board. Mr. Fechner said they will be providing a mid-year report to the board and more frequent updates on their academic activities and achievements. He discussed the Harris Survey they conducted and explained how the focus this past summer was on staff training and development and the new implementation plan. The plan has nine different features and Mr. Fechner talked about how the benchmarks and milestones and how these will be an important part of student achievement. Ms. Pitts stated they have nine new teachers and plan to add two more and how all the teachers are being re-trained on the Edison Model. Ms. Pitts reported they will have good assessment data to share in the near future and both Mr. Fechner and Ms. Pitts invited board members to come visit the school.

Director Krumwiede asked about the implementation plan and if it is different than the SINA plan and whether the school is expected to implement both plans. Mr. Fechner said they are ensuring the implementation plan is aligned with the SINA plan. Director Krumwiede stated he would like to see data that show how the Jefferson-Edison project has made a difference and how their students compare with students from other elementary and middle schools. Mr. Fechner stated they have never gathered this type of data but could provide it. Director Krumwiede also asked alignment with the common core and Mr. Fechner reassured him they meet this criteria and discussed the steps they take to accomplish this. Director Krumwiede asked about their goal to provide technology and foreign language and do they plan to reinstate these goals. Mr. Fechner reported they do not have a home computer for every student but said their focus is on blended learning and discussed the computer technology they do use. Ms. Pitts stated that instead of a Spanish specialist they hired a writing specialist because this was the area with the greatest need currently.

Director Sherwood requested they provide information to the board before the board meeting so board members have the opportunity to review the materials before their presentations. He also shared his concern about staff training and asked why some of the staff had not been training earlier. Mr. Fechner said he couldn't speak for previous Directors, but reassured him the teachers will have support and training now and into the future. Director Sherwood expressed concerns about their inconsistency as a corporation and commented that it seems Edison dropped their foreign language component nationwide to improve their bottom line. Director Sherwood also remarked that their contract will expire next year and he would need see more relevant data to convince him of the benefits of renewing their contract.

Director Clewell stated he appreciated their passion and efforts to education children, but expressed his concerns that remedial instruction is their focus and asked what they are doing with the Arts. Mr. Fechner stated they have not cut out the Arts and explained how they offer Art, music, band and orchestra. Director Clewell said he agrees with the need to see the data that Director Krumwiede has requested. Director Roberson thanked them for their presentation and stated he hopes everyone would be supportive to ensure that the staff get what they need to work with students so they can be successful.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Administration Recommendation for Moving Kimberly Center

Dr. Tate explained he had provided the board with a written report on this topic and summarized that the recommendation is to not move the Kimberly Center to Lincoln School. He believes there are other things that can be done with both Lincoln School and Kimberly Center. In the future they should look at what the purpose of Kimberly Center is and what else we would want to do regarding the structure. He explained the board can handle this in future how they would like to. There was no discussion.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

President Johanson asked board members to consider dates on Monday evenings there are no board meetings to have a board workshop. Topics for the workshop would be a board self-evaluation and the board/superintendent relationship. He talked about the Drop Back In: Finish It event and read portions of the proclamation. He stated this event was one of the most fantastic events he has attended and thanked Dr. Tate and recognized the students speakers, principals and teachers that were all part of the event.

Director Sherwood had the following information requests.

1. I would like a legal opinion on our right to take an opinion on issues from the Department of Education, Attorney General, and our own legal counsel.
2. How do we plan for the increased calorie needs of athletes and marching band.

Director Clewell had the following agenda item request:

1. Request that the ESL team update the board on their activities to support our ESL students. I am especially interested in ideas on collaboration with other local organizations working with immigrants and refugees.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Clewell moved the board adjourn. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion. By consensus President Johanson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Mary Correthers, Board Secretary/Treasurer