

***A BOARD WORK SESSION REGARDING PARENT INVOLVEMENT  
PRECEDED THE HEARINGS AND REGULAR MEETING.***

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SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
JANUARY 8, 2007—6:00 P.M.**

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JANUARY 8, 2007—6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:10.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

**Hearing and Discussion**

Director Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held January 8, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public input on the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$11,867,829 for the new Unity Elementary School construction project. Any interested party may appear and file objections and any information for or against same will be heard on the above-named project with the final decision of the Board of Education a matter of record.

**Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6: 12 p.m.

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**Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:12 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

**Hearing and Discussion**

Director Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held January 8, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public input on the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$60,000 for the asbestos removal from Leeds Elementary School. Any interested party may appear and file objections and any information for or against same will be heard on the above-named project with the final decision of the Board of Education a matter of record.

**Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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SCCSD Board of Directors

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**REGULAR MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
JANUARY 8, 2007—6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

**Citizen Input**

None.

**NAACP Campaign**

Flora Lee and Richard Hayes appeared before the board to ask the board to support their campaign to stop the use of the “N” word by all. They disseminated a poster which they would like to have posted in our buildings in conjunction with the work on our anti-bullying campaign. The board expressed their support for this campaign and will officially vote on this issue at the January 22, 2007, board meeting.

**Board Member Reports**

Director Mounts: Stated that the comprehensive financial report is a bible for her. It contains such good information beyond just the financial information. She thanked Mr. Stoneburg and his staff.

Director Johnson: Was amazed at the positive feedback he received from a variety of participants regarding the professional development which has been held. Some participants mentioned they planned to implement what they learned.

- Plans to attend the ABLE workshop in Sheldon on February 7, 2007, and asked if others were attending.
- Attended the Student Achievement Committee meeting and it was very interesting. The committee discussed AP and AP online courses. Only three percent of our students are enrolled in these courses—much lower than the national average. An AP diploma was mentioned for future use.

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- Visited a physics lab at West High School last week. Shelly Nash is the teacher and she is outstanding. Asked what their priorities are for the short term. The first was to reduce class size, then to improve technology by acquiring more sophisticated equipment.

Director Jorgensen: Attended the Toastmasters' speech contest at Morningside College (involving middle school students) and always loves to attend such events. Went to East High School to celebrate student achievement. Those are the things that are fun to celebrate.

President Batcheller: Brought to the public and board the article on taxes from *The Des Moines Register*. This issue had a beautiful picture on the front page of one of Irving's classrooms with students in attendance. Stated that 97 out of 99 counties currently have voted in the one-cent sales tax. Mr. Williams stated that he wants the cap of \$575 removed and that if this were passed, it needs to be done in tandem with equalizing property tax for school support. If we lose the leverage of the one-cent sales tax, we're going to have exceedingly little leverage left to resolve the other issue.

- Also enjoyed the celebration at East High School today. The test results were extraordinary and he hopes they are sustainable.
- Stated that property tax equity is high on the Chamber's list of legislative issues. The Chamber understands the tax equity issue. He thanked Jim Daane for keeping it in the forefront for the Chamber.
- Reported that the IASB and UEN Lobby Days are January 16 and 17, 2007.

President Batcheller announced future meetings as follows:

- The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for January 9, 2007, at 4:10 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the District Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 25, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2007, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

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### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Williams: Stated that he wouldn't repeat the events already mentioned.

- Reported that he had participated in one of four focus groups at a Forum organized by Governor-elect Culver and Lt. Governor-elect Judge.
- Attended the Northwest Honor Band concert on Saturday evening and it was a delight.

### **Lego Robotic Presentation**

Doyle Massey stated that Saturday this group of students will compete at state, doing robotics, and a skit on nano-technology as part of the competition. The students presented their skit to the board and audience; it was delightful and very well done. This is a great group of kids and the board wished them well.

### **Audit Presentation**

William Stoneburg introduced Patty Albenesius and Mike Prosser from KRP, CPA firm. Ms. Albenesius indicated that she had gone through the audit with the Board Finance Committee at their meeting last week. She gave a short report on various portions of the audit. Our audit overall was very good. She thanked Mr. Stoneburg for his assistance and that of his staff.

### **Consent Action Items Part I**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve Part I of the Consent Action Items which includes the board meeting minutes of December 9, 18 and 20, 2006; the Human Resources Report; and the Finance Report. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Johnson abstaining from the minutes of December 18, 2006.

### **Consent Action Items Part II**

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve Part II of the Consent Action Items which includes the ratification of the contract for the district's operating engineers; and the approval for first reading of Board Policies 505.12—Fees and Fee Waivers for Traffic Education; 504.10 (+AR504.10)—Student Injury and Illness at School; 681.10 (+AR681.10)—Reporting Student Progress; 1001.2—News Media Relations and 1027—Public Conduct on School Premises. The motion carried 7-0.

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### **Unity Elementary School Construction Project**

Director Johnson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$11,867,829 for the new Unity Elementary School construction project. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Unity Elementary School Site and Surrounding Street Improvements**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$1,773,155.00 for the new Unity Elementary School site and surrounding street improvements, Bid Package 2—Paving and Utilities, and to set January 22, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the hearing on this project. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Asbestos Removal From Leeds Elementary School**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$60,000 for the asbestos removal from Leeds Elementary School. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Discussion/Information**

#### *Budget*

William Stoneburg presented information on the following areas of the 2007 budget: Property Tax Valuations and Rollback Change; Revenue Update; AEA Flow Through; Open Enrollment; Utilities Expense; and Management Fund and Work Comp Retrospective Premium Analysis. Budget discussions will continue into mid-April when the budget will be certified.

### **Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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