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SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 13, 2008—5:30 P.M.**

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**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 13, 2008—5:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane (arrived at 5:32), Grupp, Johnson, Meyers, Mounts and Warnstadt.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion that the Board of Directors go into a closed session to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds. The motion carried 6-0, and the board adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Director Johnson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to return to open session. President Batcheller announced that no action had been taken in the meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the board returned to open session at 5:54 p.m.

Adjourn

Director Johnson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Douglas K. Batcheller, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Alexandra B. Sprague, Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 13, 2008—6:00 P.M.**

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**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 13, 2008—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Grupp, Johnson, Meyers, Mounts and Warnstadt.

Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held October 13, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. local t time, to receive public comment regarding the sale of the McKinley Building, and that 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.

Recommendation

Director Meyers moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to authorize the sale of the McKinley building, on the recommendation of the administration and Board Finance Committee, to Mount Sinai Hispanic Baptist Church in the amount of \$50,000. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn

Director Meyers moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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SCCSD Board of Directors

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SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
OCTOBER 13, 2008**

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**REGULAR MEETING
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EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
OCTOBER 13, 2008**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Grupp, Johnson, Meyers, Mounts and Warnstadt.

Approval of Agenda

Director Daane moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a consent action item involving the educational placement of students #27111 and #26329 pursuant to Iowa Code 282.9. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Input

None.

GOOD NEWS: Presentation From West Middle School “Wildcat Newz”

Dr. Paul Gausman stated that this is the first installment of the Good News portion of our board meetings. He indicated that at future board meetings, we will frequently include the good news happening in our system with most of the presentations involving students.

A short video presentation was shown highlighting the Wildcat Newz. Several students involved in the “Wildcat Newz” were present, were introduced and answered questions from the board.

Board Member Reports

Director Johnson: Attended the Student Achievement Committee meeting last Friday. LuAnn Richardson made a presentation on the AP program analysis and progression. The committee also previewed the strategic plan. The committee met at Unity and this was his first chance to take a walk around Unity, and he stated that it is absolutely amazing.

Director Daane: Reported that the Board Policy Committee received the outline of meetings to come; he is looking forward to working with Jackie Warnstadt. He feels that it is worthwhile to check with the Department of Education to find out if this is a historic situation—two former Iowa Teachers of the Year serving at the same time on a board of directors.

Director Meyers: Stated that the Board Finance Committee scheduled a bond issue for the end of this month thinking that it would be a simple issue in order to save a bit of money. However, interest rates have gone through the roof so the committee has not yet decided if it is to be postponed.

President Batcheller: Stated that the current economic situation has been a slight bump in the road for our construction projects.

Future Meetings

- ✧ The next meeting of the Building Oversight Committee is scheduled for October 15, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., at Unity Elementary School.
- ✧ The next meetings of the Board Policy/Human Relations Committee are scheduled for October 16 at 4:00 p.m. and October 30 at 3:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Equity Committee has been scheduled for October 21, 2008, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Finance and Facilities Committee is scheduled for October 21, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2008, at 12:00 p.m., at Leeds Elementary School.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Finance Oversight Committee is scheduled for October 27, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., at Unity Elementary School.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Communications Committee is scheduled for October 30, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

Consent Action Item

Part I

Director Mounts moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2008, board meeting; the Human Resources Report and the Finance Report; appoint the Level I Investigators and approve the placement of student #27111 (to remain at North High School) and student #26329 (to remain at East High School) pursuant to Iowa Code 282.9. The motion carried 7-0.

Part II

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the bid for network equipment installation at Everett, Irving and Smith Elementary Schools to Sioux City Wintronic in the amount of \$74,560.78. The motion carried 7-0.

Part III

Director Mounts moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to approve the deletion of AR1021—Tobacco Free Schools (as it is contained in other policies). The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Gausman's Report

Superintendent Gausman:

- Stated that it is important to note that so much work has gone into the strategic plan by our administrative team—mostly our cabinet—but also our principals and assistant principals. He thanked them all for their hard work.
- He is on his tour of the district where he visits with the building principal(s), teachers and students.
- Stated that it is amazing that we have two former Iowa Teachers of the Year on our board, one currently on our staff and that our district has had a finalist for each of the last five years. It is staggering to know these statistics, but when you walk in the classrooms you can see why. The strength of this district is in our teachers, as well as our parents and students.
- Disseminated an article written following a debate on the way kids are today and asking if the challenges are greater than those of previous years. The article is entitled, “Scholars Diverge in Assessing the Intellect of ‘Digital Kids.’” He stated that it is important to discuss the celebrations as well as the challenges our students have.

Issuance of Bonds

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to authorize the issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, of the Sioux City Community School District, and direct the sale of the above bonds, by the use of electronic bidding procedures, at 11:00 a.m., on October 27, 2008, per the recommendation of the district financial consultant, Piper Jaffray. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Policy 503.5 (+AR503.5)—Title I Parent Involvement

Director Daane moved and Director Grupp seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading Board Policy 503.5 (+AR503.5)—Title I Parent Involvement. The motion carried 7-0.

Talented and Gifted Review Committee Recommendations

Director Grupp moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion, as per the administration's adjusted recommendations of the Talented and Gifted Review Committee, to approve the Talented and Gifted Recommendations. The motion carried 7-0.

East High School Auditorium Seating

Director Meyers moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to award the bid to replace existing seating in the lower level of the East High School Auditorium, to School Specialty, in the amount of \$65,382.85. The motion carried 7-0.

Appointment to District Advisory Committee

Director Daane moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to appoint Kathleen Perret to a two-year term on the District Advisory Committee. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information

Finalization of Board Committee Assignments

President Batcheller presented the final list of board committee assignments.

Preschool Initiative Contract Between the District and SHIP

Jean Peters stated that this contract was written so that each party knows what is expected of them, as well as those to be shared by both parties.

Fiber Optic Wide Area Network

John Pritchard reintroduced the aspect of bringing fiber into the district to go out to the buildings. He stated that we most urgently need to address this issue from the aspect of education and economics.

Mr. Pritchard gave credit to Thom Humbert, our network manager, for his work on this issue. John would like to bring data all back to the Education Service Center so we can purchase fewer servers and consolidate them in this building. There are educational applications as it is cumbersome for teachers to download programs.

Naming of Weight Room at East High School (Walt Fiegel Fitness Center)

Richard Todd stated that their coaches asked to name the weight room the Walt Fiegel Fitness Center. The administration talked to students and staff, as well as the Parent Advisory Committee, before recommending this to the board. All were in favor naming this facility after Coach Fiegel.

Naming of Auditorium at East High School (Gene C. Farrell Performing Arts Center)

Richard Todd and B. J. Koch stated that Gene C. Farrell was a long-time principal at the old East High building, as well as principal at the new East High School. The Farrell Foundation approached the school asking to donate some funds. The issue was discussed and approved within the building.

Sioux City Community School District Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Dr. Paul Gausman stated that there are six priority areas in this strategic plan. This is a process, not a product. It is dynamic and will not sit on a shelf; it is a document that will be constantly changing.

Dr. Gausman advised the board that he had gone through the board goals, looked at previously by the former board, to ensure that everything had been included from that document.

This plan will be brought back to the board at the end of the year to show them the progress made during the school year. We recognize that in the future we need to be more inclusive. We will want to use more input from surveys, the District Advisory Committee, the Equity Committee (and other committees as well), parents, students, teachers and community members. This document is even more comprehensive than even our Comprehensive School Improvement Plans.

The superintendent will be asking the board to approve this plan in the future. It will be used as our document for decision-making in the future.

The board congratulated the superintendent and staff for the work they've done on this document.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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