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SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
NOVEMBER 12, 2007—6:00 P.M.**

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NOVEMBER 12, 2007—5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the special meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson. Absent: Directors Johnson and Meyers.

Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion that the board 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 (Section 21.5(1)(a) of the Code of Iowa; and to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation as provided in Section 21.5(c) of the Code of Iowa. The motion carried 5-0, and the board retired to closed session at 5:07 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Director Daane moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 5-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Ronald A. Jorgensen, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Alexandra B. Sprague, Secretary
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Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Jorgensen called the hearing to order at 6:09 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson. Absent: Directors Johnson and Meyers.

Hearing and Discussion

President Jorgensen stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held November 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public input on the West High School HVAC 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 Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 5-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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President Jorgensen stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held November 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed demolition of 17 houses purchased as part of the new Smith Elementary School 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 Daane moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 5-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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SCCSD Board of Directors

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**REGULAR MEETING
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Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson. Absent: Directors Johnson and Meyers.

Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item VIII H—hiring of architectural firms and the engineering firm. The motion carried 5-0.

Citizen Input

None.

Recognition of Sioux City Ford, Charlie Zook Motors and Knoepfler Chevrolet

Larry D. Williams stated that our district is celebrating 60 years of providing driver education. He said that our district is very appreciative of our car dealerships that have been providing us automobiles for all these many years. He presented a gift to Bruce Zook, as well as one for Charlie Zook who was not able to attend; Rob Brooks from Sioux City Ford and Joe LaFleur from Knoepfler Chevrolet.

Board Member Reports

Director Batcheller: Had the opportunity to be in the presence of three individuals who participated in the Battle of Monte Cassino. Ron Anderson was a Seabee, Hank Giese was in a foxhole below the Castle and Don Lawrenson was in a B17 bomber. Director Batcheller stated that it was meaningful to him and should be to those in the room and to students as well.

Director Mounts: Stated that she was in one of the early traffic education classes at East High School and that she learned a lot.

Director Daane: Noted that he studied the Battle of Monte Cassino when he was in the Army. Many of the troops involved were from the famed Red Bull Division, made up substantially of Iowa troops. Many company sized units sustained 90 percent casualties. This division had more days of combat than any other division in the war. He appreciates Director Batcheller's observation that we enjoy the privilege of conducting tonight's meeting because of their sacrifice.

President Jorgensen: Reported that the East High School Choral Department was invited to submit as a GRAMMY Signature School Finalist competition which comes right before their performance at the first general session of the IASB.

- Received an e-mail from an individual regarding Assistant Principal Amy Denney of Hunt Elementary School, commenting that she goes to the homes of students to visit if the parents don't attend conferences. Congratulations to Mrs. Denney, and we recognize her for that.
- East High School is working with Siouxland community media to put together a 14-minute show on the life and activities at East High School to be shown on YouTube. Students learn camera work and film editing. The East High School website is being expanded and will be updated on a daily basis.
- West High School had several students competing in Special Olympic bowling with several students winning.
- West High School is busy with civic activities, i.e., senior citizens' dinner, blood donations and student mentoring occurring.
- Met for the first time with Alison Benson, Communications Coordinator. She's a great addition to the district. The committee talked about getting public education stories out to the citizens. Alison is busy visiting our schools. This committee will work on creating a PowerPoint which anyone can use when they go out to visit community groups.

President Jorgensen noted future meetings as follows:

- ✧ The next Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Finance and Facilities Committee is scheduled for November 20, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2007, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Communications Committee is scheduled for November 29, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Policy/Human Relations Committee is scheduled for December 7, 2007, 1:30 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Building Oversight Committee is scheduled to meeting November 15, 2007, at 4:00 p.m., at Unity Elementary School

Superintendent's Report

- Distributed a copy of the *Annual Report* to the board members. The *Annual Report* will be inserted in *The Sioux City Journal* this week.
- Brought to the attention of the board two feature articles Dolly Butz has written; the first on the ITBS and ITED tests and today's article on West High School. Also in the newspaper were several stories about happenings in our buildings.
- The three-tier and two-tier busing proposal was explained to the board and public. The district will speak to the City of Sioux City regarding the use of some of their buses. If the superintendent does become serious about this proposal, hearings will be held at the high schools.
- This is National Homelessness Awareness Week. A winter clothing drive was held for those in need. The clothes were taken to First Presbyterian Church and the clothes were distributed over two weekends for over 185 families. Thanked Marilyn Charging, and also Jamie Landgrebe of West High School whose students collected over 1,500 pounds of clothing.
- National Education Week will be held next week. It began in 1921. This year's theme is ***Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.***
- IASB legislative day is January 22, 2008. Hopes the UEN holds theirs the same day also.

Consent Action Item Part I

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2007, board meeting; the educational placement of student #27111 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 282.9; the Human Resources Report and the Finance Report. The motion carried 5-0.

Consent Action Item Part II

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve for first reading Board Policy 803.2 (AR803.2)—Purchasing. The motion carried 5-0.

Anti-virus Software Bid

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the purchase of LightSpeed anti-virus software in the amount of \$44,452. The motion carried 4-1 with Director Daane voting no.

Computer Bid Award

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the computer bid to Dell, the low bidder, for a total of \$476,826. Public input was received from Tom Chytka with MPC (formerly Gateway) who stated that MPC/Gateway gave us their best price. He further stated that Gateway and the Waitt Family Foundation have been very generous to the Sioux City area. Feels the key thing is their direct support for the district, including tax dollars from employees who live and/or shop in Sioux City. Dan Jarzabowski from Dell stated that MPC/Gateway is a fine company, and so is HP. In terms of dedication and reliability, and meeting needs and resources, Dell is here for us. Dell worked with other districts to furnish equipment for Project Lead the Way, and secured \$15,000 in funding for our district when it is ready to go forward with the program. The motion carried 4-1 with Director Daane voting no.

Approval of Demolition of 17 District-Owned Homes

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the demolition of 17 houses recently purchased by the district at a cost of \$178,120. The motion carried 3-1 with Director Daane voting no. (Director Mounts was absent from the table.)

Change Order #12, Leeds Elementary School

Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve Change Order #12, Leeds Elementary School, to change the cast iron roof drain piping in the Multi-purpose Room #172 to PVC piping in the amount of \$823 (deduct). The motion carried 5-0.

Change Order #8, Unity Elementary School

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve Change Order #8, Unity Elementary School, to change the cast iron roof drain piping in Gym #338 to PVC piping in the amount of \$2,755 (deduct). The motion carried 5-0.

Change Order #9, Unity Elementary School

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve Change Order #9, Unity Elementary School, to remove mounting angle, relocate and re-weld the angle flush at the end of each of the tubes on the pre-cast panels at 11 locations in the amount of \$1,159 (add). The motion carried 5-0.

Change Order #10, Unity Elementary School

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve Change Order #10, Unity Elementary School, to eliminate the built-in combination locks on the metal lockers for a total of \$3,277 (deduct). The motion carried 5-0.

Hiring of Architectural Firms and Civil Engineering Firm

Director Batcheller moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation to approve Neumann Monson Wictor as the project architects for the proposed new school to replace Smith and Everett Elementary Schools and FEH as the project architects for the proposed new school to replace Longfellow and Joy Elementary Schools; and to approve DGR as the civil engineering firm to work with these project architects on the two designs. Superintendent Williams went over the interview process. The motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Information

Language Arts Standards and Benchmarks (grades 6-12)

Mary Jo Salem introduced Judy Hamer who then went through the secondary language arts standards and benchmarks.

Course Guide

LuAnn Richardson stated that the course guide has a new look this year. Three new AP courses have been added. She also discussed various programs in our high schools. Some additional courses will be added at Central Campus. Project Home will be discontinued.

Title V Report

LuAnn Richardson reported that Title V funds are to be used for innovative assistance programs. Our allocation for 2008 is \$27,807.27. This is shared with the non-public schools in Sioux City.

Allowable Growth Requests/At-risk and Dropout Prevention

LuAnn Richardson stated that William Stoneburg had worked on these figures and Mr. Stoneburg then disseminated information on our at-risk allowable growth for dropout prevention. Mr. Stoneburg addressed the board regarding the budget proposals for allowable growth and at-risk dropout prevention.

Revenue Projections

William Stoneburg reported that the sales tax fund true up is \$607,499 which we will receive on Tuesday. He then moved into the FY2009 revenue outlook, the preliminary budget working drafts, foundation tax comparison with and without HF2792, per pupil revenue, miscellaneous income and modified allowable growth.

Board Policy 505.13 (AR505.13)—Family Night/Sundays

Larry Williams presented this board policy and its administrative regulation to the board.

Urban Education Network Legislative Priorities for 2008

Larry Williams presented the UEN legislative priorities for 2008 to the board. These will be discussed at the Annual UEN meeting in Des Moines. Our superintendent and board members will bring property tax equity to the attention of the others present. President Jorgensen feels that funding equity should be first with allowable growth second. Superintendent Williams stated that we don't want the sales tax passed without the property tax equity.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 5-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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