

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
NOVEMBER 13, 2006—5:00 P.M.**

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Call to Order

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Benson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion that the Board of Directors go into a closed session to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. The minutes and the tape recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed as provided in Section 21.5(j) of the Code of Iowa. The motion carried 7-0, and the board adjourned to closed session at 5:05 p.m.

Return to/Adjourn From Open Session

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to return to and adjourn from the special meeting. President Batcheller announced that no action would be taken following this meeting. The motion carried 4-0 (Directors Benson, Mounts and Peterson were absent from the table) and the special meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Douglas K. Batcheller, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

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

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

Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held November 13, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public input regarding the sale of the former Irving 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. No input was received either in written or verbal communication.

Adjourn

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an action item regarding Leeds Elementary School. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Input

None.

**Presentation by Principal Mary Motz, Longfellow Elementary School:
School-wide Positive Behavior Support**

Principal Motz thanked the board for allowing them to present this wonderful program this evening. Mrs. Motz showed a PowerPoint explaining the program and introduced members of her staff who are quite involved in this program.

Preliminary Bank RFP Results

William Stoneburg reported that every three years we do a bank RFP on services to be provided to the district. It was completed this past year and his recommendation is that Wells Fargo retain the account. They came through with the highest revenue earnings for our district. Kent McClun, President of Wells Fargo Bank, Sioux City; and Brian Coyle, Assistant Vice President, Business Banking, Wells Fargo Bank, Sioux City, were present. Mr. McClun thanked the district for their business. The board will vote on this at the November 27, 2006, board meeting.

Board Member Reports

Director Johnson:

- While traveling and talking with folks, one thing that caught his attention was that the AAAS publishes a journal, entitled *Science*. The editors of this publication realize the critical situation in the country is in. They launched a new program saying that you can't start teaching science too young.

- Also had the opportunity to talk to presenters from other countries. Concentrated on those from India. Presenters all had attended preschool. Last few months has realized that preschool is a necessity.
- Had chance last week to attend a conference on gifted children. It was really an eye-opener as a good deal of the workshops were on differentiated teaching. Feels we are on the right track.

Director Mounts: Board of Regents looking at changing the standard that the top 50 percent of students be accepted at state schools. They are looking at SATs and courses taken.

Director Jorgensen: Had the opportunity of meeting with Larry Williams, Brenda Horst and Denise Salem to look at the district's website. From a public relations standpoint, one's website can be an asset or a liability. It is becoming more and more important in this day and age. We need to keep it up to date and see what other school districts are doing. He felt it was encouraging, but the website does need to improve. Superintendent Williams distributed an information sheet to each board member which he would like completed for our website.

Director Benson: Mentioned the very nice brochure in the newspaper this past week. It was nicely done and full of good information.

President Batcheller:

- Material from the superintendent regarding his evaluation was disseminated to the board. Doug would like to have the superintendent's evaluation on November 28, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.
- He and Larry traveled to Ames to an IASB gathering of principals, superintendents and board presidents. They made a presentation to the group regarding the T. E. Davidson Award and our district. They highlighted the items which the board brainstormed at a previous meeting.

President Batcheller announced future meetings as follows:

- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2006, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- The next Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2006, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for November 21, 2006, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for November 22, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for November 30, 2006, 4:10 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the District Advisory Committee is scheduled for November 30, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Larry D. Williams:

- Thanked Nancy Mounts for helping to prepare the material for the Show and Tell booth that our board will have at the IASB Conference this Friday.
- Traveled to Ames with Doug, went to the East High School production of Fame and enjoyed that. Sunday attended the welcome home for the Heelan High School volleyball team who had won the 3A state championship award.

Consent Action Items

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Action Items which consisted of the minutes of the October 23 and 31, 2006, board meetings; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Johnson abstaining from the minutes.

Lease of Copiers

Director Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the lease agreement for 38 copiers under a 48-month lease from Midwest Office Automation of Sioux City, Iowa, at a cost of \$124,816.32. The motion carried 7-0.

Playground Safety Matting

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the recommendation to award Welch Products the contract to provide playground safety matting for Crescent Park, Sunnyside, Washington and Riverside Elementary Schools in the amount of \$87,580.00. The motion carried 7-0.

December Board Meeting

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve a change in the December meeting from December 11 to December 18. The motion carried 7-0.

Leeds Elementary School

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$13,300,000 for the new Leeds Elementary School construction, and to set November 27, 2006, 6:00 p.m. local time, for the hearing on this project. The motion carried 7-0.

High School Course Guide

LuAnn Richardson presented the revised High School Course Guide to the board for their information. She went through the revisions page by page, and received additional suggestions from the board.

Allowable Growth Request/At-risk and Dropout Prevention

LuAnn Richardson reported on the allowable growth request/at-risk and dropout prevention. She presented the allowable growth funds for 2007 and the proposed for 2008. She went through the programs in place to assist students in earning credits, as well as to learn proper social behavior. Her proposal is to ask for \$548,000—an increase of \$95,000. Input was received from Alisa Davenport, the instructional aide in the ninth grade academy program, addressed the board regarding this program and stated that she felt the sophomores should also be included. She stated that the teachers and aides must build trust with these students and provide continuity.

Title V Report

LuAnn Richardson gave her report on Title V. Money from this fund is to be used for innovative assistance programs.

Preliminary Revenue Outlook for Budget Year 2007-2008

William Stoneburg and Larry D. Williams presented information on the revenue outlook for budget year 2007-2008. They also showed the decrease in property taxes that took place this past year due to passage of the property tax equity bill this past legislative year. One hundred percent of the \$1.8 million went for tax relief this past year in Sioux City.

Purchase Option for Former St. Joseph Catholic School as a Preschool

Larry D. Williams stated that this was discussed in closed session. Mr. Stoneburg reported that the district had offered \$375,000 for the old Joseph Catholic School within the past two weeks. Repairs would cost our district \$453,000; Head Start would give us \$116,000 so the project would cost \$712,000. This is right on target for our pre-school plan for Unity. The superintendent feels this would be a win-win situation for the district and the Catholic Diocese. Mr. Williams also said that the board had questions in the closed session regarding ongoing costs and that Bill Stoneburg was charged with securing the answers to these questions.

Board Policy 684.06—Add/Drop Class and the Deletion of 684.03 and 684.04

Superintendent Williams presented revised board policy 684.06 and the deletion of 684.03 and 604.04.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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