

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEEDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 12, 2005—5:00 P.M**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts (arrived at 5:24 p.m.), and Peterson.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to go into a closed session 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; and 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 6-0, and the board adjourned to closed session at 5:06 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Director Benson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to return to open session. President Batcheller indicated that no action would be taken following this meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the board returned to open session at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Director Johnson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the board adjourned the special meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEEDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 12, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:08 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 December 12, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of accepting public comment on the options regarding the Leeds Elementary School building. 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.

James Champion, FEH architect, presented information on the three options. He indicated that there are drainage problems and if the old building is expanded it will compound the issue. The gymnasium will most likely not be duplicated. Option 2 would be to try to save the gymnasium space and work around it. If some existing spaces were kept and we worked around it, the building would probably end up as a less efficient building. Option 3 was to replace the building totally and thus we could leave the students in the old building until the new building was completed. When renovating or adding on, there is more of a risk of running into unknowns.

With Option 1, students would have to move out of the building while the new building was being built.

Questions were asked as to where the building would be located and the drainage issue. Mr. Champion showed the building's footprint and explained how the draining problem would be alleviated. Some homes may need to be purchased if this would improve the site plan.

A question was asked as to what it would cost to replicate the gymnasium. Mr. Champion indicated that it would be hard to say offhand. Mr. Williams stated that if we replicated this space in this elementary school, would we be expected to do so in every new elementary school? He doesn't feel the public would approve of this due to the cost factor. The superintendent then discussed the issue of partitions in music rooms, etc.

Public Input was received from the following:

Principal Len Hansen—Thanked dedicated teaching staff who are present this evening to support education in Sioux City. His main concerns are academic. Also worries about traffic flow and security to and from the building and access to the building for the disabled. Wants the new school to bring us into the 21st century to develop curriculum and teaching strategies to improve academic achievement. This facility was designed for high school kids not elementary students. Mr. Hansen appreciates any support to improve today's education.

President Batcheller stated that this board and future boards want input from the public. At some time in the future, wants constructive ideas from the public regarding the Hawthorne site.

Randy Young—Expressed concern about the possibility that the district would take away gymnasiums in the city. After the new building is constructed, he would like to see the Hawthorne building used as a community center for parties, meetings, etc. Mr. Young wants a new facility as it's time to get into the 21st Century. Education is very important to our children.

Bob Duncan (teacher at Lowell Elementary School)—Indicated that he wants Option 3. He doesn't want us to spin our wheels and waste money. The kids deserve a new building for the 21st century.

Scott Utech—Stated that there a lot of sentimental issues; however, thinks we need to move forward with the best concept that we have. Hopes architects will consider traffic into this area. He would opt for new facility built on this property if we could keep the football field on the west side.

Superintendent Williams stated that we are required by City Code to engage a planner and we've been very careful to have off-street bus parking and generally construct an area in order to separate buses from vehicular traffic. Where it's at all possible, you'll see that.

Director Peterson stated that in living in close proximity to this site, the public should be aware that there will be noise, dust, etc, but we'll work with our contractor to ensure it is minimal.

Adjourn

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. Mr. Williams thanked those in attendance. There was a question regarding a timeline. Mr. Williams stated that the board will issue a contract tonight to FEH Architects, Inc., and that we have to complete

the Grant-McKinley replacement school first. That building won't open before the fall of 2008. These two schools could be done simultaneously. Director Mounts stated that when we've disrupted fields in the past, we have always made them whole. If Leeds is closed, the old building will be maintained until the new building opens. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEEDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 12, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Input—None.

Recognition of James Vanderloo, SAI 2005 Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year

Superintendent Williams introduced James Vanderloo, and discussed the process used for the selection of state winners. To become one of the three finalists is an honor, but to win is quite an accomplishment.

Presentation by West Middle School Students

Superintendent Williams stated that he was pleased to have been contacted by West Middle School and pleased and proud to introduce the teachers and students who will give us a very positive report. Teachers Matt Olseon and Lynn Corrie and students Cody Wrenn, Mike Corrie, and Elvis Phillips were present to report on their trip to Spring Brook (a total of 180 students participated in trips to Spring Brook). An interesting PowerPoint presentation was given and the students stated that they did a lot of interesting things such as archery, setting traps, etc. Also went to a pond and did water tests, fished for frogs, and insects, etc. It was a really good

experience which they enjoyed. One of the highlights was going outside at night to listen to the wild life.

Mr. Oleson stated that it was not feasible to take as many students as they'd like to have participate. Student teachers from the University of South Dakota attended with the students.

Board Member Reports

Director Mounts: Attended the Sunnyside Christmas holiday program. All bases were covered in the selection of music. She attended the Food Service Department's holiday party and the food was excellent. The culture that Rich Luze has developed in that department is wonderful

Director Peterson: Attended two of the Wellness Board Policy Committee meetings. It is a large committee and well attended. This mandated policy committee is working very well together.

President Batcheller announced that future meetings would be held as follows:

- The next meeting of the Building Oversight Committee is scheduled for December 14, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Board Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for December 16, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in the Associate Superintendent's office.
- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for December 19, 2005, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Equity Committee is scheduled for December 20, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., at the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for - December 20, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for December 13 at 1 p.m., January 19, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams: Stated that schools that receive food service funds must have a wellness policy in place in the near future. We are not mandated to write the policy a certain way.

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Happy to report that he is starting to get out more. Not going to all public events as he typically has been. Stricter physical therapy. Is walking, at least some, using the wheelchair at times. Appreciate everyone's concern and the medical community as well.

Taking two days of vacation on December 15 and 16 in travel to Fargo, North Dakota.

Consent Action Items

Director Johnson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consist of the minutes of board meetings held November 28, 2005; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 6-0, with President Batcheller abstaining from the finance report.

Appointment of Truant Officers

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Juvenile Court Service Officers Malcom Moon, Shawn Donnelly, and Oscar Sanchez as truant officers for the Sioux City Community School District. The motion carried 7-0.

Harkin Iowa Demonstration Grant

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the application for a Harkin Iowa Demonstration Grant. The superintendent thanked Dr. Madison and her committee for their efforts on this grant application. If accepted, this grant will provide for four preschool classrooms at Irving, three preschool classrooms at Leeds, and three preschool classrooms at the Grant-McKinley school replacement. Input was received from Pat Somsky and Ruth Ann Slagle. The motion carried 7-0.

Architect's Contract

The board postponed this issue until a special meeting is held as the contract was not available. This special will be held on Monday, December 19, 2005, at 12 noon.

Superintendent's Contract

Director Johnson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the superintendent's contract as developed by the board's attorney. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information

Superintendent Williams presented revised Board Policies 401.34—Nepotism, (404.10—Association Leave (defer this to next time), 405.3—Access to Buildings, 431.04—Employee Meals and Lodging Reimbursement, 504.11—Health and Immunization; and Board Policy 406.1—Replacement (Interim) Teachers for deletion.

Adjourn

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the board adjourned the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.