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Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the special meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), Johnson, Jorgensen, Meyers, Mounts and Peterson (arrived at 5:07 p.m.).

Approval of Agenda

Director Meyers moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Johnson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to go into closed session to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer concerning employees collective bargaining as provided in Section 20.17(3) of the Code and also 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 went into closed session at 5:04 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Director Batcheller moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried 7-0, and the board returned to open session at 5:52 p.m.

Recess

Director Batcheller moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to recess the closed session until after the regular meeting and then vote if the board wants to return to closed session or adjourn the closed session. The motion carried 7-0, and the board recessed the special meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Ronald A. Jorgensen, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Alexandra B. Sprague, Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors

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Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meyers, Mounts and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizen Input

None was received.

Board Member Reports/Future Meetings

Director Meyers: Intrigued the board with his statement that he would have something of great interest to tell us later.

Director Johnson: Stated that the elementary workshop on staffing was very informative, and that Dr. Madison gave an excellent presentation. He now understands the complexities of small schools. This work session helped open his eyes, and he now sees why we're going for the size elementary schools we are.

Director Mounts: Stated that she had attended the NAACP Freedom Banquet at the Sioux City Convention Center on Saturday. She said that it was one of the best she has ever attended with Reverend Brown giving a wonderful presentation.

Director Jorgensen: Stated that he enjoys reading the school newsletters, and feels civic activities are alive and well. He listed several schools that have service projects.

President Jorgensen announced future meetings as follows:

- ✧ The next meetings of the Board Policy/Human Relations Committee are scheduled for February 14 and 15, 2008, at 4:10 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. respectively, in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meetings of the Board Finance and Facilities Committee are scheduled for February 19, 2008, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2008, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Communications Committee is scheduled for February 20, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Building Oversight Committee is scheduled for February 20, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for February 22, 2008, at noon, in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for February 25, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

Superintendent's Report

- ♦ Called to the board's attention that the Chamber Lobby Day will be held this Wednesday. Mr. Williams and Mrs. Mounts will attend. This just happens to be the day that the Education Committee will take up SILO discussion.
- ♦ The NAACP banquet was a lovely and stirring affair.
- ♦ Just returned from the City Superintendents of Iowa meeting which met Sunday night and Monday morning. Senator Grassley and Congressman Boswell were in attendance, as well as Bev Schroder representing Senator Harkin. In addition, the group heard from Margaret Buckton, Dan Smith and Judy Jeffrey, and a panel of House and Senate education leaders from both sides of the aisle.
- ♦ On the federal scene we see the possible dissolution of Perkins funding. Senator Grassley didn't think Perkins would be zeroed out but the funds will have to come from somewhere. That was reiterated by Congressman Boswell. It's going to be very tight. The war effort is still being accounted for as a separate pot of money and there is no discernible revenue for that.

- ♦ The picture in Iowa seems to be fairly certain that the preschool funding and teacher quality funding will see the light of day, with 4 percent allowable growth dollars already approved by the House and Senate and to be signed by the Governor this week. It is highly likely that some form of mandatory standards in model core curriculum will be passed. There is confusion over whether everyone is talking about the same thing. It was still up in the air after listening to Judy Jeffrey today. Nevertheless, it is likely to pass.

Director Peterson: Noted that our superintendent was honored at the NAACP Freedom Banquet and our district as well for their support.

Consent Action Items

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2008, board meeting and the February 5, 2008, board work session; the Human Resources Report and the Finance Report. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Johnson abstaining.

Director Daane moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to approve March board meetings for March 10 and 17 due to the fact that March 24 is spring break. The motion carried 7-0.

SILO Resolution

Director Daane moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the SILO resolution which was read by President Jorgensen. The motion carried 7-0.

Increase in Lunch and Milk Prices

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the increase of \$.10 per breakfast and \$.10 per lunch and \$.05 per carton of milk for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried 7-0.

Contract With City of Sioux City for Busing Services

Director Johnson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the contract with the City of Sioux City for busing services. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information

Middle School Athletic Program

Rich Vanderloo, Thomas Peterson and Troy Thomas reported on the 2007 cross country statistics and data, as well as the budget information. The group answered questions from the board. The program is going well and soccer and track will begin soon.

Annually Updated Sales Tax Maintenance & Repairs Report

Mel McKern presented his report to the board. Superintendent Williams stated that we need to dedicate ourselves to maintaining our buildings. He further noted that we need a revenue stream to take care of our buildings. Superintendent Williams said that the district would have \$2.7 million more if we had a voted PPEL. This would take the pressure off our General Fund.

Budget Discussions

Technology (including E-rate) was presented by John Pritchard.

William Stoneburg presented budget information on the following and explained each item:

- ♦ Teacher Quality Dollars
- ♦ IPERS
- ♦ Spending Authority

Adjourn Closed Session

Director Batcheller moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to recess our closed session. The motion carried 7-0, and the board recessed the special meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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