

**REGULAR MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
FEBRUARY 12, 2007  
6:00 P.M.**

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**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen and Mounts. Absent: Directors Benson and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Daane moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the change of a separate vote on the calendars and the movement of Recognition to immediately following this approval. The motion carried 5-0.

**Recognition of Jacqueline Wyant, Nicole Nelson and Shelley Molland—  
National Board Certified Teachers**

Superintendent Williams asked the three educators to come forward to receive recognition. The superintendent congratulated them and each was presented a red marble apple. The superintendent also gave some brief biographical information on each person.

**Citizen Input**

Leonard Dunne addressed the board regarding the fact that he was supposed to receive \$10,000 for crop loss for each of the past two years. He stated that he has talked with our attorney, Dan Moore. Mel McKern addressed the board and indicated that Dan Moore and Alois Tschampl's attorney are working on this issue. Mr. McKern stated that Mr. Tschampl will not be paid until he fulfills the obligation in the contract where he is to give Mr. Dunne two years' for crop loss.

**Board Member Reports**

Director Mounts: Reported that she had spent part of today at Washington Elementary School and that it was a great experience. She saw first graders and played a math game with them. She also visited a third grade classroom. She mentioned Mr. Salinas the practice teacher.

- She had a parent call and tell her how proud she is of the district and how fortunate she feels to have her children attend the Sioux City Community School District.

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Director Daane: Reported that Dan Moore recently elected vice president of the Iowa State Bar Association. This means he will be their president in two years. He congratulated Dan and stated that this is a very prestigious position.

President Batcheller: Mentioned an article which was in *The Des Moines Register* one week ago on Sunday dealing with property tax equity indicating the residential share has gone up 6 percent even with the roll back. The only “winners” were utilities and railroads.

- Asked the board’s indulgence in regard to the DC Chamber lobby trip indicating that Directors Johnson and Mounts will attend.

President Batcheller announced future meetings as follows:

- The next Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the District Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 22, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2007, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for February 20, 2007, at noon, in the Education Service Center.
- The next meetings of the Board Policy Committee are scheduled for February 13 and 21, 2007, at 4:10 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for February 22, 2007, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Williams stated that on Friday he took the opportunity to hear the Euclid Quartet at Clark Elementary School and Opera Iowa on Thursday at Eppley. The underlying message (as Opera Iowa did a rendition of The Three Billy Goats Gruff) was an anti-bullying one.

- On Saturday he attended the NAACP banquet. The Reverend Dr. Ratliff was the keynote speaker. We were well represented by the West High School Jazz Band and the Mt. Zion Steppers, most of whom attend our schools. The West High School Jazz Band is going to the state competition this year and

he is very proud of that. The North High School Jazz Band is also going to state.

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- On Sunday morning drove to a meeting of the UEN superintendents in Des Moines. Then attended the City Superintendents Iowa meeting last night and this morning. This meeting is always so interesting because we have a panel of legislators who attend every year. Judy Jeffrey spoke to us, and representatives of the ISEA last night as well as SAI representatives were present. The superintendents received a good solid briefing and a lot of focused interchange. A couple of things that stand out: Roger Wendt in particular did not miss the opportunity to speak about property tax equity; the superintendent feels equity has risen on the agenda. The group was told that three districts in this state have been designated as districts in need of assistance due to No Child Left Behind guidelines. The state is proposing to render assistance in curriculum and technical assistance in regard to the alignment of curriculum. There is no doubt that the state believes that curriculum and the process of aligning curriculum to clear benchmarks and standards is preeminent. The group also talked about SILO. Tomorrow is the day the last two counties (Johnson and Linn) will vote on the Local Option Sales Tax. There is a tight race in Linn County. If favorable passage in these two counties, the Iowa Association of School Boards will take a run at a state-wide sales tax. The Iowa State Education Association has taken the position that a state-wide sales tax needs to lead to a discussion of how the process would be handled.
- Announced that prior to 10 p.m., he would announce a two-hour late start for Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

### **Consent Action Items Part I**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of January 22 and 31, 2007; the Human Resources Report; and the Finance Report. The motion carried 5-0 on the January 22, 2007, minutes and the Human Resources Report; 4-0 with Director Johnson abstaining from the January 31, 2007, minutes; and 4-0 on the Finance Report with President Batcheller abstaining.

### **Consent Action Items Part II**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve for first reading Board Policies 505.8-Fund Raising, 505.14—Closed Campus, and 584.10—Graduation Exercises. The motion carried 5-0.

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the calendars for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years. The motion carried 4-1, with Director Daane voting no.

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### **Unity Elementary Building Construction Project**

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the contract to L & L Builders for the base bid of \$9,066,200, Alternate #1 in the amount of \$31,600, Alternate #5 in the amount of \$52,000 and Alternate #6 in the amount of \$7,800, for a total cost of \$9,157,600, subject to attachment of acceptable bonds and insurance certificates. Director Daane moved to withdraw his motion and Director Mounts seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Director Jorgensen moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to award the contract to L & L Builders for the base bid of \$9,066,200, Alternate #1 in the amount of \$31,600, Alternate #5 in the amount of \$52,000, Alternate #6 in the amount of \$7,800 for a total cost of \$9,294,964 with a contingency of \$137,364 percent, subject to the attachment of acceptable bonds and insurance certificates, and to reserve the right to include Alternate #7 in the amount of \$61,500, that may be added to the contract no later than April 3, 2007. The motion carried 5-0.

### **Leeds Elementary School Addendum to Architect's Contract**

Director Daane moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve Attachment 'A' to the Architect's Contract for Leeds Elementary School for basic services, per Article 1.5 compensation, Paragraph 1.5.1 of the contract dated December 19, 2005; lump sum fee for services described in Article 1.4, Paragraph 1.4.1 of the contract shall be Eight Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$852,955). The motion carried 5-0.

### **Leeds Asbestos Abatement Project**

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the bid for the Leeds asbestos abatement project for the base bid amount of \$44,700 plus Alternate #1 in the amount of \$500 for mobilization costs for a total bid of \$45,200. The motion carried 5-0.

### **North Middle School Computer Lab Lap Tops**

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the bid for thirty notebooks and one notebook cart to Gateway in the amount of \$37,370.62. The motion carried 5-0.

## **O & M Equipment**

Director Johnson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the bid for two 2007 eight-passenger vans (with trade-in), three 2007 3/4 ton four-wheel drive trucks (with trade-in), and one ¾ ton 2007 heavy duty regular cab four-wheel drive (with trade in) for a total of \$118,970 to Knoepfler Chevrolet;

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award the bid for a seven-foot rotary mower to S & S Equipment for a total of \$2,895; award the bid to Steffen Equipment for an eight-foot chassis box at \$9,733 and a tailgate salt/sand spreader at a cost of \$3,229 and award the bid to STS Equipment for a nine-foot snow plow at a cost of \$4,420. The motion carried 5-0.

## **Purchase of Buses**

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to award the bid for three C2 model 77-passenger conventional buses and two 77-passenger lift buses to Thomas Bus Sales in the amount of \$472,568. The motion carried 5-0.

## **Date Change for Reorganization Meeting in September**

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to change the date of the Reorganization Meeting from September 24 to September 17, 2007. The motion carried 5-0.

## **Discussion/Information**

### *Budget*

William Stoneburg presented his budget report with reports from the following:

Mike Crawford addressed the budget for the Pinnacle Grade Book System which allows parents to access their child's grades, attendance, etc. on line. The child's principal, as well as head teachers will be able to view student information.

The technology budget was presented by John Pritchard. This report included information on department responsibilities, department structure, inventory, budget and projects.

Pete Garlinghouse presented the assessment budget.

Mr. Stoneburg then presented the student activity fund accounts, the debt service fund and project home.

*ITBS/ITED Results*

Pete Garlinghouse presented the ITBS/ITED results. He indicated that results are a bit better than in recent years. He said that our programs to close the achievement gap seem to be working. The board was generally pleased with the results presented by Mr. Garlinghouse.

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*Plans for \$15,000,000 Debt Issue*

William Stoneburg reported that this is the last debt issue to finish off Unity and Leeds Elementary Schools.

**Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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Douglas K. Batcheller, President  
SCCSD Board of Directors

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Alexandra B. Sprague, Secretary  
SCCSD Board of Directors

