

Prior to the special meeting, at 4:30 p.m. the board heard reports from Dr. Rita Vannatta, principal at Bryant elementary School; Dawn Stansbury, principal at Joy Elementary School; and John Beeck, principal at Whittier Elementary School regarding their building data and plans.

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
FEBRUARY 26, 2007—5:45 P.M.**

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Call to Order

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson. Absent: Director Benson.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Johnson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to go approve the agenda and to go into closed session to consider the recommendation of expulsion for five students (students 1-5) from the Sioux City Community School District. This session is closed pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e). The motion carried 6-0, and the board went into closed session at 5:45 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried 6-0, and the board returned to open session at 6:27 p.m. President Batcheller announced that no action would be taken at this time.

Adjourn

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Douglas K. Batcheller, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Alexandra B. Sprague, Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors

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Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizen Input

None.

Board Member Reports

Director Jorgensen: Had the pleasure of participating in the Day of an Educator event at East High School and sat in on four math classes. He first went to an Algebra A class, then to Calculus, the Algebra II and then a Pre-Algebra class. By the fourth class, he was finally beginning to understand what they were talking about. It was fun.

President Batcheller: Had the opportunity to visit Crescent Park Elementary School and had a chance to see the kids come in and take off their coats and prepare for class. He watched math and spelling being taught and it was exciting to be in one of our buildings. He stated that he needed his batteries recharged. He stated that we are lucky to have such talented instructors in our system.

President Batcheller spoke regarding the issues surrounding the recent happenings at West High School. His complete remarks are contained in the official minutes of the Sioux City Community School District Board of Directors.

President Batcheller announced future meetings as follows:

- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for March 6, 2007, at noon, in the Education Service Center.

- ✧ The next Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for March 14, 2007, at 4:10 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for March 15, 2007, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the District Advisory Committee is scheduled for March 22, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2007, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams stated that in addition to his normal duties, he had the pleasure of attending the East High School choral concert held at Eppley and on Friday attended the North High School Orchestra program that provided a Black history program at Central Campus. On Saturday, in addition to the monthly meeting with our legislative delegation in the morning, he did a little "Dancing With the Stars" in the early afternoon. That afternoon he went to the East High School Show Choir Invitational that was being held. He complimented the parents and teachers alike for going forward with that event with only five groups (eleven canceled due to the bad weather) Those who were in attendance received the same royal treatment as the full complement would have received. Financially, it was a disappointment, but musically it was a joy. Events were canceled on Sunday, due to the weather, which allowed him the time to stay home and read the excellent articles in *The Sioux City Journal* regarding progress in Siouxland.

Consent Action Items, Part I

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of February 12, 2007; the Human Resources Report; and the Finance Report. The motion carried 7-0 on the Human Resources and Finance Report, and 5-0 on the minutes with Directors Benson and Peterson abstaining.

Consent Action Items, Part I

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading Board Policies 505.8—Fund Raising, 505.14—Closed Campus, and 584.10—Graduation Exercises. The motion carried 7-0.

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Board Level Hearings

The superintendent stated that a Board-Level Hearing Panel was convened and that hearings were held for each student and that due process occurred. Mr. Williams asked the board to consider each of the five students, identified by student number, individually.

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion that the Board of Directors sustain the Board-Level Hearing Panel's recommendation concerning the expulsion of Student 17870. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Benson abstaining.

Director Johnson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion that the Board of Directors sustain the Board-Level Hearing Panel's recommendation concerning the expulsion of Student 5132. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Benson abstaining.

Director Johnson moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion that the Board of Directors sustain the Board-Level Hearing Panel's recommendation concerning the expulsion of Student 26683. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Benson abstaining.

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion that the Board of Directors sustain the Board-Level Hearing Panel's recommendation concerning the expulsion of Student 26682. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Benson abstaining.

Director Johnson moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion that the Board of Directors sustain the Board-Level Hearing Panel's recommendation concerning the expulsion of Student 1610. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Benson abstaining.

Mr. Williams indicated that this matter of expulsion comes under various Iowa statutes. Should these students abide by the terms that the hearing panel has set forth, they may be included in school as of January 14, 2008. Students are not to be on school property and will be involved in home schooling at the Juvenile Court Services twice a week. He further stated that our action in no way

binds the action of the Juvenile Court System. We cannot abridge our duty to provide ongoing instruction for our students.

Market Factor Pay Resolution

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the market factor pay resolution. The motion carried 7-0.

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Issuance of Bonds

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to authorize the issuance of not to exceed \$15,000,000 School Infrastructure Local Option Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, of the Sioux City Community School District, and direct the sale of the above bonds per the recommendation of the district financial consultant, Piper Jaffray, with the winning bidder being Merrill Lynch & Company, New York, New York. Matt Gillespie of Piper Jaffray addressed the board regarding the issuance of these bonds. Mr. Stoneburg thanked Patty Pageler for her work on this bond sale. The motion carried 7-0.

Irrigation Well at West High School

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the cost of \$28,870 for an irrigation well to be installed by Dakota Drilling and Backhoe, Inc. at West High School. The motion carried 7-0.

Unity Elementary School Engineering Bid

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to award Sioux City Engineering the base bid amount of \$1,526,079.80 for the Unity Elementary School site and surrounding street improvements bid package #2—paving and utilities. The superintendent and board stated that they are grateful to the City of Sioux City for their financial assistance on this project. The motion carried 7-0.

Symantec Anti-Virus Software Licenses and Software Plus Bid

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the bid for the Symantec Anti-Virus software licenses in the amount of \$37,043.68 and the MS Office 2003 software licenses in the amount of \$40,021.74 to SHI. The motion carried 6-1 with Director Daane voting nay.

Carpet Bids

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to award the bid for the carpet tile base bid amount of \$80,562, Alternate #1 West High Band Room in the amount of \$15,723 (funded from the O & M budget), and Alternate #2 West High Auditorium in the amount of \$30,147 (funded from Local Option Sales Tax dollars) for a total of \$126,432 for installation this summer. The motion carried 7-0.

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Purchase of Refrigerators/Freezers

Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to accept the low bid from Refrigeration Engineering of Sioux City, Iowa, in the amount of \$33,820.00 for the replacement of ten refrigerators and ten freezers. The motion carried 7-0.

Asphalt Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$230,450.50 for the asphalt maintenance and rehabilitation project for the following locations: Trinity Lutheran Church (crack and fill patching for district employee parking), Irving Annex, Clark, Crescent Park, Everett, Sunnyside and Whittier Elementary Schools, and East and West High Schools; and to set March 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the hearing on this project. (Note: The plans and specs may be viewed in the Purchasing Department.) The motion carried 7-0.

Re-roofing Work

Director Benson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$430,870.00 for the re-roofing work for the following locations: Education Service Center, East Middle School (gymnasium), North High School (pool area), West High School, and Irving Annex (preschool) and to set March 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the hearing on this project. (Note: The plans and specs may be viewed in the Purchasing Department.) The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information

Quarterly F.T.E. Report

Linda Bornholtz was in attendance to present the quarterly F.T.E. report to the board for their review and discussion

Budget Reviews

- Transportation Budget: William Stoneburg indicated that what drives our transportation costs are the services we provide, i.e. Girls', Inc. bus, additional students, etc. He provided statistics on efficiencies implemented, as well as other information.

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- IPERS Pension Status and Scheduled Increases

William Stoneburg went through the increase in IPERS' costs for the district. It will be somewhere in the range of \$230,000. Mr. Stoneburg feels we're well able to cover this increase.

- Discussion of Potential Budget for Middle School Activities

Larry D. Williams presented information on the potential budget for middle school activities.

East Middle School Principal Thomas Peterson indicated that the entire program does not have to be done at the start-up. At this time, we are the only large school district in Iowa that does not have a middle school activities program. Mr. Peterson asked for the board to give them a chance—they can start out small. They see the benefits of extracurricular activities for students. The superintendent will have inquiries sent out to other school districts and get back to the board on the findings.

Presentation of Superintendent's General Instructional Fund Budget and Overall Revenue and Expenditures Estimates for FY 2008

Superintendent Larry D. Williams and Chief Financial Officer William Stoneburg thanked the entire administrative team for their assistance in the formation of Mr. Williams' proposed budget for FY 2008. He reviewed his FY 2008 budget revenue and expenditure assumptions. Bill Stoneburg then presented information on the revenue sources using the 4 percent allowable growth figure. Mr. Williams then discussed the new revenue, new expenditures and tax option comparisons. Mr. Stoneburg then spoke regarding a 4.9 percent tax increase and what this would mean to the district and the homeowner.

PLATO Report

Doyle Massey reported to the board on the progress of PLATO and future plans.

UEN Sioux City Lobby Day

Superintendent Williams announced that March 14, 2007, has now been taken by Cedar Rapids. We are considering March 13 or March 29, 2007. Board consensus was that we opt for March 29, 2007. We will poll the board and then inform the UEN.

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April Board Meetings

April board meetings will remain as scheduled—April 9 and 23, 2007.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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