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Sioux City Community School District
Education Service Center
February 22, 2010

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I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Batcheller, Grupp, Johnson, Mounts, Warnstadt, and Williams.

Absent: Director Meyers

III. Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held at the Sioux City Community School District's School Board meeting on February 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of receiving public input regarding Eastside Elementary Replacement School Site Improvement Project – Bid Package #2. The hearing will be held in the Education Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

He stated that 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.

IV. Recommendation

That the Board of Directors approve the proposed plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$2.65 million. The City's participation for the widening of Stone Avenue will be approximately \$325,000 out of the \$2.65 million.

Director Johnson moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to approve the proposed plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$2.65 million for the Eastside Elementary School Site Improvement Project – Bid Package #2. The motion carried 6 to 0.

V. Adjourn

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Grupp seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:01p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Batcheller, Grupp, Johnson, Mounts, Warnstadt, and Williams.

Absent: Director Meyers

III. Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held at the Sioux City Community School District's School Board meeting on February 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of receiving public input regarding the Washington Elementary School and Irving Preschool Boiler Replacement Projects. The hearing will be held in the Education Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

He stated that 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.

IV. Recommendation

That the Board of Directors approve the proposed plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$314,820 for boiler replacements for Washington Elementary School and Irving Preschool, with an estimated \$20,000 alternate for the Washington Elementary School chimney liner.

Director Mounts moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to approve the proposed plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$314,820 for boiler replacements for Washington Elementary School and Irving Preschool, with an estimated \$20,000 alternate for the Washington Elementary School chimney liner. The motion carried 6 to 0.

V. Adjourn

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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VI. Call to Order

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.

VII. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Batcheller, Grupp, Johnson, Mounts, Warnstadt, and Williams.

Absent: Director Meyers

VIII. Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held at the Sioux City Community School District's School Board meeting on February 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of receiving public input regarding District Roof Repair and Replacement Projects. The hearing will be held in the Education Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

He stated that 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.

IX. Recommendation

That the Board of Directors approve the proposed plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$211,020 for Roof Repair and Replacement for the following locations: Whittier, Washington and Riverside Elementary Schools.

Director Mounts moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to approve the proposed plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$211,020 for Roof Repair and Replacements for the following locations: Whittier, Washington and Riverside Elementary Schools. The motion carried 6 to 0.

X. Adjourn

Director Johnson moved and Director Grupp seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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SCCSD Board of Directors

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REGULAR MEETING
Sioux City Community School District
Education Service Center
January 22, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Batcheller, Grupp, Johnson, Mounts, Warnstadt, and Williams.

Absent: Director Meyers

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6 to 0.

IV. Citizen Input

No Citizen Input.

V. GOOD NEWS: Transitional Kindergarten

Transitional Kindergarten Teachers; Aubra Garrett (Nodland Elementary School), Jessica Wisniewski (Lincoln Elementary School), Sylvia Klave (Clark Elementary School), and Teresa March (Whittier Elementary School), spoke about the transitional kindergarten program. Aubra stated that the program is for all students that are five years of age or will turn five on or before September 15, of the current school year. The program is focused to meet the standards and benchmarks and skills related to social, emotional, cognitive, motor, speech and language and independence.

Several transitional kindergarten students sang "*Apple Annie*" from a book that individualizes on one letter of the alphabet at a time.

Sylvia shared a power-point presentation that showed a day in the life of transitional kindergarten students. Sharing that student's development is focused primarily in the following areas:

- Physical well-being and motor skills development.
- Initiate and explore activities to learn their new skills.
- Develop the sense of self and begin the socialization process.
- Talk, look for letters in our environment, and read and listen to books.
- Begin their writing skills.
- Begin to understand Math and Science concepts.
- Learn Music, Art and P.E. which help students communicate, gain motor coordination, and build cognitive skills.
- Learn History and Social Studies

Sylvia stated that the "Good News is that our students are growing and learning every day".

VI. Consent Action Items

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve consent action items letters "A" through "B". The motion carried 6 to 0.

- A. Minutes of the February 4 and 8, 2010, Board Meeting, the Human Resources Report, and the Finance Report.
- B. 2009-2010 District Advisory Committee Membership for Jacob Saunders.

VII. FY-2009 Audit Report

Patty Albenesius, King, Reinsch, Prosser & Co., L.L.P., provided the Board of Directors with booklet handouts and a summary sheet and then gave a brief narrative summary of the FY-2009 Audit Report. She focused primarily on three reports that were included in the booklet:

- 1) Independent Auditor's Report
- 2) Report on Compliance
- 3) Report on Internal Control

VIII. Board Member Reports/Future Meetings

Directors: Grupp, Mounts, and Johnson had no report.

Director Warnstadt stated that she recently attended the Leed's Elementary School music program that correlated with what they are studying in Science. She also attended the West Middle School musical "*Annie*" and said it was a nice evening of entertainment. Saturday evening she attended the NAACP banquet where Dr. Linda Madison received an award. Mrs. Warnstadt stated that the award read: "Linda Madison, a stalwart and faithful crusader of pursuing educational excellence."

Director Williams stated that she attended the Finance Oversight Committee meeting but had no further report.

President Batcheller stated that on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, he, Dr. Gausman, and Director Mounts will be in Des Moines, Iowa, for Legislative Day.

Mr. Batcheller spoke briefly about the recent announcement regarding Representative Wendt, who is stepping down from his position due to health issues, and wished him all the best.

President Batcheller stated that future meetings will be held as follows:

- Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the Educational Service Center's Administrative Conference Room #326.
- Board Policy and Human Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., in the Educational Service Center's Administrative Conference Room #326.
- District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2010, at 5:15 p.m., in the Educational Service Center's Professional Learning Room #105.
- Board Finance and Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2010, at 12:00 p.m., in the Educational Service Center's Finance Conference Room #312.
- Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., in the Educational Service Center's Administrative Conference Room #326.
- Education Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2010, at 1:45 a.m., in the Educational Service Center's Mezzanine "A" Room #111.
- Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., in the Educational Service Center in Alison Benson's office.
- Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2010, at 8:00 a.m., in the Educational Service Center's Finance Conference Room #312.

IX. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gausman shared with the Board of Directors a couple of items:

1) He recently attended AASA's National Conference on Education, where he had the opportunity to hear Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan speak.

2) He also shared the findings from the District's recent Comprehensive Accreditation Site Visit, stating that a formal report will be here in approximately 6-8 weeks. He stated that he was pleased with the results. He then shared some of the positive comments we received, as well as some areas in which the Accreditation Team felt we could discuss strategies for improvement. Their focus was summed up in the following seven areas:

1. Vision, Mission, and Goals
2. Leadership
3. Collaborative Relationships
4. Learning Environment
5. Curriculum and Instruction
6. Professional Development
7. Monitoring and Accountability

Director Jackie Warnstadt took the time to recognize Chad Ryan, an 11th grade student from North High School, who was crowned the State Champion at 130-pound weight class Saturday night at the State Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa.

X. Action Items

A. Preschool Resolution

Jean Peters asked the Board of Directors to consider the recommendation to adopt the Preschool Resolution. President Batcheller read the entire resolution so that everyone could fully understand what was being voted on prior to approval.

Director Johnson moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to adopt a resolution to expressly state our intent to provide preschool services both directly or indirectly, and through our fiscal policies as well as through the use of our buildings and facilities. This resolution formalizes our intent to fully participate in the Preschool Initiative made possible through the Iowa Department of Education. The motion carried 6 to 0.

B. Lowell Demolition Project

Mel McKern spoke briefly about the project to the Board of Directors.

Director Grupp moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the low bid to Hebert Construction Company of Sioux City, Iowa, for the demolition of Lowell Elementary School in the amount of \$68,500. The motion carried 6 to 0.

XI. Discussion/Information

A. FY-2011 Budget Discussion

Gordon Winterlin shared a power point presentation to the Board of Directors. Focusing on the following:

- State Revenue
- How long is this going to last?
- 6-year comparison related to Enrollment per FTE (Full-time employee)
- High School, Middle School and Elementary School Students per Licensed Staff – FY2009 and FY2010
- FY2009 General Fund Expenditures per Pupil by Function (comparison of 6 UEN schools, as well as Sioux City but excluding Cedar Rapids).
- How much do we need to cut?

Mr. Winterlin stated that budget sessions with building Principals are scheduled to begin this week.

B. Strategic Plan Update for Board Policy (BP)

Dr. Gausman stated that this is the third of six priority areas provided to the Board of Directors on the progress of our District's Strategic Plan related to Board Policy.

There are two objectives for the Board Policy priority area:

- Objective #1: Complete a review of all policies older than four (4) years while incorporating the following improvements to the review process: (a) advance notice of meeting agenda/policies to be discussed, (b) technology improvements to allow access to IASB Policy Manual prior to and during meetings and to the district's website during meetings and (c) timely follow up of matters completed during meetings.

Dr. Gausman stated that he is pleased to report that all strategies, action steps and timelines related to this objective in our strategic plan have been completed.

- Objective #2: In consultation with the Superintendent, Human Resources Director and Communications Committee, formulate a recommendation to the board, a plan which begins to incorporate parental and student feedback regarding each teacher/course for the academic year 2009-2010.

Dr. Gausman stated that we are making progress on this objective but may be slightly behind in a couple of areas. However, he felt comfortable that by putting some additional steps in place, we will meet this objective on time

C. Board Policies

- 204.10 Meetings of the Board and Order of Regular Board Meetings

Dr. Gausman stated that this policy will allow the Board of Directors to add hearings to the regular board meeting rather than a separate entity.

XII. Adjourn

Director Grupp moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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