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

Hearing and Discussion

President Jorgensen stated that notice had been provided that a hearing would be held March 10, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public input on the district roof replacement projects which include the music department, metal and automotive shop roof replacement at North High School and the roof replacement for the former Hoover Middle School gymnasium and administrative area. 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.

Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:02.m.

Ronald A. Jorgensen, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

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Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the elimination of the 28E agreement on interpreters. The motion carried 7-0.

Performance by the East High School Musical Theatre of “Les Miserables”

This very talented musical theatre group gave its first place state finish performance for those present at the board meeting. These students have extraordinary talent. Congratulations to them and to their coach Shelly Molland.

Citizen Input

None.

Recognition of Ronnie Luke (National Board Certified Counselor), Donna Walsh and Chris Tee Weixelman (National Board Certified Teachers)

Superintendent Williams introduced each person to be recognized, told a bit about their background and present assignment and then presented them with a small token of our appreciation. He stated that National Board Certification is an extremely rigorous program. President Jorgensen said that he admires those who continually work to improve themselves and offered his congratulations.

Board Member Reports

Director Meyers: Reported that the Board Finance Committee met and went over board goals and had quite the conversations.

Director Batcheller: Stated that there are lots of meetings and collaboration going on trying to reach consensus on budgets, property tax equity and working with the Legislature.

Director Mounts: Visited Crescent Park Elementary School and once again she was very, very impressed. Every classroom had children on task. It was a great experience. Teachers are working really hard and students are engaged. Also, we had one boys' basketball player named to second team all-state—Eric Jorgensen. This brings credit to our district as well.

Director Johnson: Stated that the meeting on staffing at the secondary education level and the one previous to that at the elementary level were excellent. Linda and Brenda did a lot of work and their documents helped to remind everyone how complicated staffing is as so many variables need to be taken into account. Today at a noon he heard Larry speak at Rotary and it was a very nice presentation. It is easy to forget all of the accomplishments during the past nine years. Thanked the superintendent for everything he's done.

President Jorgensen: Stated that we are monitoring a bill that Roger Wendt has written. The bill is trying to make its way through the House Ways and Means Committee. If it does, it will be voted on in the House and Senate. The bill needs a total of 13 votes to bring it out of committee. Representative Wendt feels that they may have nine votes from Democrats and four from Republicans. We are still crossing our fingers.

In thinking about the staffing workshop, there were issues regarding the TAG program, as well as some uncertainties in his own mind. He wants to evaluate the program at this time. We have done this with nursing, transportation and the activities directors. This is another area we need to take a hard look at in regard to the program, mission, objectives, pros, cons and how structured, and come up with some possible changes. President Jorgensen is putting together an ad hoc committee (Directors Mounts and Peterson), some administrators and perhaps some parents as well. President Jorgensen will meet with the superintendent and develop a purpose statement to be distributed to the ad hoc committee.

President Jorgensen announced future meetings as follows:

- ✧ The next meeting of the Building Oversight Committee is scheduled for March 12, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for April 11, 2008, at noon, in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- ✧ The next Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2008, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Finance and Facilities Committee is scheduled for March 12, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Communications Committee is scheduled for March 19, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meetings of the Board Policy/Human Relations Committee are scheduled for April 4, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., and April 25, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ Lexie reminded the board of the special meeting to be held on March 12, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Williams reported that he did have the honor to speak at Downtown Rotary this noon and also to Suburban Rotary last week.

Other pieces of legislation are working their way through subcommittee. The first of which is the bill that would change the election cycle of board members to four years instead of three years. The IASB is opposed, as well as the UEN. Now is the time for the board and other individuals to let our Representatives and Senators know our feelings regarding this bill. The superintendent stated that he doesn't personally favor this bill. It is very difficult to persuade board members to stand for election in the first place, and four years is a very long commitment. A second four-year term would be even more difficult. Another bill speaks to the 17-year old mandatory attendance. Our board has not taken a position. The superintendent stated that he has spoken mildly in favor of this. Representative Wendt has tied another bill to its outcome—a bill to extend allowable growth to 7 percent instead of 5 percent under the at risk budget.

Consent Action Items

Part I

Director Batcheller moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2008, board meeting and work session; the Human Resources Report and the Finance Report. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Peterson abstaining from the board minutes.

Part II

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve for first reading non-discrimination new/revised board policies as follows: 103—Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Creed, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex, Age, Physical/Mental Disability, Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, or Veteran Status; AR103(a)—Sexual Harassment/Definitions; AR103(b)—Complaints of Discrimination/Harassment; AR103(c)—Section 504 Plan; 401.3—Equal Employment, Recruitment, Selection and Affirmative Action; 602.9—Multicultural, Gender Fair Educational Opportunity and the deletion of 103.10—Sexual Harassment and R103.10; 103.11—Nondiscrimination; 401.4—Staff Selection; 503.11—Non-Discrimination of Students and 521—Hazing and AR521. The motion carried 7-0.

Boundary Changes

Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the boundary changes as attached for the new Leeds and Unity Elementary Schools. The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Williams thanked Dr. Linda Madison and Jake Sheets for their efforts on this huge project.

First Reading on School Closures

Director Mounts moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to approve the first reading of the superintendent's recommendation to close Hawthorne, the former Leeds, Lowell and McKinley Elementary Schools at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. The motion carried 7-0.

District Asphalt Maintenance Project

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of \$273,420 for the District's Asphalt Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project and the setting of a hearing date of March 17, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. local time, to receive public input on this project. The motion carried 6-1 with Director Daane voting no.

Discussion/Information

PLATO Report

Doyle Massey presented a summary of where we are with PLATO and where we are going. Technology is still working on the data to see how this is affecting student learning.

ITBS/ITEDS Report

Pete Garlinghouse presented his report on how our students are meeting the level of proficiency that the state feels we need to be at in order to comply with No Child Left Behind.

Discussion of Superintendent's Proposed Budget(s)

Superintendent Williams stated that it was his intent to have the board lead this discussion. Mr. Williams is thinking Option B is the way to go or a variation of Option B. Board consensus was that Option B be chosen.

FY2009 Budget

William Stoneburg went through the following budget issues: Activity Fund, Olsen Stadium, a Review of the Budget Certification Timeline, the Public Advertisement of FY09 Budget (April 3, 2008) and the Budget Hearing and Certification (April 14, 2008).

Semi-Annual Review of Goals (Set for April 14, 2008)

President Jorgensen stated that on April 14, 2008, the semi-annual review of goals will take place.

Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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