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SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
MARCH 12, 2007—5:45 P.M.**

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**Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:48 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda/Adjourn to Closed Session**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion that the board go into closed session to consider the recommendation of the Board-Level Hearing Panel regarding the appeal of student #37453. This session is closed pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e). The motion carried 7-0, and the board retired to closed session at 5:48 p.m.

**Return to Open Session**

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to return to and adjourn from open session. The motion carried 7-0, and the board returned to open session at 6:15 p.m.

**Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. President Batcheller announced that no action would be taken at this time. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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**HEARING  
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**Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

**Hearing and Discussion**

President Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public input on 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. 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 Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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**Hearing and Discussion**

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**Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING  
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**Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to move item VIII A to VIII F and then approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried 7-0.

**Citizen Input**

On behalf of the NAACP, Monique Scarlett, Lorenzo Chavez, Leland Scarlett and Katie Scott addressed the board regarding Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Their group seeks full cooperation from all buildings to celebrate Dr. King's birthday as is the board's desire. The superintendent will work with our principals to see that this is done in the future. The comments read are included with the official minutes.

**Board Member Reports**

Director Mounts: Met with local legislators on Saturday and was pleased with the answers to her questions. Reported that today went to North High School for the celebration of the girls' basketball championship team. It was a great celebration. The boys are also going to state this week. She couldn't help but look at the players and see the diversity of the two groups. They are both very successful as teams and both have a GPA well over 3.0. She was more than proud to see what she saw today.

President Batcheller: Stated that he had also attended the local legislators' meeting at the library. The major concern was that in the past week, coming out of the Education Committee, that there is some movement in changing the SILO bill to a statewide tax and using the use tax as well. He is trying to get some explanation and guarantees. He stated that he was assured by Steve Warnstad, Wes Whitead and Roger Wendt that a bill is being drafted by IASB's Larry Sigel to address this very issue to be brought forward by Roger Wendt. Doug stated that he is holding Roger to the task on this. This is of ultimate interest to this district that it be addressed this year. If we lose this opportunity, the district will be behind the curve as it has been for quite some time.

Superintendent Williams stated that he is pleased that Larry Sigel is involved in writing the draft. He has great regard for Larry but we need to let the IASB know that we want to see it in draft form first.

President Batcheller announced that future meetings would be held as follows:

- 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 Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for March 22, 2007, at noon, 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 Larry D. Williams: Reported that he was at North High School last Tuesday and also today to participate in pep rallies for the girls' and boys' basketball teams. He stated that as a superintendent he is very proud.

President Batcheller stated that the East High School Show Choir is requesting the use of Sunday, April 29, 2007, for a "Best of Siouland" performance at the Orpheum Theatre. A donor is providing the rental on the Orpheum Theatre and other musical groups from around Siouland will be performing. The Sunday usage was requested due to the bad weather which forced many show choirs to cancel their participation in East's Show Choir's major fund raiser on February 24, 2007. Board Consensus was that this request be granted and the board policy will be waived in this case but that it not be seen as a precedent.

### **Report from Northwest Area Education Agency Board Member Dr. Robert Rice**

Dr. Robert Rice, board member, Northwest Area Education Agency, addressed the board. He stated he felt that NWAEA is doing very well and wanted to talk about communication and a customer feedback survey which the agency had conducted. He indicated that their board meets in LeMars on a monthly basis.

He hears division heads saying that communications are going well. He is pleased with the communications from Les Douma each week. Dr. Rice disseminated results from the recent customer feedback survey. He feels NWAEA is serving the students of the area very well and that our communications are very good in that respect.

The superintendent asked to hear from Les Douma or NWAEA board members regarding three or four of the greatest challenges they face at this time.

The board and superintendent thanked Dr. Rice for his service.

### **Consent Action Items**

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of February 26, 2007; the Human Resources Report; and the Finance Report. The motion carried 7-0.

### **\$15,000,000 School Infrastructure Local Option Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007**

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the use of School Infrastructure Local Option Sales and Services Tax Revenues; appoint the paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent; approve the paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent agreement and authorize the execution of same; approve the Tax Exemption Certificate; approve the Continuing Disclosure Certificate; and authorize the terms of issuance and providing for and securing the payment of School Infrastructure Local Option Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Asphalt Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project**

Director Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to direct that bids be sent out 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. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Re-roofing Work**

Director Daane moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to direct that bids be sent out for the re-roofing work for the following locations: Education Service Center; East Middle School (Gym); North High School (pool area); West High School; and Irving Annex (preschool). The motion carried 7-0.

## **District Asbestos Abatement Project**

Director Benson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to award the bid for the district asbestos projects, which includes Clark and Riverside Elementary Schools; Central Campus and Irving Preschool, to McGill Brothers of Omaha, Nebraska, in the amount of \$28,127.00. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Fire Alarm and Life Safety Emergency Lighting**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$149,847 for new fire alarm and life safety emergency lighting at Riverside, Nodland and Clark Elementary Schools; and to set March 26, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the hearing on this project. (Note: The specs may be viewed in the Purchasing Department.) The motion carried 7-0.

## **Board Level Hearing**

Director Daane moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to sustain the changes made by the board at the March 12, 2007, special meeting regarding student #37453 of the document received from the March 8, 2007, Board Hearing-Level panel. After discussion regarding the language, Directors Daane and Johnson withdrew their motion and second. This item will be brought forward for action at the March 26, 2007, board meeting.

## **Discussion/Information**

### *Budget*

Chief Financial Officer William Stoneburg brought forth information regarding: the Sales Tax Fund; Olsen Stadium Fund—the Superintendent stated that those who attend events are supporting their individual schools, not the district; and the Food Services Fund—there will be no increase in breakfasts or lunches for next school year. Mr. Stoneburg also presented the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget timeline, stating that March 26 is the last meeting that we can change the overall allocations.

Budget revenue assumptions were discussed. Quite a bit of discussion focused on the possibility of a middle school activities program. Citizen input was received from Lorie Pearson who supervises several youth groups in Sioux City. She likes the idea of trying the program with track and soccer for the next school year.

President Batcheller asked if the board could live with a 4.9 percent increase. This is the level which we were at the year before last. There were no objections from board members regarding the 4.9 percent increase, so consensus was that Mr. Stoneburg prepare the material for the next board meeting reflecting that figure.

### **Title I Report and Reading Initiatives Including Budget Information**

Linda Northcutt, along with Joan Dodds, presented information on Title I and the district's Reading Initiatives Program. The Reading Recovery Program is a twelve to twenty week session. This program is a major component of our interventions with students.

### **Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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