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Hearing and Discussion

President Jorgensen stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 17, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public input on the district's Asphalt Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project.

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 Daane moved and Director Batcheller the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Ronald A. Jorgensen, President
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Approval of Agenda

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the movement of the GASB45 report to be included with the preliminary budget vote. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Input

Alan Heisterkamp, representing the Waitt Institute on Violence Prevention, presented each middle school principal with a \$1,000 check for their building, to thank them and also to encourage them to continue their work with violence prevention in their schools.

Recognition of Kathy Bernard

Superintendent Williams introduced Kathy Bernard (along with Head Nurse Julie Lambert and Longfellow Elementary School Principal Mary Motz). Kathy was selected out of 338 nominees as one of *Iowa's Great Nurses*. He congratulated her for her commitment to students.

Board Member Reports/Future Meetings

Director Mounts: Reported they had 235 high school TAG students at Morningside College today for a TAG exchange day. The day opened with Les Miserables and the program was wonderful. She did not see anybody who wasn't on their best behavior. It was a remarkable day.

Director Johnson: Had a question as to the number of students to be housed at the proposed new Smith Elementary School. He had heard that the number was over 700. Mr. Williams indicated that he and Dr. Madison are looking at this issue. Apparently some information got to the architect prior to the superintendent's meeting with them about Smith. The superintendent has now had conversations with a group of folks who are looking at this.

President Jorgensen announced future meetings as follows:

- ✧ The next Student Achievement Committee meetings are scheduled for April 11 and 25, 2008, at noon, in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for April 28, 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 April 8, 2008, at noon, 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.

Superintendent's Report

- ✧ Saturday morning stopped by the East High School Show Choir Festival. The festival enjoyed much success as the weather was good this year. Things went very smoothly—musically as well as logistically.
- ✧ Reminded the board that this Thursday is the day set aside for the Sioux City UEN Lobby Day in Des Moines.
- ✧ Reported that he had the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting for the West High School Get Green Student Lounge, the program was student-conducted and it was a wonderful event. Thanked the large number of businesses and community people. The board received a certificate of thanks from West High School.

Consent Action Items

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 3 and 5, 2008, work sessions, and the March 10 and 12, 2008, board meeting minutes; the Human Resources Report and the Finance Report. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Peterson abstaining from the March work session notes.

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve for second and final 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(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 AR103.10; 103.11—Nondiscrimination; 401.4—Staff Selection; 503.11—Non-Discrimination of Students and 521—Hazing and AR521. The motion carried 7-0.

Second Reading on School Closures

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the second 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.

Preliminary Approval of FY2009 Budget

Mr. Stoneburg reviewed GASB 45 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Other Post Employment Benefits Other than Pensions.

Mr. Stoneburg stated that the consensus of the Board Finance Committee is that there not be an increase in student fees, except for the slight increase in breakfast and lunch program costs.

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve Alternative II, FY2009 General Fund budget (with no leasing of buses this year and a \$200,000 increase to the Cash Reserve Levy). The motion failed 4 to 3 with Directors Jorgensen, Daane, Peterson and Mounts voting no and Directors Meyers, Johnson and Batcheller voting yes.

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve Alternative I which includes \$100,000 for a five-year bus lease, plus a \$300,000 increase to the Cash Reserve Levy. The motion carried 4 to 3 with Directors Jorgensen, Daane, Peterson and Mounts voting yes and Directors Meyers, Johnson and Batcheller voting no.

Director Daane moved and Director seconded the motion to approve the original Sales Tax Budget plan discussed in June. The motion carried 4 to 3 with Directors Jorgensen, Daane, Peterson and Mounts voting yes and Directors Meyers, Johnson and Batcheller voting no.

Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the adjusted original PPEL. The motion carried 4 to 3 with Directors Jorgensen, Daane, Peterson and Mounts voting yes and Directors Meyers, Johnson and Batcheller voting no.

Director Batcheller reported that the public advertisement of the FY2009 budget will happen on April 3, 2008. The budget hearing and certification will take place at the April 14, 2008, board meeting.

28E Agreement With Northwest Area Education Agency

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the 28E agreement between the Sioux City Community School District and the Northwest Area Education Agency which provides for interpreters for special education students and/or their parents whose primary language is other than English. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Daane abstaining.

Carpet Bid

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the low bid of \$83,473 from Fashion Floors to carpet areas in Clark and Riverside Elementary and West High Schools. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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