

**BUDGET HEARING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
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**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Jorgensen called the budget 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 was provided that a budget hearing would be held April 14, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. local time. 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. No citizen Input was received.

**Hearing on the Proposed Sioux City School Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

President Jorgensen announced that the Board of Directors reviewed the proposed budget summary for 2008-2009 on March 17, 2008, and that notice was given in *The Sioux City Journal* on March 31, 2008, that a budget hearing would be held on April 14, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. local time. He indicated that any person who is subject to the school tax levy shall be heard in favor of or in opposition to the proposed budget or any part thereof. The internal budget is an operating guide for both estimating receipts and controlling expenditures so line items can be adjusted during the year. If the budget adoption can be approved at this time, the Business Office will complete the required forms for certification.

**Citizen Input**

None

**Action Needed on 2008-2009 Proposed Budget**

President Jorgensen stated that the Board of Education needs to take action on the 2008-2009 proposed budget and property tax levy by adopting or modifying the joint recommendation of the superintendent and the chief financial officer of the district.

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the 2008-2009 proposed budget. Chief Financial Officer Stoneburg went through the budget totals for the board. This year's property tax askings will increase by 1.67 percent. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Adjourn**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the budget hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the budget hearing adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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Ronald A. Jorgensen, President  
SCCSD Board of Directors

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Alexandra B. Sprague, Secretary  
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**REGULAR MEETING  
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**Call to Order**

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meyers, Mounts and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

**Citizen Input**

Audie Baughman addressed the board on behalf of the West High School Dance Squad. This group is not happy that the dance squad was moved from being a class to being held prior to school. He read a prepared statement which is included with the official minutes. The group he represents feels the decision made by the administration of West High School is unfair.

Superintendent Williams stated that he has been asked to review this issue by the principal; there have been delays; he has continued to ask questions and has been asked to render a decision. He said that he is not prepared to do so until at least after the meeting on this issue scheduled for this Thursday (Principal Vanderloo had asked him to meet with the instructors).

**Board Member Reports**

Director Mounts: On Friday she attended the Middle School Leadership event at Long Lines. The idea behind this event was to invite students who may or may not be leaders in the traditional sense but who still have leadership skills. Then to teach them to step forward to be leaders. There were many students of color and over 140 students in attendance. She felt that each activity was pretty wonderful.

Director Daane: As a board he feels that we had the best week we've had since he's been on the board. After all the work done by the board and community the SILO bill passed the House. This will be huge for our community if it passes the Senate and is signed by the Governor. As a taxpayer he thanked the superintendent whom he feels has left a legacy that will pay off for generations. There is tremendous potential if this bill is approved by the Senate. He thanked the board president for his leadership during the superintendent search. He stated that he had attended the Career Day at East Middle School last Friday and this event always makes him appreciate what teachers do.

Director Meyers: Stated that he has been on the board for six months but has seen many marvels, i.e., the collective bargaining bill which apparently was somebody's dream and got to the Governor's desk in 24 hours, as well as the sales tax issue which the board has worked on for years. On the capital side, this bill is worth an additional one to two million dollars per year. This bill will be of great benefit indeed.

Director Batcheller: Apologized to the district and people for any embarrassment he may have brought to them as a result of the Des Moines incident. He summoned a call to arms to those who are interested in their taxes that if this collective bargaining bill is allowed to pass, the board's hands will be tied. He feels there is lots of danger in this legislation. Larry Williams, John Meyers, Walt Johnson and he went down to lobby on the sales tax bill two weeks ago

President Jorgensen: Stated that we had a great week. This is a very passionate board, superintendent, administration and staff. That makes it a pleasure to serve on this board. It takes years and years of lobbying and being persistent to pass legislation such as the SILO bill. We will truly celebrate when this thing happens.

He stated that we had a very successful search process. Steve Crary made it so easy on all of us. Feels we have a top quality superintendent to take over this huge ship. As Mr. Jorgensen said in the *Journal*, "Boy does he have some large shoes to fill." Dr. Gausman knows that Larry Williams is well loved. Board stepped up to the task and it was a worthwhile exercise.

### **Future Meetings**

President Jorgensen announced future meetings as follows:

- ✧ The next Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2008, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Communications Committee is scheduled for April 16, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Finance and Facilities Committee is scheduled for April 22, 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 meeting of the Board Policy/Human Relations Committee is scheduled for May 2, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2008, at noon, in the Education Service Center.

## **Superintendent's Report**

He stated that his comments will center on the choice of the new superintendent. As a bystander to the process, he commended the board on a very professional, high caliber search process. He's not seen any better. He is proud of the board for choosing four viable candidates, so they had a legitimate choice to make. He honestly believes that we are posed for the next chapter. He talked with Dr. Gausman for a bit last evening and he will speak with him at great length in the future. Dr. Gausman wanted this job and was prepared to put his best foot forward by studying our community. Mr. Williams admires him for that. He wishes him well and the district as well. He said that he told Dr. Gausman that he is acquiring a dedicated staff.

## **Consent Action Items**

### *Part I*

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 17 board meeting and the March 18, 2008, board work session; the Human Resources Report and the Finance Report. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Batcheller abstaining from the finance report.

### *Part II*

Director Johnson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading AR103(b)—Complaints of Discrimination/Harassment and approval of the West High School Certificate of Deposit Investment at First National Bank Midtown. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Approval of School Closures**

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve 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.

## **Transitional Kindergarten**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the implementation of a transitional kindergarten classroom at the Clark Elementary School contingent upon having a minimum of 16 students registered for the program. A second transitional kindergarten classroom would be implemented at Nodland Elementary School if a total of 16 or more students registered. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Asphalt Bids**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to award the asphalt bids for the 2008 district's asphalt projects to Barkley Asphalt in the amount of \$92,000.00 and Knife River in the amount of \$65,538.45 for a total of \$157,538.45. The motion lost 4-3 with Directors Daane, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson voting no.

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve all asphalt projects with the exception of Joy and Longfellow Elementary School to be held in abeyance following further action. The motion carried 6-1 with Director Batcheller voting no.

## **Furniture Bids**

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to accept the package bid from School Specialty in the amount of \$384,394.00 and award General Business the amount of \$79,967.00 for the Leeds Elementary School furnishing project totaling \$464,361.00, and accept the low bid from School Specialty in the amount of \$410,259.12 and award General Business/Office Elements the amount of \$41,059.00 for the Unity Elementary School furnishing project for a total of \$451,318.12. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Library Media Standards and Benchmarks**

Director Meyers moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the Library/Media Benchmarks and Standards. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Discussion/Information**

### *Activities Code*

Superintendent Williams stated that last year the Board Policy Committee, due to the impetus of Jim Daane, revised the activities code. It's simplified, shorter and not materially changed that much. Director Daane worked with our attorney, activities directors, Board Policy Committee and administration. Dawn Mastalir stated that it was very well produced, more readable, more usable, and no changes that raise legal issues for the district.

### *Secondary Language Arts Materials Purchase*

Mary Jo Salem went through the process used to arrive at the secondary language arts curriculum materials adoption recommendation. She thanked Linda Garlinghouse, Marsha O'Mara and Judy Hamer for planning these meetings and doing much of the facilitation.

*Hawthorne, Lowell and McKinley Appraisals*

Larry Williams stated that the appraisals for Hawthorne and McKinley are for the building and land but Lowell is appraised only for the land as the building is in such poor shape. He received a letter from the City of Sioux City inquiring what our intentions are for McKinley. He suggested that the board authorize administration to discuss with the Board Finance Committee various means of advertising these buildings. He's not so quick to advertise the sale of Hawthorne. John Meyers asked him to share the possible sale of these buildings with the City of Sioux City.

*Proposed Technology Purchases*

John Pritchard presented proposed technology purchases, i.e., SAN/centralized backup system, server replacement and utilization software.

*Professional Development Calendar*

LuAnn Richardson presented the proposed 2008-2009 professional development calendar.

*Report on Progress of Board Goals*

President Jorgensen asked the board committee chairpersons to report on the progress of the board's goals.

**Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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