

**SPECIAL MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
JULY 16, 2007—5:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane (arrived at 5:32 p.m.), Johnson, Jorgensen and Mounts. Absent: Director Peterson.

**Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to go into a closed session to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. The minutes and the tape recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed as provided in Section 21.5(j) of the Code of Iowa. The motion carried 6-0, and the board retired to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

**Return to Open Session**

Director Johnson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried 6-0, and the board returned to open session at 6:08 p.m. President Batcheller announced that no action would be taken following this special meeting.

**Adjourn**

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the special session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
JULY 16, 2007—6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a proposal regarding property acquisition of properties at the Smith Elementary School site; and to move Board Polity 504.4 and AR504.4—Anti-Harassment/Bullying as a separate vote. The motion carried 6-0.

**Citizen Input**

None.

**Board Member Reports**

Director Daane: Reported that he had seen an article in the newspaper that an issue regarding speed zones was going to be discussed at a city meeting. He and Director Johnson attended the meeting. Only three non-elected officials were at the meeting. Directors Daane and Johnson stated that they felt more public notice should have been given regarding this meeting.

Mel McKern indicated one week from today the city will study this in a work session. Mr. McKern will obtain a copy of the city report and forward it to the board.

Superintendent Williams was directed to indicate to the City of Sioux City that our board feels more public involvement should be available regarding this issue.

Director Mounts: Spent the better part of a day last week at a Beyond the Bell program at West Middle. She was quite pleased. It's highly organized and the staff is skilled. She asked some of the third graders what they liked best about Beyond the Bell, all of their answers related to academics. They don't like kids who say bad words and are bullies.

Director Mounts also stated that she had three best friends from high school in town and that she has taken them all over town and they are very impressed with Sioux City and our new buildings.

Director Jorgensen: Last Friday night he drove around town looking at the two new elementary schools being built and the progress at West High School. He asked Mr. McKern if the new schools were on schedule and Mr. McKern stated that they will be ready.

President Batcheller: Reported that he, the superintendent and Bill Stoneburg will attend an IASB financial management conference in Ames and then they will be visiting with superintendents and board presidents about our law suit regarding property tax equity. On Thursday, they will help select the new T. E. Davidson winner for this year.

President Batcheller announced future meetings as follows:

- ✧ The next Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for July 31, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for July 31, 2007, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for August 14, 2007, at 4:10 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2007, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

### **Superintendent's Report—Larry D. Williams**

Superintendent Williams reported that there is an issue with water pressure at the Leeds Elementary School site. We are negotiating with the City of Sioux City regarding this issue.

Superintendent Williams announced that a board work Session on assessment will be held August 1, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. This meeting, of course, is open to the public.

A Property Tax Equity Power Point was shown. This Power Point will be shared with Iowa superintendents and board presidents on July 18, 2007, at 4:30 p.m., in the Scheman Building on the Iowa State Campus.

A "Get Green" presentation was made West High students Emily Sullivan and Merci Wolf following their introduction by Jason Klingensmith, Activities Director and Assistant Principal. This program was designed to revitalize West High School. The board congratulated them on improving their high school and involving students and community businesses.

## **Report By the District Advisory Committee**

Mike Krysl, Chair-Elect of the District Advisory Committee, presented the report from this group for the 2006-2007 school year. The Committee studied the appropriate emphasis on academics, student mental health in the schools and the student Code.

### **Consent Action Items Part I**

Director Daane moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the board meeting minutes of June 18 and 25, 2007; the Human Resources Report; the F.T.E. report for May 31, 2007; and the Finance Report. The motion carried 5-1 with President Batcheller abstaining from the finance report.

### **Consent Action Items Part II**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve Board Policies 800.2 and AR800.2 (Fixed Assets) for first reading; and the Work Comp and G.L. Insurance Renewal for year July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, at an approximate cost of \$1,316,686, which is \$82,745 less than last year's cost. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Board Policy 504.4 and AR504.4**

Director Benson moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to approve Board Policy 504.4 and AR504.4 (Anti-harassment/bullying) for first and final reading. The motion carried 5-0, with Director Daane voting no.

### **Smith Elementary school Project Site Purchases of Homes**

Director Benson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to authorize the superintendent and/or the district's attorney to negotiate with the proposed owners and enter into contracts for the purchase of the seventeen properties identified in the new Smith Elementary school Project Site, at the acquisition price plus moving/relocation expenses not to exceed the parameters and guidelines discussed at the board's work session held June 6, 2007. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Teacher Quality Committee Membership**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the membership of the Teacher Quality Committee. The motion carried 5-1 with Director Daane voting no.

## **Approval to Seek Supplemental Services Grant**

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the seeking of a Supplemental Services grant which would provide tutorial support and summer school programming for our three middle schools. The motion carried 6-0.

## **Change Orders**

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the change orders 1-2007—for additional work that needed to be done because of poor soil conditions discovered when Certified Testing tested the compaction for paving of the realigned Logan Street. Several feet of earth had to be removed and stabilizing material installed to bring the road surface up to compaction requirements for paving. This change order is in the amount of an added \$21,235.24; and 2-2007—for work done to correct the erosion caused by the rapid thaw of the last snow fall this past spring. This is work that was not covered by the contract. It was necessary to repair the erosion at the time the contractor was on site. This change order is in the amount of an added \$22,760.00. The motion carried 6-0.

## **Tower Lease**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson to set August 13, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., for a hearing to consider the option and land lease with Verizon Wireless. The motion carried 5-0 with Director Daane abstaining.

## **Resolution Regarding No Child Left Behind**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the resolution regarding No Child Left Behind as suggested by the Iowa Association of School Boards. The motion carried 5-1 with President Batcheller voting no.

## **2008 IASB Legislative Action Priorities**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the same five priorities which the board chose for the 2007 legislative session. The motion carried 6-0.

## **Discussion/Information**

Linda Garlinghouse presented a report on the Reading First program in use in our building.

John Pritchard gave a report on the Technology Department and talked about the reorganization of the department.

## **Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.