

**CLOSED SESSION  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
AUGUST 28, 2006—5:30 P.M.**

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AUGUST 28, 2006—5:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the closed session to order at 5:32 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen and Mounts.

**Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session**

Director Johnson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the agenda and then to go into 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 went into executive session at 5:33 p.m.

**Return to/Adjourn From Open Session**

Director Benson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to return to and adjourn from the special meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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**HEARING**  
**SIoux CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER**  
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**HEARING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
AUGUST 28, 2006—6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:07 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen and Mounts.

**Hearing and Discussion**

President Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held August 28, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public input on the Leeds Elementary School earthwork project; and that 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 Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 6-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING  
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**REGULAR MEETING  
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**Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Citizen Input**

None.

**Board Member Reports**

Director Mounts: One week ago she attended a block party on 28<sup>th</sup> Street organized by a parent. People of all ages attended and they donated school supplies.

Director Benson: At their last meeting, the Board Finance Committee spent time talking about the property tax equity legislation and visited with Larry Sigel, IASB, to understand what he believes the agenda might be for looking at the next legislative session. Mr. Sigel will be attending a meeting at the Chamber on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. The Finance Oversight Committee met at Irving to see the new school and it was quite a nice tour. They had the opportunity to see the kids coming into their classrooms.

Director Daane:

- The Student Achievement Committee met one week ago with most secondary administrators in attendance, and discussion took place on their implementation of the amendment to the attendance policy. It's quite a change from what we've done in the past. In regard to No Child Left Behind requirements, it was noted that daily attendance is not a factor in high school as it is in grades K-8, but the graduation rate is.

- Received a number of phone calls this summer from parents who had been at athletic events where parent behavior was atrocious. He felt that at some point we need to discuss this issue at a board work session or at a public meeting. It is more and more difficult to find people to coach our kids as parents are acting so immaturely regarding coaches and also our athletes.
- He attended a legislative advocacy meeting at Emmetsburg last week. Margaret Buckton of the IASB presented a fabulous program. Ms. Buckton brought along the 2006-2007 IASB legislative priorities and he noticed that the equity issue has dropped substantially since last year. We need to keep pushing this issue with our colleagues and legislators.

Director Batcheller:

- He attended the United Way kickoff at Irving last week; walked through the building for the first time and got a real kick out of it, as well as did others from United Way and the community.
- Addressed a Letter to the Editor that was in the *Sioux City Journal* several days ago in regard to the former Riverview property (we sold this property to Habitat for Humanity) stating that the board had not listened to the public. We had three meetings on this issue and received no public input. We believe Riverside Elementary School has a nice play area. It is important to stay on task with our promise to the community that if there are sites that we no longer choose to use, that we do our best to quickly return them to the tax roles—which is what we did, as Habitat for Humanity plans to building 14 to 16 new houses on this property.
- Received an e-mail from Lew Finch looking for questions/issues that we would like addressed by the IASB during the legislative session. If the board has anything different from what we previously gave to the IASB, please get them to Lexie so she can pass them along.

President Batcheller announced future meetings as follows:

- The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for August 30, 2006, at 4:10 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meetings of the Board Finance Committee are scheduled for September 6 and 13, 2006, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next Equity Committee meeting is scheduled for September 12, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.

- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for September 12, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Building Oversight Committee is scheduled for September 14, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2006, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Williams:

- In regard to property tax equity, it is very significant that the IASB has positioned itself again to be leading the discussion on this issue in significant ways. The issue was temporarily resolved in part but over time it will reappear. IASB believes that there are, at a minimum, some technical corrections that need to be made, as well as some strategic steps that would help. Glad they are doing what they are doing and he feels we can help in establishing a coalition and will talk to the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce and others in the community, as well as legislators.
- We had an incident that occurred at Leeds this weekend. Water damage occurred which resulted from a disruption of water flow to a water cooler. Had some damage in two classrooms and the bathroom and some carpets in other rooms. Until dried out, O & M cannot fully assess the damage. One parquet floor is completely ruined. The office is damaged as well along with the copier. We have had to vacate two classrooms at this time.
- The opening of Irving continues to be newsworthy. There was a nice article in the *Sioux City Journal's* Siouxland Business Journal that came out this last week, coupled with Jenny Welp's front-page story as well as good coverage by the TV stations. We are currently assessing the possibility of a commemorative brochure or booklet being compiled for distribution.
- At Rotary today, I stated that while I was proud of the builder and the school, I also was proud to acknowledge the City's cooperation in joint venturing on the use of Willie Joe Park.
- The opening of school is never perfect, but this one has been described as quite smooth.

## **Executive Report of the Feasibility Study Committee on the Sioux City School Foundation**

Mr. Williams indicated that there once was a school foundation that had since lapsed. After some time, and working with the Board Finance Committee, the funds were moved into a community foundation with the idea that there was a governing board that would pay attention to the investment of those dollars. Within the last year, he heard that there are a substantial number of schools across the nation—including Iowa—which have formed school foundations. He was unaware for a time that the IASB had engaged an individual to work with Iowa schools in the formation of school foundations. With the knowledge of the board, he established an ad hoc committee of citizens and educators to meet during the summer to see if there were strategies we might devise in this effort. James Collogan from the National School Foundation Association was contacted to work with the ad hoc committee. Mr. Williams stated that he received positive feedback from those invited to be a part of this committee.

Jim Collogan reported that the committee met May through July 2006. This was a very good group of citizens. Jim presented a PowerPoint presentation with information on what a foundation is and how it is formed and its value, as well as the challenges. Education is the second largest recipient of charitable donations in the United States. Deb Hubbard, Siouxland Community Foundation, is pleased to act as an umbrella group to the district's foundation. Ed DenBeste, ad hoc committee spokesperson, indicated that now that the district is on a better financial footing, he feels now is the time to move forward on this project. He further stated that we need six to eight people to craft how the foundation will walk before it begins to run. Mr. Collogan feels that in the long-term the foundation will require staff. The district needs to seek out opportunities for people to support the foundation. He thanked those who served on the foundation feasibility study committee. The superintendent expressed his appreciation to the members of the committee, stating that he was very impressed with how assiduously the group got down to its task. He appreciated the very succinct report.

Director Daane had a question regarding foundations already in our schools. It was stated that the goal of this committee is not to supplant the work of those foundations. We would not target the same donor base although there may be some overlap. Mr. Daane stated that he hopes that we would consult with the other schools' foundations. This would be done as the object is not to duplicate donor bases. Their focus would be for those folks who do not live in Sioux City. East and West High Schools currently have nationwide donor lists. We could possibly collaborate in the area of planned giving.

Ed DenBeste indicated that this foundation would only be formed to work with the board and have its blessing. Mr. Williams said that if we could get three or four potential board members who would be willing to serve on such a foundation board, we could engage in conversation with the other foundations in our schools.

Director Mounts indicated that she felt the public relations component of it is important as we don't sell ourselves very well. Director Batcheller stated that the issues of trust and accomplishment will come if the dream is important. We should push hard to see that this is accomplished and continued for those who come behind us. We can design for ourselves what we believe is appropriate for our students and community.

The superintendent stated that he wanted enough of a sense from the board that this is a worthy pursuit. Board consensus was that this was indeed a worthy pursuit.

### **Consent Action Items, Parts I and II**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve Part I of the consent action items, which consisted of the minutes of the August 14, 2006, board meeting; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 5-0 with Director Batcheller abstaining on the finance report.

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve Part II of the consent action items which consisted of the approval of second and final reading of Board Policy 605.4—Graduation Requirements and AR605.4; and approval of the first reading of Board Policies—604.1—Student Guidance and Counseling Program; 1001.80—Distribution of Out-of-District Materials and Ar1001.80; 503.4—School-Sponsored Events; 504.10—Student Injury and Illness at School; 402-10—Physical Examinations; and 451.54—Employee: Continuation of Health Insurance Plan. The motion carried 5-1 with Director Daane voting no on Board Policy 605.4 (AR605.4).

### **Setting of Hearing on Property**

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion that the Board of Directors set a hearing for September 11, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time, to take public input on the execution and delivery of a warranty deed conveying part of Peters Avenue, lying between South Rustin Street and South Cecelia Street, Sioux City, Iowa, to the City of Sioux City. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Setting of Hearing on Property**

Director Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion that the Board of Directors set a hearing for September 11, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time, to receive public input on the conveyance of a piece of property lying to the rear of the Washington Elementary School. The motion carried 6-0.

### **District Advisory Committee Membership**

Director Johnson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the recommendation of the Interview Committee, consisting of Directors Mounts and Johnson, to seat Dr. David Chobar and Mrs. Zena Berenstein on the District Advisory Committee for three-year terms. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Not to Exceed \$12,945,000 School Infrastructure Local Option Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bond Anticipation Project Notes (Refunding), Series 2006A**

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the resolution appointing Bankers Trust Company, N.A. of Des Moines, Iowa, to serve as paying agent, note registrar, and transfer agent; and approving the paying agent, note registrar, and transfer agent agreement and authorizing the execution of same. The motion carried 6-0.

Director Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the Tax Exemption Certificate. The motion carried 6-0.

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Benson seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the Approval of Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The motion carried 6-0.

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of \$12,945,000 school infrastructure local option sales and services tax revenue bond anticipation project notes (refunding), Series 2006A. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Designation of Bank Depositories**

Director Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion that the Board of Directors approve the designation of bank depositories as follows: First Federal Savings Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; US Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Pinnacle Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Pioneer Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Security National Bank, Sioux

City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Wells Fargo Bank Iowa, NA, Sioux City, Iowa—\$75,000,000.00; Bank of America, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Commercial Federal Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; First American Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; First National Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; Heritage Bank, Iowa; Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; Iowa Nebraska State Bank, South Sioux City, Nebraska (Sioux City, Iowa)—\$10,000,000.00; Central Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; Liberty National Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00 and ISJIT—\$2,000,000. (The approval of this item, recorded in the board minutes, will satisfy Iowa Code 12c requirements for state guaranty of all district deposits.) The motion carried 4-0, with Directors Jorgensen and Benson abstaining.

### **IASB Delegate Assembly**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion that the Board of Directors appoint Jim Daane as their delegate to the 2006 IASB Delegate Assembly. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Unity Elementary School Earthwork Project**

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion that the Board of Directors award the contract for the Unity Elementary School earthwork to Lieber Construction, Inc., of Lawton, Iowa, in the amount of \$979,822.00. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Discussion/Information**

Marilyn Charging reported on Equity Department's programs and services.

Superintendent Williams brought forth for discussion Board Policies 504.13 (AR504.13)—Head Lice; and 503.2 (AR503.2)—Student Organizations (which will go back to the Board Policy Committee).

President Doug Batcheller discussed Goal Setting for 2006-2007 with the board. Director Daane stated that he felt we needed a full-time PR person to let the public know the good things that are happening in this district. Other board members agreed. Director Mounts reported that she felt that there are advantages to such a position. Superintendent Williams will develop a needs statement, benchmark of duties necessary and present it as part of the budget cycle.

Superintendent stated that he had received high praise for staff development and from teachers for how we were prepared for curriculum. Other changes we made for staff development is appearing to have a positive impact on teachers in approaching their work. It is worth keeping our ear to the grape vine.

## **Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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