

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the special meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Daane moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the closed session. The motion carried 7-0, and the board adjourned to closed session at 6:04 p.m..

Return to Open Session

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried 7-0, and the board returned to open session at 6:17 p.m. President Jorgensen stated that no action would be taken.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the board adjourned from the special meeting at 6:17 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:-17 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 7-0.

Citizen Input

None.

Recognition

Superintendent Williams recognized Director Judy Peterson for being honored by the Woodbury County Labor Council for her work in the labor movement throughout many years.

Board Member Reports

Director Daane: Reported that he and Director Mounts had the pleasure of meeting with several secondary staffs regarding the student achievement action plan. They will complete these meetings in the near future. A final report will then be submitted to the board.

Director Batcheller: Visited the new edition at West Middle School, and it goes very well with the older section. The staff is very pleased.

Director Johnson: Began his walk-arounds in the secondary schools to get a baseline of the posters regarding the student achievement gap that are up now as he wants to compare them later as it progresses as more emphasis is placed on reducing the achievement gap.

President Jorgensen: Mentioned that the ISAB Delegate for the annual convention needs to be selected at the next board meeting. He asked that Director Daane, with his property tax expertise, be the delegate. Board consensus was that Director Daane be named the delegate and he agreed to serve in this post.

President Jorgensen announced future committee meeting as follows:

- Public Relations Committee is scheduled for September 14, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., in the Education Service.

- Equity Committee is scheduled for September 20, 2005, at noon, in the Education Service Center.
- Board Finance Committee is scheduled for September 21, 2005, at noon, in the Education Service Center.
- Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams: Very pleased with our school district, faculty, staff, principals, and with central administration as we've had a generally smooth opening. Made the decisions on the class sizes at the elementary level and are working on the secondary level at this time.

Quite satisfied that the Transportation Department is running smoothly, not at the 100 percent mark, but so much improved. Commended the drivers, aides, Mel McKern, and his staff, including his point person Jean Peters. Glad consultant had an on-site person for several days.

Many central administrators visited schools during the first few days of school. It's an absolute delight to be out in the schools during the first days of school. Thanks to everybody, especially the principals and teachers who transform the school and children in just a matter of days.

Returned from the City Superintendents' meeting this afternoon. He related a few areas of discussion. Sorry to have missed the Rotary meeting with board candidates appearing. Stated that SAI is putting in a great deal of time on the IPERS system.

Mentioned property tax equity and there was not a lot of discussion or questions. Feels with the state superintendents we have a way to go. We are going to have to let the school board members of the IASB get to their superintendents. He would have had more support of Eric Witherspoon had been present.

Every football team from Sioux City won—all four highs and both colleges.

Board of Directors Election to Northwest AEA Permanent Board

We have been contacted by Les Douma, administrator elect of the merged areas 4 and 12. Every district in both AEAS must hold a convention to select members for the merged AEA. Our district will elect three candidates. Our convention will be held November 14, 2005, and LIST THE CANDIDATES AND #.

Consent Action Items

Director Johnson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the minutes from board meetings held August 22, 2005; the human resources report; the finance report, and the placement of two individuals pursuant to Iowa Code Section 282.9. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Batcheller abstaining.

O & M Paving Project

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$59,657 for removing and replacing existing asphalt paving located at the southwest corner of the Operation and Maintenance building located at 2620 – 28th Street. The motion carried 7-0.

Hoover Building/Heartland Community Baptist Church Lease

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the setting of the hearing date on this proposed lease for September 26, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information

Pete Garlinghouse presented the Annual Progress Report to the board. This report will be placed on our website by September 15, 2005. Mr. Garlinghouse was commended for his work on this report.

Rich Luze addressed the board regarding his Food Service Report. He was congratulated for the fine work he is doing in this department.

Mel McKern spoke to the board regarding a change order for the new Irving Elementary School—\$37,538. This change order is for dirt that was brought to the site to fill the excavation at the old Woodrow Wilson building site.

Mel McKern presented the change order for the North High School HVAC project for a credit of \$30,068. This credit is due to the elimination of mechanical insulation on exterior ductwork, plus the addition of insulation to the boiler combustion air ductwork.

Mr. Williams welcomed members of this grant committee. Carlos Venable-Ridley and Dr. Herb Kuehne shared the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative report and the difference this grant has made for our students. The final evaluation is not yet completed. Jim Rixner, steering committee member, reported on the sustainability of the mental health aspect of this grant. Mr. Williams stated that the principals are most hopeful that this aspect of the program will be continued, and Mr. Rixner indicated that school-based mental health programs will be continued in this system. Mr. Williams thanked Jim, the Mental Health Service,

and the county for their funding this program in our system. Carlos addressed the issue of health resources that are available in the community through nurses from the Siouxland Health Department.

There is very little cost to the sustainability of these programs. Mr. Venable-Ridley states that accountability is a necessary part of this sustainability.

Sergeant Tony Sunclades reported that the SROs at East and West Middle Schools are in danger of being cut by the City of Sioux City (half of their salaries paid by the district).

Jean Carlson mentioned that with the cameras and mirrors installed in the schools, we have reached more than the 20 percent of students reached which was mentioned by Dr. Kuehne. Carlos, Jean Carlson, and the steering committee were applauded for their efforts on behalf of the students in the Sioux City Community School District.

William Stoneburg spoke with the board regarding construction and debt planning for the second ten years of the Local Option Sales Tax via the use of a PowerPoint presentation. Board discussion took place regarding this issue. Mr. Stoneburg will work up some additional scenarios for the board in order that they may make an intelligent decision. Board consensus was that there is a high likelihood that we will move ahead with two projects sooner rather than later. Mr. Williams will recommend an architect to the board at their next meeting.

Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.