

**HEARING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
MARCH 27, 2006—6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson. Absent: Director Johnson.

**Hearing and Discussion**

President Batcheller stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 27, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time. This is held for the purpose of hearing public input and hearing the second reading of the superintendent's recommendation to close the old Irving Elementary School once the new school has opened.

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 6:03 p.m.

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**Call to Order**

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

**Hearing and Discussion**

President Batcheller stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 27, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time. This is held for the purpose of hearing public input on the Whittier Elementary School boiler/chimney replacement.

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 Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 6-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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### **Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson. Absent: Director Johnson.

### **Hearing and Discussion**

President Batcheller stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 27, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time. This is held for the purpose of hearing public input on the 2006-2007 North High School irrigation well 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 Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 6-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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### **Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson. Absent: Director Johnson.

### **Hearing and Discussion**

President Batcheller stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 27, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of taking public input on the 2006-2007 North High School concessions building and dugout 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 Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 6-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
MARCH 27, 2006—6:00 p.m.**

### **Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson. Absent: Director Johnson.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Citizen Input**

Gary Brown and Glen Sedivy addressed the board, regarding the placement of a communications tower by STARCOMM near West Middle School, to thank the superintendent and the board and to invite them to a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 12, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., at Western Iowa Tech Community College. Superintendent Williams stated that they delivered everything they promised; it is up and working and we are saving \$2,600 a year on tower rental. Mr. Brown stated that they owe the superintendent and board a huge debt as this provides public safety to the west side of town as well as areas in South Dakota and Nebraska.

## **Board Member Reports**

Director Peterson: President Batcheller and Superintendent Williams have kept them very busy this past month, and she learned a lot.

Director Jorgensen: Reported on the results from a survey of Morningside College freshmen regarding the amount of time per week spent studying during their senior year in high school. Close to 50 percent spend two hours or less per week.

States are not to be comfortable with the influx of new money as huge pension obligations will come due.

Stated that there are publications regarding test scores not going up much, but the Baltimore County Public School superintendent was reported in an article saying that public education is succeeding as there is a greater amount of accountability and we are educating a wider range of students and teaching more students at higher standards than we've ever done before.

President Batcheller: Reported that the final draft of the property tax equity bill was out today. He encouraged the community and those in the education community who have an interest in leveling the playing field, to please send an e-mail or note, make a phone call or knock on the door of our legislators—please lobby hard.

In April, we'll be traveling to the National School Boards Convention in Chicago and then on to DC for the annual Siouland Chamber of Commerce Conference and Steak dinner and in between that we'll be certifying our budget.

President Batcheller announced that future board committee meetings are scheduled as follows:

- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for April 13, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Equity Committee is scheduled for March 30, 2006, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for April 12, 2006, at 10:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for April 3, 2006, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for April 5, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center.
- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2006, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Williams: Our district has received a nomination from Steven McHugh, a teacher who was previously deployed to Iraq. The Freedom Award is a prestigious award given to an employer who has gone above and beyond. We are gratified to be a nominee for such an award and he has written a note to Mr. McHugh.

The City of Sioux City is holding a hearing tomorrow in which they are accepting testimony from anyone regarding the proposed purchase of the Westside HyVee store by the Sioux City Gospel Mission. His personal view is that if the Sioux City Gospel Mission can find the funding, we would not have any reason to offer testimony one way or another. Professionally, he would ask the board if they had any concerns (the board had no concerns), and will ask senior staff to collaborate this evening. He feels our position is neutral.

We are the recipient of two Harkin grants—\$150,000 for a fire and safety grant (for North High School) and a \$500,000 grant to add four classrooms to the new Irving Elementary School or something that would be analogous to that. Also a possibility to see what could be worked out with the former St. Joseph School; and three classrooms in each of the new McKinley and Leeds Elementary Schools. We would pull together a focus group of folks who would occupy the space to sit down with our architects to conceptualize the options. These will go to the Board Finance Committee and then the Finance Oversight Committee. He is gratified to be receiving this grant, and now we have a lot of work to do.

Director Benson: Stated that last week Rita DeJong, Principal at Central Campus, received the Women of Excellence Award in the category of Women Helping Women. Cynthia Washinowski and Linda Heffner were nominated for a Woman of Excellence award.

### **Consent Action Items**

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items which consisted of the minutes of the meetings held March 20, 2006; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Budget Discussion**

Government Accounting Standards Board 45 v. GASB 47—Gordon Winterlin reported on this issue, which regards pensions (health benefits for retired personnel). It is state law that we must have a retirement policy for employees over 55 years of age at the active employee rate.

Items on the FY2007 Aid and Levy Worksheet and recap of all budgets to be certified were highlighted by Mr. Winterlin.

Board discussion took place regarding the Superintendent's Budget for 2007. President Batcheller thanked the Finance Department for their fine work on the budget this year.

Superintendent Williams stated that he is thankful for the news media and the Tax Research Conference for wanting to understand the budget and spending time with us to help the public understand the budget—that is a real service.

### **Professional Development**

Following the introduction of committee members (Doyle Massey, Linda Northcutt, Norene Bunt, James Vanderloo, Jackie Warnstadt, Doug Robbins, Dewey Christensen, Donna Walsh and Marilyn Charging), Ms. Richardson thanked them and Dr. Heisterkamp for their service. LuAnn Richardson and Janet Rohmiller presented information on the process the committee went through in preparing the proposed professional development calendar for the 2006-2007 school year. Teacher Donna Walsh indicated that the SCEA, and teachers in general, have been pleased to be a part of this process. The Student Achievement Community unanimously recommended the approval of this proposal in its entirety. Mel McKern stated that this proposed calendar will have a positive affect on our transportation. The board and superintendent thanked Ms. Richardson and Ms. Rohmiller and the committee for their hard work on this issue.

### **Purchase of Three Food Delivery Trucks**

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the bid for two 12 foot trucks at \$27,515 each to Knoepfler Chevrolet; and to award the bid for one 14 foot truck to Knoepfler Chevrolet in the amount of \$26,361. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Finance Oversight Committee Membership**

Director Mounts moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to appoint Kent Vriezelaar and Gary Wright to three-year terms on the Finance Oversight Committee. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Board Policies**

Director Daane moved to change Board Policy 504.5 in order to ban wheeled modes of transportation. The motion died for lack of a second. Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded for first reading Board Policies 504.5—Student-Driven Vehicles, Motorcycles, Mopeds, Skateboards, Bicycles, Roller Skates, In-Line Skates, Scooters; 604.4—Career Education; 603.10—Instructional Materials and AR603.10; and the deletion of Board Policies 503.7—Attendance at Events Outside of School; 503.10—Interscholastic Activity Eligibility; and 581—Use and Dissemination of Test Results. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Fire Alarm System for North High School**

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to award the bid for the fire alarm system at North High School to Thompson Electric of Sioux City in the amount of \$204,590. The motion carried 6-0.

### **District Roofing Project**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to award the bid for the district roofing project to Winkler Roofing in the amount of \$121,966 for Crescent Park and Emerson Elementary Schools and West High School; and BHI of Harrisburg, SD, in the amount of \$119,740 for North High School. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Discussion/Information**

Linda Waugh, Bryan Getchell and Dewey Christensen presented the Social Studies and Health Standards and Benchmarks and Core Indicators.

Linda Northcutt reported on the Reading First program, as well as presenting video clips showing reading fluency lessons in several classrooms.

Linda Waugh and Doug Robbins presented information regarding the renewal of an Even Start grant, which Tiffani Bottjen is currently writing.

Superintendent Williams presented for discussion revised Board Policies 181.11—All Electronic Equipment and Services Usage by the District, and 1003.1—Open Record and the Public's Right to Examine Records. These were sent back to the Board Policy Review as there were several revisions from board members.

### **Adjourn**

Director Benson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.