

**HEARING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
DECEMBER 14, 2004—6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Hearing and Discussion**

President Jorgensen announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held December 14, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of accepting public comment on the demolition of Woodrow Wilson. 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 public comment was received.

**Recommendation**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion that the Board of Education proceed with its intent to accept bids for the demolition of Woodrow Wilson. The motion carried 7-0.

**Adjourn**

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
DECEMBER 14, 2004—6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Director Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an action item regarding the near northside elementary school. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Citizen Input**

Odell Nelson addressed the board regarding holiday programs and traditional Christmas carols.

Mary Katherine Nelson addressed the board regarding the same issue as Odell Nelson. She presented a petition to the board requesting that Christmas carols be included in district holiday programs.

Marlene Baker addressed the board regarding Christmas carols in district holiday programs.

Dan Dykstra addressed the board regarding Christmas carols in district holiday programs.

Concern from a parent through a phone message that on the last night of Chanukah this meeting was held where religious music was discussed. Mr. Williams indicated that this discussion was not previously scheduled for this evening.

### **Recognition of East High School Band**

The East High School Band was recognized for their invitation to participate in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, California. Russ Nagel, band director from East High School, was present to accept this recognition on behalf of this students. The band will also participate in concert and jazz band competitions. Mr. Nagel thanked the board for their support, as well as the East High School administration and his band parents also. He also stated that he has never felt pressure to not use religious music in student performances over the years. Religious music is used in the context of teaching and tradition.

### **Finance Oversight Committee Report**

Kent Vriezelaar of the Finance Oversight Committee presented information on the Local Option Sales Tax.

### **Building Oversight Committee Report**

Colonel Krage of the Building Oversight Committee reported on the recent work of the committee regarding the new near northside elementary school. The committee asked the board to approve the plans and specs for this building with changes recommended by the Building Oversight Committee.

### **Board Member Reports**

Director Daane: In addition to reporting that the Student Achievement Committee minutes were in board members' mail boxes, he thanked the principals, staff, and students of the seven elementary schools he recently visited. Very impressed with the cleanliness of the buildings, their good maintenance, and the pride in the schools. Teachers are requesting more white marker boards. Some class sizes in grades 3-5 are too large. The Leeds Elementary School's library is wonderful.

Director Peterson: Had a good policy committee meeting.

Director Johnson: Had a good policy committee meeting.

President Jorgensen: Admires the work done in our buildings as he met with high school administrators. Biggest frustration is absenteeism, need for improvement in buildings, need for grading uniformity. Asked if money was no object what would they want—they want smaller class sizes. Feels there's more cooperation than ever in the three largest high schools. He will visit Central Campus in the near future. Principals are excited about Smaller Learning Communities.

President Jorgensen reported that committee meetings are scheduled as follows:

Board Student Achievement Committee—December 16, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.—ESC

District Advisory Committee—December 16, 2004, at 5:00 p.m.—ESC

Finance Oversight Committee—December 20, 2004, at 8:00 a.m.— 421 Nebraska

Educational Equity Committee—December 21, 2004, at 11:30 a.m. (location TBD)

Board Public Relations Committee—December 21, 2004, at 3:30 p.m.—ESC

Board Finance Committee—January 4, 2005, at 12:00 p.m.—ESC

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Williams: Sequence of events at East High School that he doesn't need to dwell on as they were nicely summarized in the *Journal* on Saturday morning, and excellent reporting by our TV stations Friday evening. Today we had a citizen open her mailbox and find a napkin with a note written on it that stated a bomb was in a school on the east side. The police were called, then East Middle School, and then the Education Service Center. We are thankful to three agencies that provided bomb-sniffing dogs which were used to go through East High School and East Middle School, as well as the elementary schools in Morningside. Mr. Williams emphatically stated that if he needs to cancel school, that school will be made up in June. Our students will receive 180 days of instruction. We will prosecute anyone perpetrating these kinds of hoaxes on the district. This nonsense has gone on far enough and long enough. The vast majority of our students would not even consider being a part of such things, and are upset by these events.

### **Consent Action Items**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items which consists of the minute of the board meetings held November 23 and December 8, 2004; the human resources report; and the fiscal report. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Woodrow Wilson Demolition Project**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the Woodrow Wilson demolition project to the low bidder, Peterson Contractors, Inc., at a total cost of \$339,650. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Near Northside Elementary School**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to accept the proposed plans, drawings, specifications, form of contract with alternates, and estimated building construction costs of \$9,500,000 for the near northside elementary school, as well as to set a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on January 11, 2005, in the Administration Board Room of the Sioux City Community School District, Sioux City, Iowa. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Purchase of School Buses**

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the purchase of three 77-passenger conventional buses and one 71-passenger lift bus from Thomas Bus Sales for a total cost of \$285,841. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Internet Service**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to authorize the district to enter into a three-year agreement with Fiber-com to provide internet service to our district at a cost of \$5,000 per month. The motion carried 7-0.

### **High School Scoreboards**

Director Benson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to accept the low bid from Daktronics, \$48,519, for three high school scoreboards. The motion carried 7-0.

### **North High School HVAC Retrofit**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to accept the proposed plans, drawings, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost of \$2,060,000, for the North High School HVAC Retrofit for the Sioux City Community School District, Sioux City, Iowa, as well as set a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on January 11, 2005, in the Education Service Center Board Room, Sioux City Community School District, Sioux City, Iowa. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Calendar for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 School Years**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the calendar for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Board Policies**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading revised Board Policies 503.11—Non-Discrimination of Students, 1003.6—Homeless Children and Youth, 1005.1—Public Performance by Students, and 1071—Process for Resolving Complaints and Concerns. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Board Policies**

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve for first reading revised Board Policies 401.3—Recruitment and Selection (+AR401.3), 503.12—Student Field Trips, 504.14—Chemical Dependency, 504.15—Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco-Free Schools (+AR504.14), 521.01—Confidential Student Records Obtained Under the Helping Clause Pursuant to Violations of the Extra-Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, 709.4—Inclement Weather/Unsafe or Hazardous Road Conditions, 709.5—Student Conduct on School Transportation (+AR709.5 and AR709.6), 851.1—Medicaid Administrative Claiming, 502.1—Student Conduct; and the deletion of 502.4—Good Conduct Rule and 1004.10—Instructor and Stand-By Cars. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Discussion/Information**

Superintendent Williams discussed the timeline and process for naming the new near northside elementary school with the board. Mr. Williams contacted Mrs. Hummel for recommendations for parents and staff members, as well as two or three students, to serve on a committee which will work on the naming process. Also Rich McGrath, new principal, and the executive director of the Mary Treglia Community House.

Superintendent Williams brought to the board the issue of the Urban Education Network lobbying day in the Legislature. March 16 will be our lobby day for the Urban Education Network. He will check to see if we can change our lobby day to an earlier date.

Superintendent Williams presented revised Board Policies 204.5—Organization of the Board of Directors, 602.10—Talented and Gifted Education (+AR602.10), 604.7—Media Centers, 1005.7—Games of Skill or Chance, Bingo, or School Raffles, and 1081—School Resources Officer; and for deletion AR521.1—Model Special Education Time-Out Procedures.

### **Adjourn**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.