

INFORMAL HEARING

SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

DECEMBER 16, 2003–6:00 P.M.

An informal public hearing was held in regard to the concept of transferring ownership of Roberts' Stadium to Morningside College.

Superintendent Larry D. Williams gave background information on the building of Roberts' Stadium, as well as indicating that Morningside College has the potential of being able to do two things with the facility. If an agreement is made, Morningside College can bring about major repairs that will be in excess of \$2,500,000 over the next seven years such as paving the parking areas, refurbishing the restrooms, installation of a new track, and possibly installation of all-weather field turf. Morningside College can also then move its soccer and softball fields over to this location instead of busing their students over to the Riverside Complex and East High School. Mr. Williams believes there is a high probability of both the district and college benefiting from this relationship. The college does not want to spend this kind of money on a facility which it doesn't own. Not all issues are pat or resolved. Conversations are still taking place.

Morningside College President John Reynders said that this concept came to Morningside College some time ago regarding the needs for both the college and the district. Serious repair work needs to be done at Roberts' Stadium. His board gave him the authorization to begin tentatively to see if there was a donor that would create a win win situation. It us important for Morningside College to be able to have as many student athletes practice and play on campus instead of off-site. Several months ago he spoke with several Morningside College alumni and one stepped forward to give a \$2.5 million gift, which will assist students for years to come.

Lynn Richardson asked a question regarding the scheduling of football games and certain events that are scheduled a year or two out. Superintendent Williams said that in terms of football and track the two institutions have reconciled this issue. President Reynders wants his league to think in four-year cycles and not two-year cycles. The band event is the issue that has not been settled. President Reynders has said that it wouldn't make sense for Morningside College to own the stadium and then not be able to play all of their football games at Roberts. Superintendent Williams stated that the district has said that band event is date specific. He will meet with Larry Kisor and Dr. Shirley Luebke in regard to sandwiching these two events in on a weekend. At this time it is a recognized unresolved issue.

REGULAR MEETING

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DECEMBER 16, 2003

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance—President James called the regular meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.
Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda—Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Input—None.

Board Member Reports

Director Kruse:

- Board Finance Committee continues to meet on a regular basis.
- Attended the meeting with Governor Vilsack last week as did many board members.
- Attended several meetings regarding the Roberts' Stadium concept.

Director Batcheller:

- Attended the meeting with Governor Vilsack. Was able to give input to the Governor. Appreciated the fact that he came to this side of the state.
- On a personal note would like to say how his heart breaks for those people in Pierson. Very difficult this time of the year and would encourage folks to remember them in their prayers.

Director Peterson:

- Also attended the meeting with Governor Vilsack. She had her question read and Director Batcheller addressed the Governor. The Governor is very pro-education.
- Board Policy Committee has brought forward several more policies.

- She and others met with Carlos Venable-Ridley, Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative. He is doing a wonderful job of bringing all these agencies together peacefully.

- Equity Committee met this afternoon and there were questions about No Child Left Behind. It was a very interesting meeting.

Director Jorgensen:

- Had the opportunity to attend Washington Elementary School and hand out books to the second graders.

- Along the same lines as Doug's comments about the Pierson issue, our community has lost three fine individuals during the last few weeks.

Director Mounts:

- Attended Everett Christmas program with the superintendent, and sat next to the Governor. The program was outstanding and the gymnasium was packed. The students' behavior was wonderful, as well as and the logistics of getting the students to learn all the songs.

Director Daane:

- In addition to a number of meetings on Roberts' Stadium, he had the opportunity to interview candidates for the Building Oversight Committee with Director Batcheller. He was struck by the quality of the applicants. We are very fortunate to have people who want to come forward and offer their services free of charge.

- Time of the year with three kids that he's been to several musical programs. The East High School one last evening was wonderful and very pleased that Morningside College lets us use Eppley Auditorium. The size of the music program at East High School is the largest in seven states.

President James:

- Thanked the board for the events that they attended as she has not been able to attend as many as she would have liked to attend.

- Met with Carlos Venable Ridley who has excellent plans using the grant money. Things they are doing are things that we need in this district.

- She announced that the Eastside Town Hall forum will be held January 6, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. She previewed the format to be used for this event. Board members will be responsible for the first part of

the forum. She disseminated topics and asked each board member to choose a topic and prepare a four-minute presentation on that topic. Board members are to check with appropriate staff to see that you have correct information. Have an outline with you on what you plan to present. The second part of the forum will be used to answer questions that schools and citizens have for the board.

- Announced that future meetings are scheduled as follows:

- District Advisory Committee–December 18, 2003–5:00 p.m.–ESC

- Finance Oversight Committee–December 22, 2004–8:00 a.m.–421 Nebraska

- Board Finance Committee–January 6, 2004–11:45 a.m.–ESC

- Board Policy Committee–January 8, 2004–11:45 a.m.–ESC

Superintendent Williams:

- A week ago today drove to Des Moines to attend an Urban Education Network meeting on the early childhood initiative and No Child Left Behind (NCLB). A very good meeting was held.

- Two days later Dr. Madison attended a meeting in Des Moines representing him at the State Superintendents' Advisory Committee meeting. Topics were prospects for financing of education next year and NCLB.

- Received a revised list of schools that are on the NCLB Watch List and some of our elementary schools have been removed from this list. Schools on the list are there for the reason of participation in testing, not performance. Publicly expressed his appreciation to Mr. Garlinghouse for his work.

- Had the opportunity on Thursday to speak to the Suburban Rotary Club, a small, but dynamic club in terms of education and how they care about the school system. Thoroughly enjoyed that opportunity.

- Thursday night was unable to attend the meeting with the Governor as out of town, but had met with the Governor in the morning at Everett. It was a cordial but frank discussion. Gave the Governor the IASB and UEN positions on allowable growth. Not able to hear what our board members and other folks said Thursday evening, but has second-hand information that Director Batcheller was particularly opportune in his approach. Others spoke or had questions answered.

- Called to the attention of the board that we are planning to play catch up a bit with them on one issue in January. We will be back meeting with the board about the long-range building plan. Will meet with board members, followed by a work session, perhaps in the third week of January. The essential question that we need to answer is what is our vision for the first elementary school that we will build, when and why. The Grant site, Willie Joe Park site, and the Menards' site were discussed previously.

Either a replacement school on the east side or a replacement for Irving is most likely.

- Holiday programs I am attending are fresh and exciting for students and audiences as well.
- Expressed seasons greetings to all of our volunteers on Building Oversight Committee, Finance Oversight Committee, District Advisory Committee, Equity Committee, the Governor's Task Force on the Achievement Gap and others. We really appreciate their efforts on behalf of our students.

Consent Action Items—Director Batcheller moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to approve the consent action items which consisted of the minutes of the board meetings held November 25 and December 11, 2003; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Policies—Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading board policies 501.2—Entrance Requirements; 501.3—School Attendance Areas; 501.4—Attendance Records; 501.5—Residency of Students; 501.6—Non-resident Students; and 501.7—International Students. The motion carried 7-0, with one correction made on board policy 501.2.

Banking Services Contract—Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to award the banking services contract to Wells Fargo Bank from December 1, 2003, through November 30, 2006. Brian Coyle from Wells Fargo Bank addressed the board. The motion carried 7-0.

WinSnap Proposal —Director Jorgensen moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the WinSnap (Point of Sale) system at a cost not to exceed \$150,286. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Policy 903.10—Hazardous Chemical Program (+AR903.10)—Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve for first reading Board Policy 903.10—Hazardous Chemical Program (+AR903.10) as amended. Mr. Williams extended his appreciation of Lynn Richardson, Mel McKern, and Dewey Christensen for their assistance in the writing of this policy and administrative regulation. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information—Mr. Williams indicated that we most likely will have to certify our budget before we receive information from the state as to the percentage of allowable growth which we will be receiving for the next fiscal year. William Stoneburg stated that building and department budget hearings have been held during the past few days. He presented information on the Medical Fund, the Sales Tax Capital Project Fund, the PPEL Fund, the Activity Fund, and the Debt Service Fund in the district's Budget FY 2005.

Bruce Johnson introduced Dr. Alan Heisterkamp who presented information on the high schools' alternative education programs; and Rita DeJong who presented information on a Summer School Proposal for 2004 at Central Campus.

Troy Thomas presented information on a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a real estate agency for the student built project homes.

Superintendent Williams presented proposed revisions on Board Policies

100.1–Evaluation of Educational Program, 202.2–Adoption of Policy, 202.4–Administrative Procedures, deletion of AR202.4), 202.6–Review and Revision of Policy, 204–Meetings of the Board, deletion of 204.1 and 204.4 (+AR204), 205.1–Compensation of Expenses, 205.2–Professional Meetings and Association Membership, 205.3–Anonymous Communications; and 603.1–Class Size.

President James asked each board member to take a quick look through the agenda and choose one decision or discussion area that they see tied directly to achievement. Those mentioned were alternative programs, board policies involved in assessment and achievement, banking services contract where we will make more interest for the district, all of them because if all don't help student achievement then we shouldn't do them, and WinSnap proposal because students without a proper meal do not learn.

President James stated that board education will be added to the agenda as of January 2004 and that Director Kruse will be responsible for this item at each meeting.

Adjourn–Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.