

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
FEBRUARY 22, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

(Prior to the regular meeting, a board work session on curriculum was held with head teachers Caroline Donaway (ESL), Janet Rohmiller (Special Education), and Peg Brady (Media); and Jane Happe (Evenstart) reporting to the board.)

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, and Mounts.

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizen Input

Deana and Marcus Amman addressed the board regarding an incident at West Middle School this morning.

Presentation by Mayor's Youth Commission Representatives

Carolyn Goodwin, head counselor at West High School, appeared before the board with four members of the Mayor's Youth Commission from West High School.

Emily Nelson spoke regarding the Mayor's Youth Commission formation and activities. Shane Lesko and Adam Finzen spoke regarding beer keg registration. Stephanie Mobley spoke regarding their attendance at the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce Lobby Day in Des Moines. Had a great learning lesson by meeting legislators and seeing how bills are made. HF67 is the name of the keg registration bill. Mrs. Goodwin asked the board and citizens to contact legislators and ask for their support of House File 67. Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to request that Superintendent Williams direct a letter of support to our area legislators. The motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Concerns: Teen Pregnancy in the Schools: A Call for Action

District Advisory Committee Member Barry McArdle addressed the board regarding the work of the District Advisory Committee. He presented to the board the document "Teen Pregnancy in the Schools: A Call for Action" from the District Advisory Committee. Mr. Williams addressed this issue, and asked that the board accept the report and that it be referred to district curriculum committees with a report forthcoming

in the spring. Mona Scaletta and Jane Dixson from the Siouxland District Health Department were present to answer questions from the board.

Board Member Reports

Director Mounts: Commended Dr. Madison and all those who worked on the state visit last week. It's a monumental task. Did a remarkable job. The board agreed.

Director Daane: Toured Lowell Elementary School last week. Was surprised; one of our most needy buildings physically. Had heard about Irving, McKinley, and Everett but Lowell is right in there.

Director Batcheller: Had the opportunity to attend leadership training in Des Moines this weekend. Met wonderful people from around the state from districts of all sizes; our problems are all similar. Heartening to see the quality of people involved in education in the state.

Director Johnson: Attended the Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative program. Very impressed with the variety of programs and the positive effect these programs have had on students and the community. Attended the TAG Art Fair and really enjoyed it. Motivates some students to stay in school. Shari Hobart did a wonderful job with a lot of other people helping her.

Director Benson: Attended a meeting with 13 teachers taking the So You Want to Be a Leader Seminar where she took part in the program. A very good session and well worthwhile. Richard Bathurst, Anne James, and Peter Holly are facilitating these seminars.

President Jorgensen: Attended the patriot assembly at North High School. Met Abe Lincoln and Dolly Madison; well-run program.

President Jorgensen announced future committee meetings as follows:

Board Policy Committee is scheduled for February 23, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., in the ESC.

District Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 24, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., in the ESC.

Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., 421 Nebraska Street.

Board Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2005, at 12:00 p.m., in the ESC.

Board Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for March 2, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., in the ESC.

Educational Equity Committee will be held March 15, 2005, at 11:30 a.m.

Board Public Relations Committee will be held March 16, 2005, at 4:30 p.m., in the Superintendent's Office.

Recognition

Nancy Touil, East Middle School—was recognized for receiving the Glass Apple Award presented by First Lady Christy Vilsack.

Jo Yaeger, West Middle School—was recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty to assist with students unloading and loading buses each day of the school year.

Jean Carlson, Roosevelt Elementary School—was recognized for receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award from Siouxland CARES.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams: He and his wife were invited to give a presentation on India to Mrs. Fenton's third grade today. Enjoyed it very much. The students were well informed in advance about India and the sub-continent.

Attended the TAG Art Festival and reminded all of the 16th Annual Youth Art Exhibition, High School, 2005 to be held this coming Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Participated in the Superintendents' Advisory Group this past week in Des Moines. The issue of academic eligibility for athletes and other students involved in activities remains a somewhat contentious item within the State Board of Education. Looking for us to strengthen our requirements but they don't want to tell us how. Also, got a full briefing on the Legislature. Not much action expected on most bills until the end of the session. There is the potential of the loss of millions in federal dollars in over 40 programs. The Department of Education could lose 33 of its remaining positions and it's already operating on a slender margin. Going to have to do a bang-up job on our DC trip this year. The commitment the federal government has made in the past is decreasing.

Consent Action Items

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consisted of the minutes of the meeting held February 8, 2005; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 6-0.

New Near Northside Elementary School Bid

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the base bid, and alternates recommended by the Building Oversight Committee, for the

construction of the near northside elementary school to L & L Builders at a base bid cost of \$9,565,000, plus Alternate #1—additional classrooms—\$182,000; Alternate #2A—concrete paving—\$27,500; and Alternative #3—telephone handset equipment—\$41,500; for a total cost of \$9,816,000. The motion carried 6-0.

James Ruble, Cannon Moss Brygger Architects, and Colonel Krage, Building Oversight Committee, broke down the bids for the board. Mel McKern indicated that at this point, he and Mr. Ruble will meet with L & L Builders who will then identify the sub-contractors. Mr. Ruble and Mr. McKern will then ensure that the sub-contractors are qualified for the work and that the plans and specifications be met. Mr. Ruble stated that it is their responsibility to ensure that the builders construct the building according to the architect's plan. The motion carried 6-0.

Colonel Krage asked if there could be some recognition for those leaving board-appointed committees.

Option Agreement

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to review and approve the option (as described in the attached Option Agreement) on the Bomgaars' warehouse located at 1523 Center Street, at a cost of \$1,000. The motion carried 6-0.

North High School Safety Rails

Director Batcheller moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to award the bid for the purchase and installation of safety rails for the North High School main gymnasium bleachers to the low bidder, Iowa Direct, in the amount of \$31,570. The motion carried 6-0.

Purchase of Notebook Computers

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to award the bid for the purchase of 25 notebook computers with a wireless lab cart and printer for Riverside Elementary School to the low bidder, Gateway, in the amount of \$34,663. The motion carried 6-0.

ITBS/ITED Results

Pete Garlinghouse, director of assessment, shared current ITBS/ITED results with the board. A complete analysis will be presented to the board in July 2005 at a board work session.

Board Policies

Superintendent Williams reviewed with the board the following revised board policies: 20415—Community Participation/Procedures, 431.05 (+AR431.05)—Employee

Transportation Reimbursement (Expenses), 504.9—Student Health Services, 505.12—Parent Involvement, 802—Cash or Equivalent in School Buildings, 871.5—Accounting Policy for Student Activity Funds, 1005.7—School Raffles, Bingo, or games of Skill or Chance, AR1581—Competent Private Instruction/Home School Assistance Program.

Budget Discussion

William Stoneburg presented information to the board regarding the following budget items: food service fund (with assistance from Rich Luze); and the technology department (with assistance from Roger Lobitz). LuAnn Richardson presented information on the textbooks and the curriculum budgets. Mr. Stoneburg then presented on student activity accounts. Bruce Johnson presented information on the professional development budget.

Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.