

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2004—6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**—President James called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**—Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

**Human Resources Report**—Director Batcheller moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to approve the Human Resources Report that consisted of the hiring of Steve Zediker as head football coach at East High School. Director Batcheller moved to delay the Human Resources Report and the motion was seconded by Director Kruse. The motion carried 7-0. Director Batcheller moved to take the previous motion off the table with Director Kruse seconding the motion. The motion carried 6-1 with Director Daane voting no.

After board discussion, the motion on the original motion to approve the Human Resources Report carried 6-1, with Director Daane voting no.

**Citizen Input On Items Not Covered on the Agenda**—None.

**Roberts' Stadium Issue Citizen Input**—Dick Benton addressed the board regarding his concerns with the proposed lease agreement.

Brett Lyon, current Morningside College student, speaking on behalf of some other students, spoke in favor of the lease with Morningside College.

Bob Prince, co-director of the Sioux City Relays, spoke regarding possible fundraising efforts on behalf of Roberts' Stadium.

Lynn Richardson spoke regarding the resolution exempting the sale of the stadium from Board Policy 903.1. He also spoke regarding the proposal from Morningside College.

Thomas Luxford, Activities Supervisor at North High School, asked the board for a chance to save Roberts' Stadium.

**Consideration of Resolution Exempting the Sale of Roberts' Stadium to Morningside College From Board Policy 903.1—Lease, Sale, or Disposal of School Buildings and Sites**—Attorney Dan Moore answered questions from the board and superintendent regarding this issue. Mr. Moore stated that the proposal is not complete at this time and has not yet been released. Negotiations on this proposal are currently underway. Director Batcheller asked that this item be removed from this evening's agenda. Board consensus was that this be done and that the item be brought back to the board at a later time.

**Resolution to Accept Proposal for Transfer of Roberts' Stadium**—Director Batcheller moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to invite Morningside College to tender a formal and complete proposal for the transfer of title to Roberts' Stadium to Morningside College, outlining the terms inclusive of retention of all current uses and improvements of \$2.35 million with other guarantees and consideration. The motion carried 5-0, with Directors Jorgensen and Mounts absent from the board due to their affiliation with Morningside College.

**Adjourn**—Director Batcheller moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

## **BOARD WORK SESSION**

### **ELEMENTARY FACILITIES PLANNING**

Sue Pierce, facilities consultant for the district, introduced Brian Mastbergen and Bryan Wells from DeWild, Grant, Reckert & Associates (DGR) Engineering, who were present to answer questions on proposed sites for new elementary schools.

Three sites were studied by Mrs. Pierce, as well as by DGR Engineering, at the request of the board. Mrs. Pierce stated that the sites studied were the Grant School area, the land behind Menards, the Woodrow Wilson Middle School site, as well as the Woodbury Heights site. The site behind Menards was rejected because the soil test indicated that it was not suitable to support a school.

Eastside: Grant site was significantly studied and there is one owner of this land. The owner is interested in selling, and Mrs. Pierce feels that we could purchase 15 acres at approximately \$63,000. DGR Engineer Brian Mastbergen reported to the board on this site and possible footprint for an elementary school.

A question was raised concerning an option on this land if we are interested in the property, but don't plan to build here first. Dan Moore will be contacted regarding this issue, and was requested to meet with DGR representatives, and then go forward with contacting the owner of the property. Board

consensus is that this is the first priority site on the eastside.

Northside: The Woodrow Wilson Middle School site could be used by the Irving students. The district owns several parcels of land in this area. We need to purchase 6.65 acres of land (Willie Joe Park and seven properties).

William Stoneburg stated that the funds for building demolition for Woodrow Wilson Middle School have been budgeted for from the Local Option Sales Tax fund.

Westside: Mrs. Pierce presented the Woodbury Heights site to the board. The city owns this land. The district has already purchased a parcel of land in this area.

The Westside Planning Committee's first priority was the 14th and Center Street site—6.5 acres. DGR reported that this site is a flat site with most of the cost in the purchase of properties. We would need to acquire 41 parcels of land at a possible cost of \$3.3 million. This is the best location on the Westside according to Mrs. Pierce, and the board concurred.

Mrs. Pierce disseminated a document outlining possible savings.

Mrs. Pierce recapped that board consensus is that the following sites are priority one for the board:

1. Eastside: Grant site
2. Northside: Woodrow Wilson site
3. Westside: Center Street site

She recommended that the board move to select their first priority site on which to build an elementary school. Board consensus was that the Woodrow Wilson site be the first site of a new elementary school, but not precluding land acquisition on the other two sites.