

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
JANUARY 11, 2005—5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the special meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to go into closed session to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer concerning employees collective bargaining as provided in Section 20.17(3) of the Code; to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds; and to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. The minutes and the tape recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed as provided in Section 21.5(j) of the Code of Iowa. The motion carried 7-0, and the board adjourned to closed session at 5:30 p.m.

Return to/Adjourn From Open Session

The board returned to open session at 6:06 p.m. President Jorgensen announced that no action would be taken following this meeting. Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
JANUARY 11, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Hearing and Discussion

President Jorgensen stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held January 11, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Education Service Center Board Room, Sioux City Community School District, Sioux City, Iowa, regarding the North High School HVAC Retrofit.

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.

Recommendation

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion that the Board of Education proceed with its intent to accept bids for the North High School HVAC Retrofit.

Adjourn

Director Daane moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
JANUARY 11, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the special meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the agenda with emendations. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Input

None.

Board Member Reports

Director Benson: Had the opportunity to spend quite some time at the achievement gap meeting along with Directors Peterson and Mounts, as well as members of the community and staff members. Good to hear that there are plans in the works to actively work to address achievement gaps. Time well spent. Everyone pretty engaged in the process.

Director Johnson: Attended the Conference Board meeting and their budget was reviewed; have a few more steps to go.

Director Peterson: Attended the task force meeting. Very informative and thanked the staff for moving forward in implementing some of the suggestions the committee had. Appreciated all the staff's hard work.

Director Batcheller: Attended a number of meetings regarding sales tax extension vote we're hoping to bring to the community. The group is working on one piece at a time.

Director Daane: Toured Hunt Elementary School this morning and have four schools left to visit. Appreciates the staff taking the time to visit with him. Had the first of three high school focus groups for student achievement. He and Director Mounts, Dr. Madison, and Mr. Johnson met with administration, teachers, and counselors at North High School. Will have a full report after all meetings have been held.

President Jorgensen: Congratulated schools who were listed at the top in giving through the United Way campaign this year. The Smith Elementary School coordinator must be doing a good job because Smith was first last year and first this year. Talked about recognition at board meetings and received the notice from West Middle School about employees going above and beyond their normal duties.

President Jorgensen announced that future committee meetings are scheduled as follows:

Board Policy Committee—January 12, 2005—3:00 p.m.—ESC

Board Public Relations Committee—January 12, 2005—4:30 p.m.—ESC

Educational Equity Committee—January 18, 2005—11:30 a.m.

Board Finance Committee—January 18, 2005—12:00 p.m.—ESC
Board Student Achievement Committee—February 3, 2005—10:30 a.m.—ESC
Finance Oversight Committee—January 24, 2005—8:00 a.m.—421 Nebraska
District Advisory Committee—January 27, 2005—5:00 p.m.—ESC

Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Mid American Energy Company—Mel McKern introduced John Rexwinkel of MidAmerican Energy Company who reported that they had teamed with Neumann, Monson, Architects and EDA in an evaluation of various energy saving additions to North Middle School. The architects implemented measures in lighting, windows, insulation, and mechanical. Mr. Rexwinkel then presented President Jorgensen a check in the amount of \$105,050 to offset the additional cost of implementing these measures. The district should expect to save \$59,000 each year of the life of the school. Mr. Rexwinkel congratulated the district on being energy efficient. Architect Ken Wictor stated this worked out well, appreciated MidAmerican, and glad to participate. Superintendent Williams stated that we appreciated MidAmerican's interest in the city and school district. Wonderful symbiotic relationship. Asked Mr. Rexwinkel to please thank those at Mid American. Stated that these cost-saving measures will be used at the new near north side elementary school.

Have both math (elementary) and wonderful literacy workshops going on right now that could be of interest to the community. If the media were interested in contacting Mr. Williams or Ms. Richardson, they would point them in the right direction.

Probably the late-in call on Tuesday turned out to be risky. More feedback that he made a bad call rather than a good call. Thanked the board for bearing with him.

Legislature has begun. Governor gave his State of the State this afternoon. Would guess that it contains no surprises as the Governor has been visiting many communities and has talked with us about his priorities. Wished the Governor and Legislature the best because of its importance to our governmental entities.

Met with a couple of board members with all of the superintendents and chairs of boards in Woodbury County. A byproduct of that is that we will look forward to contacting our media to take a tour of what it is that the sales tax has been used for in all of Woodbury County so they may share their stories and to share our story again as well.

Grateful to the media for the thoughtful way the accident was reported by the media. Also want to express his appreciation to the board who were just marvelous in their support. Kept abreast of the information but did press us for more

information than we could provide. Thanked the Crescent Park teachers and counselors, including counselors in our community, and his own administrative staff.

Report From Western Hills Area Education Agency Board of Directors Member Patricia Sutherland

Patricia Sutherland gave a brief overview of the work of their Board of Directors, which has mainly focused on the merger of AEAs 4 and 12. Impressed with inclusive process. Lots of work remains to be done but things are going smoothly, and expect the merged AEA will be an improvement. Sioux City will lose one of their members on the WHAEA board due to redistricting. The benefit of the merger is that it will be more efficient. There will be co-chief administrators for one year.

Consent Action Items

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consists of the minutes of the board meetings held December 14, 2004; the human resources report; and the finance report, and upon administrative action and review, ratified the placement of two individuals pursuant to Iowa Code Section 282.9. The motion carried 7-0.

Audit

Bob Crane from the auditing firm of KRP reported that he was pleased to state that there is a clean opinion on the audit. District is in compliance with all laws and regulations. Director Batcheller moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to receive and accept the June 30, 2004, audit of the district. The motion carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Engineer's Statement of Completion and Owner's Acceptance of Contract Construction for the North Middle School Site Improvement Project

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to accept the engineer's statement of completion and accept the contract construction for the North Middle School site improvement project. The motion carried 7-0.

Acceptance of Architect's/Engineer's Joint Statement of Completion and Owner's Acceptance of Contract Construction for the North Middle School Project

Ken Wictor of Neumann Monson Wictor stated that he was pleased the board gave his firm a second opportunity to design a new school. Good board and Mel McKern is a good person with which to work. An awful lot of people worked hard; good

contractors on the job. Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to accept the architect's/engineer's joint statement of completion for the general, mechanical, and electrical construction contracts for the North Middle School construction project. Jim Daane commended Mel and stated how lucky we are to have him, and the legacy he has left due to his hard work and that of his staff. The motion carried 7-0.

Contract With Pierce and Associates

Director Benson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the superintendent to enter into a limited contract with Pierce and Associates for the design and conduct of community focus groups on school facilities in the amount of \$11,589 for the attached scope of service and related costs within fiscal year 2005, payable from the general fund. The motion carried 6-1, with Director Daane voting no.

Board Policies

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve for first reading revised board policies 204.5—Organization of the Board of Directors, 602.10—Talented and Gifted Education (+AR602.10), 604.7—Media Centers, and 1081—School Resource Officer; and the deletion of AR521.1—Model Special Education Time-Out Procedures. The motion carried 7-0 on Board Policies 204.5—Organization of the Board of Directors, 604.7—Media Centers, and 1081—School Resource Officer; and the deletion of AR521.1—Model Special Education Time-Out Procedures, and 6-1 on Board Policy 602.10—Talented and Gifted Education (+AR602.10), with Director Daane voting no.

Board Policies

Director Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading revised Board Policies 401.3—Recruitment and Selection of Employees (+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 brought to the attention of the board the January 18, 2005—26th Annual IASB Legislative Conference, as well as the UEN Lobby Day on

January 25, the Sioux City UEN Lobby Day on January 26, and the Siouxland Chamber Lobby Day on January 27. Board members signed up to attend one or more of these lobby days. Director Batcheller wants a dedicated message as far as how it impacts our district and in regard to the dollars. With assistance from Bill Stoneburg, President Jorgensen will get some bullet points to the board prior to their traveling to Des Moines. There would be a \$5 million windfall for our district if tax equity would be approved across the state.

William Stoneburg presented information on the budget in regard to property tax valuations; revenue sources update; property tax asking baseline sheet; open enrollment expenditures; traffic education budget (presented by Michael Pesky); AEA flow-through; and insurance fund status.

Mel McKern updated the board on the emergency switch gear replacement at East High School which must be completed permanently as requested by the city electrical inspector. If handled on an emergency basis, our engineer will choose the best bid.

President Ron Jorgensen led a discussion of how best to report on the progress of board goals. First you set the goals, then assign the goals, and then follow up on the progress of the goals. One option is to have a report every other month by an assigned administrator or a board committee—either as a part of a board meeting or at a separate meeting. Board consensus was to set up two separate meetings throughout the year, as well as to have board members report at the first board meeting per month. Semi-annual reviews will be held in March and August; then the new board will set their new goals in September.

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 8:35 p.m.