

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
JANUARY 25, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the agenda with emendations. The motion carried 5-0.

Citizen Input

None.

Board Member Reports

Director Mounts: Attended a North High School event at the Mary Treglia Center for Latino students and parents. Great turn out; had interpreters; parents engaged. Then went to Mt. Zion church for a West High School event.

Director Daane: Drove to Des Moines with Director Peterson last week to attend the IASB Lobby Day. Great educational event. Able to visit with one of our key legislators. Learned a great deal. Completed the three focus group meetings at each of our high schools and hopes to have a written summary early in February. Had marvelous discussion; positive discussion about the issues being discussed. Heartfelt comments being made. Grateful for the time the administrators took. Toured the high schools after the meetings. There is a serious need for deferred maintenance in our high schools.

Director Peterson: Enjoyed the trip to Des Moines, but would have liked to have had more time with legislators. Thinks the visit helped with the 4 percent allowable growth bill.

President Jorgensen: Heavy lobbying efforts this week with Directors Johnson and Batcheller in Des Moines today. The superintendent and other board members will attend two other lobby events on Wednesday and Thursday.

The PR Committee has met a couple of times and is working on a focus group to work on specific recommendations that came out of the District Advisory Committee report regarding parental involvement. Coordinating our efforts by working on our web site.

Continuing to work with Roger Lobitz about getting board material electronically. Looking at beginning a speakers' bureau. Denise Salem, Larry Williams, and Barbara Benson working on material for the annual report. President Jorgensen announced that future meetings would be held as follows:

The next meeting of the District Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 27, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center Board Room.

The next Board Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2005, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center Technology Conference Room.

The next meeting of the Board Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for February 3, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.

The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for February 9, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

The next meeting of the Educational Equity Committee will be held in March 2005, at 11:30 a.m. (date/location to be determined).

The next meeting of the Board Public Relations Committee will be held February 16, 2005, at 4:30 p.m., in the Superintendent's Office.

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

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams reported that they had just returned from the North Central Regional Education Laboratory in Naperville, Illinois, where he traveled with Flora Lee and four members of his administrative team to join Learning Points Associates in an intensive day-long workshop on the achievement gap. Excellent sessions were held. Questions they left us with are questions that we want to raise again among ourselves. Opportunity to focus once again with the strategies of the achievement gap report.

Held the Education Coalition meeting on Saturday, and met with Christopher Rants Friday morning. Also met with some other legislators regarding the Local Option Sales Tax on Friday morning.

Mr. Williams introduced James Strayer from PLATO, Inc., and discussed the use of Harkin funds for the purchase of PLATO, Inc. software. He presented Mr. Strayer with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the work he has done in assisting the district with securing funds for software that is currently being used in the classroom to help close the achievement gap.

Superintendent Williams reported on the process and make-up of the Naming Committee for the new near north side elementary school. He has asked that a committee be formed in concurrence with our board policy. The committee consists of students, faculty members, parents, and principals. Rich McGrath will chair the committee that will soon convene. The committee is to bring forward three names for board consideration. Hopes that this will be done by late March. Individual board members have been made suggestions to him. One is that some board members would prefer if the names were not names of people, either living or deceased. Another sense is that you would like the committee to consider how the community can be engaged in the process. He asked the board to let him know how they feel about these two issues.

Consent Action Items

Director Daane moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that included the minutes from the meetings held January 11, 2005 (with emendations); the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 5-0.

Final Acceptance of North Middle School

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to accept the new North Middle School as substantially completed. The motion carried 5-0.

Emergency Switch Gear Replacement at East High School

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to award a contract for switch gear replacement to Thompson Electric in the amount of \$94,900. The motion carried 5-0.

Awarding of Contract for North High School HVAC Project

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to award the contract to Hagan Company in the amount of \$3,138,800, and the base bid #2 to IMC Building Services for \$172,550 to retrofit the North High School HVAC system. The motion carried 5-0.

Board Policies

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve for second and final 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 Resources Officer; and the deletion of AR521.1—Model Special Education Time-Out Procedures and 502.1—Student Conduct. The motion carried 4-1, with Director Daane voting no on board policy 602.10 and AR602.10.

Harkin Funds/PLATO, Inc.

Doyle Massey gave a PLATO grant presentation regarding the latest grant the district has received from Harkin funds.

Recognition

Mrs. Karen Bourne was recognized for earning her National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Information/Discussion

Linda Bornholtz presented the FTE report to the board.

Mel McKern presented the projected facilities maintenance cost plan for Local Option Sales Tax dollars, in the amount of one million dollars.

William Stoneburg continued his reporting on the General Fund—FY2006 budget. The information introduced this evening included the Operation & Maintenance Department budget, utilities, and the Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL) Fund.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 5-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.