

**SPECIAL MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
JANUARY 23, 2006—6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to go into a closed session 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.

**Return to Open Session**

Director Daane moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to return from closed session. President Batcheller stated that no action would be taken following the closed session. The motion carried 7-0, and the board returned to open session at 6:05 p.m.

**Adjourn**

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
JANUARY 23, 2006—6:00 p.m.**

## **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Citizen Input**

Monique Scarlett, addressed the board regarding the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. This issue will be referred to the Equity Committee.

## **Board Member Reports**

Director Mounts: Traveled to Des Moines with several other board members and Mr. Williams for the IASB Lobby Day. Property Tax Equity is gaining some momentum. Traveled Friday with Directors Johnson and Daane to a session on Career Pathways, Smaller Learning Communities.

Director Johnson: Also attended the IASB Lobby Day in Des Moines, as well as the Career Pathways program. He stated that the engineering plan in this program is not as new as he thought it was.

Director Daane: Publicly thanked Lexie Sprague and Mel McKern for the work they did on setting up the bus tour for the board to view possible elementary school sites on the Westside, as well as the high school athletic complexes. He was somewhat discouraged by the IASB Lobby Trip; however, Director Mounts has assured him that we should be pleased with the progress we made. He enjoys these trips as it is a chance to get to know the other board members better.

Stated that he feels compelled to comment on two articles in the newspaper. He finds it excellent that Janeese Martin (TRC) writes a column explaining taxes to the public. In the most current column, there were answers from various governmental entities regarding the money received from the Lakeport Commons shopping area. The answers were technical but the short answer is that it doesn't. He feels this shopping center is good for the city but since it is a TIF district, we get no general fund money from that development.

After 2008, we do not receive sales tax money from Lakeport Commons as the entire state shares in that sales tax money after 2008. This is just an explanation, not a complaint.

The other was an item in *The Journal* regarding the Sergeant Bluff and Sioux City school districts indicating that we have everything available in Sioux City. Cannot believe that the front page of the newspaper would be a place that Sergeant Bluff would want such a statement.

Also received information from the UEN and we were not listed as a participating district in the materials that were sent out. Feels they should get their letterhead corrected.

Enjoyed the Career Pathways project. Shares Dr. Mount's admiration for the number of people in our district committed to that. Commended Luann Richardson's yeoman efforts in this regard, and feels we are very much on the right path in this area.

Director Peterson: Nice to see President Batcheller and Director Jorgensen on the front page of the IASB newsletter regarding the one cent sales tax money used to build our new schools.

Director Mounts: Feels the *Sioux City Journal* should get a large round of applause for the series of five stories on the district done by JoAnn Fox. Well done and appreciated. Jenny Welp was also thanked for her stories regarding the district.

President Batcheller: Attended the IASB Lobby Day with the superintendent and Directors Daane and Mounts. He believes we were heard, somewhat understood, and maybe it was an opportunity to make some inroads. There is much work to be done in this legislative session. We have scheduled additional meetings and our representatives are working for us and getting people together who will be making these decisions.

President Batcheller asked to meet after the board meeting with those folks who are traveling to the UEN Lobby Day, as well as those who will be attending a meeting with Senator Wieck and others.

Had the pleasure of spending time in a car with Director Mounts as they traveled to Fargo to attend Larry's father's funeral. It is definitely winter after one drives north of Brookings, South Dakota.

President Batcheller reported that future committee meetings were scheduled as follows:

- The next meeting of the Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for January 27, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2006, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for January 30, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for February 1, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for February 16, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Equity Committee is scheduled for February 21, 2006, at 11:30 a.m., at the Education Service Center.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Williams expressed his appreciation to individuals in the community, especially in the education community, who expressed sympathy to him in the event of his father's death. He was surprised and pleased that folks attended the funeral in Fargo, North Dakota. He really does appreciate being part of such a caring community.

Tried to go to the IASB Lobby Day (with the road trip starting at 5 a.m.) and he was sorry he had to leave early to fly to Fargo. The day was organized to be well meaning and put us in contact with key ideas. He sincerely hopes that a key idea that is garnering attention is the Property Tax Equity issue. It is crucial. He spoke with the *Journal's* Jenny Welp and Janeese Martin of the TRC prior to the board meeting.

He commended everyone who carried on while he was gone, particularly the Board Policy Committee.

### **Presentation from Judy Burke, WHAEA Board of Directors**

Judy Burke reported that the current Western Hills Area Education Agency Board of Directors will be whittled down after July 1, 2006, and that the board will continue to look out for the Sioux City Community School District.

She reported that the merger is going well, and Sioux City will continue to be the center for the newly merged AEA. We will continue to have a large workforce in Sioux City and will not have a dilution of services after this merger.

Judy then introduced Dr. Bruce Hopkins, current administrator for the WHAEA board, who will retire June 30, 2006. Les Douma will be the new administrator for the merged AEA. Dr. Hopkins thanked the district for all of their support and cooperation throughout his tenure.

Mr. Williams said that as we continue our relationship, we have valued in the past setting mutual goals that bring in us into alignment with important issues. We will look forward to doing that as we make this transition.

President Batcheller stated that he appreciates Judy Burke's service, as well as that of Dr. Hopkins.

### **Consent Action Items**

Director Peterson moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items that consisted of the board meeting minutes of January 9, 2006 (as amended); the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 5-0, with Director Batcheller abstaining from the finance report and Director Daane abstaining from the finance and human resources reports.

### **Budget**

William Stoneburg presented budget information in the following areas: traffic education—given by Michael Pesky; presentations by William Stoneburg included the following: Operation and Maintenance (including FTEs); utilities expense; and other student fees. Dr. Linda Madison reported on state and federal early childhood programs.

### **Contract with Cannon Moss Brygger, Architects**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the contract with Cannon Moss Brygger, Architects for the development and design of the Grant/McKinley Elementary Schools replacement. The motion carried 6-1, with Director Daane abstaining.

### **Fund Request for North High School Activities Complex**

Director Daane moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion that the board pledge \$150,000 of PPEL money on the completion of another \$105,000 raised by the Northside Activities Association, and verification of the fact that the dollars are backed by firm collectible promises and/or banked within 180 days from the date of this motion. The board thanked high school boosters for their fund-raising efforts on behalf of the activities complexes in our public schools. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Kerns Family Foundation Grant for Project Lead the Way**

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the seeking of a Project Lead the Way grant through the Kerns Family Foundation. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Dual Language Grant**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the application for the dual language grant. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Board Policies**

Director Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading the following revised board policies: 401.34— Nepotism; 405.3—Access to Buildings; 431.04—Employee Meals and Lodging

(Reimbursement; and the deletion of board policies 406.1—Replacement Interim) Teachers and 404.10—Association Leave. Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve a friendly amendment to amend Board Policy 401.34—Nepotism. The motion carried 7-0. The motion on the original motion carried 7-0.

### **Board Policies**

Director Johnson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve for first reading the following revised board policies with emendations: 204.15— Community Participation/Procedures/AR204.15; 404.9—Religious Holidays; 431.05—Employee Transportation Reimbursement (Expenses); 504.11—Health and Immunization; 1004.9—Community Use of School Equipment; and 1004.13—Use of District-Owned Vehicles. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Purchase of Two 77-Passenger Conventional Buses**

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to award the bid for the purchase of two 77-passenger conventional buses to Thomas Bus Sales for a total of \$159,696. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Purchase of 102 HP McCormick Made Tractor**

Director Benson moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to award the bid for the purchase of a 102 HP McCormick made tractor to S & S Equipment Company in the amount of \$36,200. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Change in Board Meeting Dates**

Director Peterson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the changes in board meeting dates for February and September to February 20 and 27 and September 11 and 18, 2006. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Discussion/Information**

President Batcheller led a discussion on April board meeting dates. The board agreed to meet on April 13 and 24, 2006.

Superintendent Williams presented for discussion and information revised Board Policies 203.2—Appointment of Members to Board Committees; 402.43—Employee Negotiations; 451.54—Employee: Continuation of Health

Insurance Plan; 1027—Public Conduct on School Premises; 662—Computer Software Acquisition +AR 662; 663-Computer Hardware Acquisition; and 664—Donations of New or Used Computer Hardware + AR664

### **Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.