

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
JANUARY 9, 2006—6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson (arrived at 6:05 p.m.),
Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson. Absent: Director Benson.

Approval of Agenda

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of a discussion item having to do with the furthering of the North High School activities complex, a discussion of a grant possibility, and the deletion of Board Policy 504.11 as an action item. The motion carried 5-0.

Citizen Input

Kevin Fletcher addressed the board regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration in the district. He asked why it had been changed to a Day of Diversity celebration. Superintendent Williams indicated that he had discussed this issue with his Cabinet earlier in the day. This day will be referred to as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday instead of being called a Day of Diversity.

Board Member Reports

Director Daane: Reported that he and Director Benson had traveled to Des Moines last Friday to a meeting of the Chamber where area legislators appeared. At the conclusion of the meeting, a question and answer session took place that lasted for five or ten minutes. Most of the questions from the business community were in regard to school funding and property tax equity.

President Batcheller: Welcomed everyone back from holiday, and said that he hoped it was safe and pleasant. Stated that it is good to see Larry up and around.

President Batcheller announced future meetings as follows:

- The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for January 16, 2006, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Equity Committee is scheduled for January 17, 2006, at 11:30 a.m., at the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for January 18, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for January 19, at 4:00 p.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.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams: A number of our basketball teams have done well over the holiday. He extended his congratulations to the North High School girls' team for winning the Sacajawea Basketball Tournament.

Dual Language Program Grant

Mr. Williams stated that we just had a grant opportunity that came to our attention. Dr. Madison reported that we are considering the possibility of having a dual language program at Irving Elementary School. There is a \$50,000 grant available through the State of Iowa. We would start this program in kindergarten and open a few slots for students from other schools in the district. This would allow the students in the program to learn Spanish at a young age. In a program in Omaha, they teach core subjects in English for half a day and then teach half a day in Spanish. Only two of these grants are given in the state. She plans to have a meeting with Irving parents to see if there is an interest in this program.

Presentation of Audit for FY2004

William Stoneburg, and Patty Albenesius and Michael Prosser of King, Reinsch, Prosser and Company LLP presented the FY2004 audit to the board. Ms. Albenesius reported that our audit and financial reports were in good condition, and that staff was very helpful in assisting them in getting the audit completed. Mr. Williams stated that our staff also enjoyed working with the KRP auditors, and he commended the Finance Department.

Consent Action Items

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consisted of the minutes of the board meetings

held December 12 and 19, 2005; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 6-0.

Board Policies

Director Johnson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve for first 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. The motion carried 6-0.

Budget: Revenue Update 2007

William Stoneburg presented budget information which included the following:

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- o Updated Property Tax Valuations & Rollbacks
- o One-Cent Sales Tax Revenues
- o PPEL Fund

Expenditures/General Fund

- o Curriculum & Instructional Materials—presented by Linda Waugh
- o AEA Flow Through
- o Open Enrollment Expenditures

Other:

- o Health Insurance Fund Status
- o Workers' Comp Rate Information

O & M Annual Report: One-Cent Sales Tax Projects

Mel McKern presented to the board the O & M annual report on the one-cent sales tax projects.

North High Activities Complex

Director Jorgensen introduced Joel Longtin who is a member of the group working on the North High School student activities complex. This group has raised almost \$400,000 for this project thus far. The group needs an additional \$253,175 to complete the complex. Mr. Longtin indicated that the main surprise was the cost of the track—over \$100,000 more than the estimate. He reported they are on track, but they do need some help. He feels the group will end up raising a half a million dollars. On behalf of the

group, Mr. Longtin asked for some additional assistance from the board in the amount of \$150,000, primarily through the PPEL fund.

The board will tour the three high school sites in the near future. They wish the three activities complexes to be comparable.

Report on Possible Westside Elementary School Sites

A report on possible Westside elementary school sites was given by Kenneth Wictor (Neumann Monson Wictor Architects). Discussion took place among board members. Mr. Williams and Mr. McKern will speak with Jerry Hansen of the City Planning Department. The board will also tour these sites.

District Professional Development

LuAnn Richardson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the district's professional development, showing that the new emphasis is on collaboration and follow through. She provided a preview of committee work in planning for next year.

Project Lead the Way

LuAnn Richardson presented *Project Lead the Way*, a career pathway program in engineering and technology. Discussion took place and the board indicated that they are interested in Ms. Richardson proceeding with the writing of the grant to secure this program for our district. The board also asked for Ms. Richardson to plan for this program even if we don't receive the funding.

Board Policies

Superintendent Williams reviewed with the board revised Board Policies 204.15—Community Participation/Procedures/AR204.15; 404.9—Religious Holidays; 431.05—Employee Transportation Reimbursement (Expenses); 504.11—Health and Immunization; 603.10—Instructional Materials/AR603.10; 1004.9—Community Use of School Equipment; and 1004.13—Use of District-Owned Vehicles.

Adjourn

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.