

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MARCH 8, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 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 as amended. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Input

LaVonne Elmore asked the board what has been decided as to the grounds area around the new elementary school on the old Woodrow Wilson site. She also asked a question about the building being a one- or two-story building.

Presentation by Dr. Robert Rice, Board of Directors, Western Hills Area Education Agency

Dr. Robert Rice presented information to the board regarding the Western Hills Area Education Agency (WHAEA). He thanked the board for allowing he and other WHAEA board members the opportunity to appear before the board to discuss the workings of WHAEA. Also, he thanked Superintendent Williams for his support, through the Urban Education Network, of AEAs throughout the State of Iowa. Also thanked Mr. Williams for working to provide professional development for Area 12 superintendents.

Board Member Reports

Director Daane: Had the pleasure of reading to the first grade at Hawthorne. Paid tribute to the fact that on the front page of *The Sioux City Journal* one of our councilman pointed out that property tax school funding is in critical condition. Thanked Marty Dougherty for recognizing and speaking out for our needs.

Director Batcheller: In Des Moines for another round of leadership training through the IASB. Board thanked him for the background information on the first one-cent sales tax.

President Jorgensen: Read to the kindergarten class at Hawthorne and thoroughly enjoyed it. Noted that we have quite a few board work sessions scheduled. President Jorgensen announced that future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Policy Committee is scheduled for March 9, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

Educational Equity Committee is scheduled for March 15, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., at North Middle School.

Board Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2005, at 12:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center.

Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for March 16, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., in the Education Service Center.

Public Relations Committee is scheduled for March 16, 2005, at 4:30 p.m., in the Superintendent's Office.

Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

District Advisory Committee is scheduled for March 24, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center Board Room.

Superintendent's Report

Pam Hoadley presented information on the Morningside College Summer Institute that will be held this summer for Sioux City students currently in fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. This will be an exciting program for students.

Superintendent Williams noted that the matter of property tax equity needs to be put before the Legislature again by a group of board members. He will arrange a date, and will contact the IASB and Jim Wise of the UEN as well. He hopes we can have most of our board members attend.

An issue has come up—a proposal from a developer that involves one of our high school sites. Has to do with relocation of some dirt and rebuilding of some fields that could be advantageous to the school. Asked for a special board meeting on March 11, 2005, at noon. He will be receiving the Lowell Mason Fellow Award from MENC in Washington, DC, on Thursday evening.

Consent Action Items

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consisted of the minutes of the February 22, 2005, board meeting; the human resources report, as amended; and the finance report. The motion carried 7-0.

2005-2006 District Roofing Project

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$248,525 for the 2005-2006 district roofing project and to set March 22, 2005, 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, for the hearing on this project. The motion carried 7-0.

2005-2006 District Electrical and Fire Alarm Upgrade Project

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$132,975 (fire alarm) and \$132,450 (electrical) for the 2005-2006 district electrical and fire alarm upgrade project and to set March 22, 2005, 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, for the hearing on this project. The motion carried 7-0.

2005-2006 District Asphalt Project

Director Peterson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$99,356 for the 2005-2006 district asphalt project and to set March 22, 2005, 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, for the hearing on this project. The motion carried 7-0.

Classroom Addition for West Middle School

Superintendent Williams presented the background on this issue. Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to tentatively approve the plans and specifications for a West Middle School classroom addition project (8,200 square foot, six classroom addition, on the west side of West Middle School, with three classrooms to be for the dedicated purpose of science instruction), and set a public hearing for March 22, 2005, 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center, for the hearing on this project. The motion carried 7-0.

Bid Process for West Middle School Addition Structural Steel

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to authorize district administration to expedite a competitive bidding process for the project's structural steel to accommodate steel delivery lead times because of the need to complete the above project by approximately August 15, 2005. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Policies

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the following revised board policies for first reading: 431.05 (+AR431.05)—Employee Transportation Reimbursement (Expenses), 504.9—Student Health Services, 505.12 (AR505.12)—Parent Involvement, 802—Cash or Equivalent in School Buildings,

1005.7—School Raffles, Bingo, or Games of Skill or Chance, and AR1581—Home School Assistance Program. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information

Superintendent Williams presented Board Policies 203.1, AR203.1, AR203.2—Board Committees; 439.09, AR439.09; 602.7—Student Activity Program; and 901.4—Selection of an Architect for board review.

William Stoneburg led a discussion on the budget and included the following: Sales Tax Fund, Student Home Construction Fund, and the Debt Service Fund.

Superintendent Williams presented the superintendent's budget, with assistance from Mr. Stoneburg.

Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.