

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MARCH 13, 2006—5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, 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 6-0.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Johnson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the agenda and 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 6-0, and the board retired to closed session at 5:32 p.m.

Return to Open Session/Adjourn

Director Johnson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to return to open session and adjourn. President Batcheller indicated that no action would be taken following this special meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MARCH 13, 2006—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6: 26 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 13, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time. This is held for the purpose of hearing public input and hearing the first reading of the superintendent's recommendation to close the old Irving Elementary School once the new school has opened.

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.

No input was received.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MARCH 13, 2006—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:28 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 13, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of acting on the proposal to initiate the bidding process for the 2006-2007 North High school fire alarm system project.

No input was received.

Recommendation

Director Johnson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion that the Board of Education authorize administration to proceed with the bidding process for the 2006-2007 North High School fire alarm system project. The motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MARCH 13, 2006—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 13, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of acting on the proposal to initiate the bidding process for the district roofing project.

No input was received.

Recommendation

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion that the Board of Education authorize administration to proceed with the bidding process for the 2006-2007 district roofing project. The motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MARCH 13, 2006—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

Director Peterson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Input

None.

Board Member Reports

Director Mounts: Recognized the Briar Cliff University education majors who were in the audience. On March 2, she participated with eighth grade TAG students and the Toastmasters Club. Thanked the Toastmasters Club for their work with these students. Wished they could work with all eighth grade students.

Director Johnson: Also attended the Toastmasters; work is really outstanding, and they have worked with students for eleven years. Toastmasters is hoping that this will develop into a state competition and then into a national competition.

President Batcheller announced future scheduled board committee meetings as follows:

- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for March 16, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for March 17, 2006, at 10:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Equity Committee is scheduled for March 21, 2006, at 11:30 a.m., at Central Campus.
- The meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for March 22, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for March 22, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center.
- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2006, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams stated that this month is Youth Art Month and he had the opportunity to participate in ceremonies at the Art Center yesterday. The art was excellent and he is extraordinarily pleased at what the students receive from both their teachers and their parents. A string quartet from North High School played during the event and it was very pleasant. It is also Music in our Schools month. There is a lot going on musically in our district this month, and he enjoys attending as many events as possible.

Proud of the North High School girls' basketball team, and this week we will send the East High School boys' team to state with our very best wishes and hope that they come back having acquitted themselves well. What we really want them to come back with is a healthy respect for their opponents.

In regard to the property tax equity bill, the House has introduced a property tax equity bill. He is informed by Margaret Buckton of the IASB that the Senate will have its bill very shortly. There is a chance that the bill could get bottled up in a House subcommittee. Feels it will get a full hearing at the Senate level. Suggests that get a meeting with Speaker Rants and Mr. Van Vossen, and then decide if we want others at the meeting. We need to call Mr. Rants tomorrow and ask him to arrange for this meeting and to notify us so that we can be down in Des Moines. The essential question is: What must we do to see that this is allocated to a subcommittee so that it may be voted out? If we know more by the time of the meeting, we can meet with some on the Senate side too. Some school districts in Ms. Tymeson's legislative district will hold a public forum, which she's agreed to attend. We might see if one of those districts could attend with us in Des Moines.

Presentation Patricia Sutherland—Member, WHAEA Board of Directors

Director Sutherland indicated that the merger is moving along nicely. Both staffs were brought together in December to talk about concerns, etc. In interacting with the folks from AEA 4, doesn't feel it could have gone much smoother. The Northwest Board has begun meeting with a total of nine members. She sits on this new board. A new logo had been designed. The board is currently reviewing the policies of both boards.

Les Douma will be the new chief administrator for the Northwest Area Education Agency and will replace Dr. Bruce Hopkins, administrator for the Western Hills Area Education Agency, who is retiring this year.

The benefit package for employees is being discussed at this time, and a lot of progress has been made.

In May a farewell party will be held for present and former WHAEA board members.

Consent Action Items

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consisted of the minutes of the February 27, 2006, board meeting; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 4-0 with Director Batcheller abstaining on the finance report and Director Mounts abstaining on the human resources report.

Budget Discussion—William Stoneburg/Larry D. Williams

Mr. Stoneburg presented information on the one-cent sales tax fund. Mr. Batcheller stated that East Middle, North Middle, West Middle and Irving Elementary Schools will be paid for on October 1, 2008. Mr. Williams indicated that we are so pleased that the citizens voted for the second ten-year one-cent sales tax. We appreciate the *Sioux City Journal's* Progress Issue. President Batcheller stated that he is still amazed what a penny will do.

Mr. Stoneburg went through the Olsen Stadium Fund, and indicated that this is a great way for the schools to make money for their activities accounts.

The Student Built Home Fund was then presented to the board.

The Food Service Fund has a good balance and things are running smoothly.

Transmittal of Draft Budget (Superintendent's General [Instructional] Fund Budget—Mr. Williams thanked a large number of people with whom he works to prepare the district's budget. He also thanked the board for their attention to this budget over the past few months. He thanked both elementary and secondary education directors, the human resources director, Dr. Madison who did the staffing figures, Bill Stoneburg, Gordon Winterlin and Linda Bornholtz in developing this model and testing the assumptions. Appreciates the opportunity to discuss aspects of the budget with a sounding board that is the Board Finance Committee. He presented revenue and expenditure assumptions, and stated that our overall general fund budget will rise by 2.77 percent.

Mr. Stoneburg then showed an example of the proposed budget using allowable growth at 4 percent. He also presented a listing of miscellaneous income.

Mr. Batcheller indicated the budget is not lightly considered during the five months that the board and administration work on it. Believes the board is being a good steward of district funds. If the public has input, we'd sure like to hear from you—preferably before the vote. Our utmost responsibility is to the children of this district.

Director Jorgensen would like to stem the outflow of open enrollment students, as we are losing over \$600,000 a year. We have an excellent school system and he is proud to have his children attend here in Sioux City.

2006-2007 Whittier Elementary School Boiler Room

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$140,000 for the 2006-2007 Whittier Elementary School boiler room project, and to set March 27, 2006, 6:00 p.m. local time, for the hearing on this project. The motion carried 6-0.

2006-2007 North High School Irrigation Well

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$28,000 for the 2006-2007 North High School irrigation well project, and to set March 27, 2006, 6:00 p.m. local time, for the hearing on this project. The motion carried 6-0.

2006-2007 North High School Concessions Building and Dugout

Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the plans, specs and estimated cost of \$90,000 for the 2006-2007 North High School concessions building and dugout project, and to set March 27, 2006, 6:00 p.m. local time, for the hearing on this project. The motion carried 6-0.

Board Policies

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading Board Policies 481.12—Staff Access to Networked Information Resources and 581.12—Computer Networks Acceptable Use Policy; and the deletion of 181.18—Technology Resources. The motion carried 6-0.

Sale Of District-Owned Properties

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the listing for sale of the following properties with the following agencies, each of whom is a multiple-listing service:

Indian Hills Land—Salem-United Real Estate Solutions (appraised value—\$150,000); Former Riverview School Land—Davenport Real Estate (appraised value—\$90,000); and Former West Middle School Land—LeGrand Real Estate (appraised value—\$50,000).

Mr. Williams indicated that the appraisals were completed and the names of the real estate companies selected were drawn from a hat. Mr. Stoneburg indicated

that he is consulting with the City and Habitat for Humanity in regard to some properties.

The district will attempt to use direct negotiations with a likely potential buyer in the selling of the 1805 Oregon Street property (we paid \$82,000 in June 2002). This property is adjacent to Woodbury Heights. The district will also begin the process of advertising for sale the old Irving Elementary School building and site in hopes a suitable buyer/user may be identified. The motion carried 6-0.

Equity Committee Membership

Director Daane moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to appoint Flora M. Lee to a three-year term on the District Equity Committee. The motion carried 6-0.

Discussion/Information

Rich Luze presented information on his recommendation to purchase three food delivery trucks.

Superintendent Williams presented Board Policies 181.11—Electronic Equipment and Services Usage by District, 503.4—School-Sponsored Events, 504.5—Student-Driven Vehicles, Motorcycles, Mopeds, Skateboards, Bicycles, Roller Skates, In-Line Skates, Scooters, 604.4—Career Education, 603.10 and AR603.10—Instructional Materials, and the deletion of 503.7—Attendance at Events Outside of School, 503.10—Interscholastic Activity Eligibility, and 581—Use and Dissemination of Test Results.

Adjourn

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.