

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MARCH 9, 2004—5:00 P.M.**

Call to Order—President James called the special meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. President: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts (arrived at 5:55 p.m.), and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda —Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the agenda for the special meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session—Director Kruse moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to go into a closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation as provided in Section 21.5(c) of the Code of Iowa. The motion carried 6-0, and the board went into closed session at 5:01 p.m.

Return to/Adjourn From Open Session—Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn from the closed session and return to the open session. President James stated that no action would be taken following this special meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

HEARING

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance—President James called the hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion—President James announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 9, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of accepting public input on the closure of Herbert Hoover and Woodrow Wilson Middle Schools due to the opening of the new North Middle School.

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.

Recommendation—Director Kruse moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to take action on this matter at the March 23, 2004, meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn—Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

HEARING

Call to Order—President James called the hearing to order at 6:09 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion—President James announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 9, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of acting on the proposal to dispose of the following described properties belonging to the school district: 607 Wright Avenue, 611 Wright Avenue, and 1113 Ninth Street, Sioux City, Iowa. The proposed disposition of said houses shall be either by selling and moving the houses to other sites or by razing them.

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.

Recommendation—Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion that the Board of Education authorize either the sale and movement or razing of the district-owned properties located at 607 Wright Avenue, 611 Wright Avenue, and 1113 Ninth Street, Sioux City, Iowa. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn—Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

HEARING

Call to Order—President James called the hearing to order at 6:12 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion—President James announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 9, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of acting on the proposal to replace the East High School boiler at an estimated cost of \$323,000 which includes mechanical, electrical, and general construction.

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.

Recommendation—Director Peterson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion that the Board of Education authorize the replacement of the East High School

boiler at an estimated cost of \$323,000 which includes mechanical, electrical, and general construction. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn—Director Batcheller moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

HEARING

Call to Order—President James called the hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion—President James announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 9, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of acting on the roof replacement projects at Bryant, McKinley, and Smith Elementary Schools and West and East High Schools.

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.

Recommendation—Director Batcheller moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion that the Board of Education authorize the roof replacement projects at Bryant, McKinley, and Smith Elementary Schools and West and East High Schools. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn—Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

HEARING

Call to Order—President James called the hearing to order at 6:18 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion—President James announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held March 9, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of acting on the asphalt maintenance project for Emerson, Nodland, Smith, and Sunnyside Elementary Schools and North and East High Schools.

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.

Recommendation—Director Batcheller moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion that the Board of Education authorize the asphalt maintenance project for

Emerson, Nodland, Smith, and Sunnyside Elementary Schools and North and East High Schools. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn—Director Batcheller moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order—President James called the regular meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.
Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda—Director Peterson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Input—None.

Missouri River Historical Development, Inc. Presentation—Mark Munson, chair of the Missouri River Historical Development, Inc. (MRHD) informed the board of a few kid activities going on at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Steve Hansen, director of the Sioux City Public Museum, presented the board with the new *Sioux City History* which will be presented to each secondary public school in Sioux City. Steve thanked the board for the work they do.

Board Member Reports—Director Kruse: Board Finance Committee meeting regularly; in Des Moines with the FINE conference; applications have been received, and will be awarded on May 1

Director Batcheller: Conference Board passed a budget for the city assessor's office today

Director Peterson: Attended Conference Board and also Whittier Elementary School for the Dr. Seuss program. Proud of our teachers and that our kids do a good job.

Director Daane: Participated in a meeting with Dr. Madison to review class size numbers for next year. Appreciated the time the staff took. Administrators have to be bright to work on staffing for the district.

President James: Met with a group of Woodrow Wilson Middle School TAG youngsters; questions were great. They talked about tax equity and, thanks to Nancy, she had information to give them. Attended a TAG conference at Morningside College yesterday.

President James announced that future meetings would be held as follows:

Board Policy Committee—March 10, 2004—11:45 a.m.—ESC

Educational Equity Committee—March 16, 2004—11:30 a.m.—WHAEA
Board Finance Committee—March 16, 2004—12:00 p.m.—ESC
Finance Oversight Committee—March 22, 2004—8:00 a.m.—421 Nebraska
District Advisory Committee—March 25, 2004—5:00 p.m.—ESC

Superintendent Williams' Report

- It's been a very active last couple of weeks. This Friday he and Flora Lee, co-chair of the Governor's Task Force on the Achievement Gap, and Facilitator Ester Mae Cox will present our draft report to the State Board of Education.
- Participated in reading at Lincoln at three grade levels for Dr. Seuss Day.
- Attended a couple of TAG conferences and they were excellent.
- Attended a music educator meeting in DC last weekend on his own dime. Presented awards to three very special friends. Heard the Capitol Steps on Friday night. It was quite fun.
- Attended concerts and delightful public shows at West and East High Schools. Appreciates the fine work students do.
- Congratulated the South Sioux City High School girls' basketball team on their state championship and congratulated the Hinton High School girls' basketball for going to state. Sorry we are missing the East-North High School game this evening at West High School.

Board Education—Director Valorie Kruse—Asked for the board's homework. Key parts of assessing student achievement listed by members of the board are as follows: testing, teacher evaluations, timely reporting of test data, observing how the students are interacting with each other and participating in the classroom, consistent and reliable and supportable as a process, attendance and drop-out rate.

Secondly, does assessment and the process do anything for student achievement with the goals we set and our mission statement? Board members indicated that doing assessment is imperative to know if we are educating our students. It tells areas in which we need to improve, focuses our resources—whole purpose is focus, recognizable and supportable by the public, faculty, and students.

Thirdly, as a board would we concur that it is still important to have policies and to implement them in order to continue to have high student achievement through the assessment? Board comments were that board policies are important as these govern our decisions quite often.

The assignment for the April 13, 2004, meeting is for the board to read the article *The Results are the Reason* by Dennis Sparks, and to respond on the Individual Reflections

sheet giving the key ideas from the article and what questions the reading raised for board members.

Consent Action Items—Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consisted of the minutes of the meeting held February 24, 2004, and the special meeting held March 2, 2004; the Human Resources Report; and the revised Finance Report. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Mounts abstaining on the minutes of both meetings listed above.

Purchase of Property—Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a piece of property located at 1210—11th Street in the amount of \$24,500. Citizen input was received from LaVonne Elmore asking why the district purchased another piece of property in that area. Mr. Williams indicated that an elementary school will be built in this area and we need the land. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Policies—Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve for first reading revised Board Policies 801.2—Loans, Transfers, and Funds; 802—Cash or Equivalent in School Buildings; 802.1 (formerly 804.1)—Local-State-Federal-Miscellaneous Revenue; 807.4—Audit; 875.1—Unreserved Fund Balance and the deletion of 801.8—Transfer of Inactive Accounts; 804.2—Sale of Bonds; and 804.4—Gifts—Bequests. The motion carried 7-0.

Public Informational Meeting—Superintendent Williams stated that a public informational meeting was held last night in regard to the agreement between the district and Morningside College. The meeting lasted over two hours and will be continued on Thursday, March 11, 2004, from 5 to 7 p.m. Public input has been very useful, and Mr. Williams thanked those who attended.

Discussion/Information

- The Homeschooling Report was given by Margaret Wendel who indicated that the program has grown again this year. We currently have 93 unassisted and 154 assisted students. Nineteen of these students participate in activities in their home school. Thanked the board and staff for the wonderful support they give the program and the students.
- The Smaller Learning Communities grant request was presented by Bruce Johnson and Dr. Marty Mahler. This grant has been around since the Clinton Administration. Initially we would apply for a planning grant (approximately \$250,000). If we are successful in this, in one year we would apply for an implementation grant of approximately \$2.5 million.
- William Stoneburg presented information on the FY2005 General Fund Budget revenue sources other than the state foundation formula.

Adjourn—Director Batcheller moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

BOARD WORK SESSION

Report on ITBS/ITED Results—Pete Garlinghouse reported on the different types of tests given to students and the score descriptions, as well as the trends.

Budget Development Vis-a-Vis Planning for Staffing FY2005—Dr. Linda Madison addressed the board regarding the staffing process for FY2005. She distributed a Pre-registration Schedule for the 2004-2005 school year. She stated that there are more unknowns this year than any year before.

The work session ended at 9:25 p.m.