

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MAY 10, 2005—4:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the special meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller (arrived at 4:06 p.m.), Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to go into closed session to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer concerning employees collective bargaining as provided in Section 20.17(3) of the Code. The motion carried 7-0, and the board went into closed session at 4:06 p.m.

Return to/Adjourn From Open Session

The board returned from closed session at 4:41 p.m. President Jorgensen stated that no action would be taken at this time. Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

A board work session on health, home schooling, and the Sanford Center was held at 4:30 p.m., followed by a reception to honor the board.

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MAY 10, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Jorgensen called the hearing to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion

President Jorgensen stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held May 10, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of acting on the proposal to make improvements on the fields at North High School, and that 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.

Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MAY 10, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizen Input

None.

Board Recognition

The board was recognized and thanked for their hard work and leadership.

Guest

Larry D. Williams introduced Les Douma, AEA 4 Chief Administrator, who will become the chief administrator in July 2006 for the merged AEA 4 and 12. Mr. Douma stated that he is looking forward to working with us in Sioux City, and indicated that the new name of the merged AEAs will be Northwest AEA. He is looking forward to this merger. Mr. Williams and the board are also looking forward to Mr. Douma's leadership.

Recognition

Vernon Meyer was recognized for his contributions to the beautification of our school campuses project by completing the Community Improvement Through Healthy Trees grant application. Mr. Meyer thanked the board and stated that Patty Redmond was equally responsible for this application.

Board Member Reports

Director Mounts: On Friday, attended with Director Daane a forum for students from each of our high schools. One of the most beneficial things they've ever done, with questions from Director Daane mostly about academics. It was a diverse group of students. Very interesting and she and Director Daane are preparing a report for future dissemination. Attended the Waitt Foundation Scholarship event. Had a number of students from our district who received scholarships. Our district recognized Joan Waitt who is responsible for over \$2 million in scholarships over the past five years. There were several students who were once ELL students who received scholarships.

Director Daane: Met with Mayor's Youth Commission Legislative Committee and explained running for office. Worked on some questions for the school board election forum. Fun group of kids. After last board meeting, attended the North High School jazz band concert and the only word he can say is "wow." Attended East Middle School Career Day and spoke and talked to eighth grade students about the legal professional (not just lawyers). Quite a skill to keep the attention of 30 eighth graders for 40 minutes.

Director Peterson: Enjoyed the trip to Washington, DC, and felt that it was fruitful. East High School students recently presented the Evaluation Revolution on Smaller Learning Communities and that was very interesting. Read to kids at McKinley also.

President Jorgensen: Pleasure of attending the Kiwanis Top 5 Percent banquet. It was a fun event to give recognition to the academic side. Pleasure of delivering books to the second graders at Washington Elementary School. Interesting to see how they have a great interest in reading. Busy time of the year for all, but an

exciting time of the year as well. Looking forward to the commencement exercises. Encouraged board committees to continue to look at their board goals and try to develop a plan of attack for accomplishing as much as they can. His objective is to visit with each committee and work with them to see what is to be brought before the full board. Feels it might be a good idea for some of our committees to meet in various school buildings.

President Jorgensen announced that future meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Board Finance Committee—May 12, 2005, at 12:00 p.m.—ESC
- Board Student Achievement Committee--May 20, 2005, at 10:30 a.m.--SC
- Finance Oversight Committee—May 23, 2005, at 8:00 a.m.—421 Nebraska Street
- Board Public Relations Committee—June 16, 2005, at 3:30 p.m.—ESC
- Board Policy Committee—August 10, 2005, at 3:00 p.m.—ESC

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams: Did have the ear and understanding of a number of legislators and talked to all the right people. They are making some difficult choices in DC. Looking forward to seeing the graduates walk across the stage this year.

Judy Jeffrey the Department of Education Director visited yesterday morning with members of the board, high school principals, and Dr. Madison. She is visiting all districts with information regarding drop-out rates, etc. Large urban districts are challenged. Cajoled us to see how we could introduce more rigor and higher expectations. We want individual school districts to face up to these challenges aggressively or we will find the legislature in the position to mandate this for us. Will hear her tomorrow in Des Moines, and looking forward to hearing what she has to say as she is so close to her mission of visiting all districts in Iowa.

Hopes Kiwanis members understand how much we appreciate their annual top 5 percent banquet for Siouxland students.

The administrative retirement dinner was very successfully attended last evening—Bruce Johnson, Morris Graber, and Rich Vanderloo are retiring. The district retirement dinner was held last Monday evening. Thanked the Wellness Committee and Human Resource Office for coordinating that dinner as well as for the Staff Appreciation Week celebration. Thanked those responsible for the board recognition celebration this evening as well.

Consent Action Items

Director Batcheller moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consists of the minutes of the April 26 and May 3, 2005, board meetings; the human resources report; and the finance report. The

motion carried 4-3 with Directors Mounts, Peterson, and Jorgensen abstaining from the May 3, 2005, minutes. Mr. Williams stated that principal assignments have not yet been made.

Naming of the New Near Northside Elementary School

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the name, Irving Elementary School, for the new near northside elementary school. The motion carried 7-0. Superintendent Williams expressed appreciation to all involved, including the entire student body and Pat Gill, who assisted in the trial ballot.

Motion to Request Referendum on Second Ten Years of One Cent School Infrastructure Sales and Services Tax

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the attached motion and sample ballot measure in regard to the referendum on the second ten years of the one-cent school infrastructure sales and services tax. The motion carried 7-0.

Roberts' Stadium Scoreboard

Director Benson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the low bid from Fairplay in the amount of \$107,735 for the purchase of a scoreboard for Roberts' Stadium. The motion carried 5-0 with Directors Mounts and Jorgensen abstaining.

North High School Field Improvements

Director Daane moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to authorize \$200,000 towards the sewer, irrigation, two water wells, field road, and the regrading of the football practice field as part of the overall project at North High School. The motion carried 7-0.

Music Standards, Benchmarks, and Textbook Adoption

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the music standards, benchmarks, and elementary textbook adoption. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Meeting Day

Director Benson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the change of meeting days from the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to the

second and fourth Monday of each month commencing August 2005. The motion carried 7-0.

Truck Purchases

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to award the bid for three 3/4 ton regular cab two-wheel drive work trucks to Knoepfler Chevrolet at a cost of \$17,533 per vehicle for a total of \$52,599. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Policy

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading the deletion of Board Policy 181.18—Technology Resources. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information

- Steve Crary presented information on our health insurance stating that we are fully funded and have a healthy reserve.
- Bryan Getchell presented the social studies standards and benchmarks to the board.
- William Stoneburg presented information on the budget amendment for 2004-2005.
- William Stoneburg presented the revenue purpose statement.
- Larry Williams stated that the IASB is seeking Legislative Action Priorities for 2006 from all Iowa school boards. These are due in August 2005, and will be discussed at future board meetings.

Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.