

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MAY 24, 2005—12:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Jorgensen called the special meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller (arrived at 12:05), Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Smaller Learning Communities Grant Proposal

Background and information was presented by Bruce Johnson, Secondary Education Director, and LuAnn Richardson, Elementary Education Director, including the budget allocation with personnel needed to work with the grant on restructuring the high schools. Al Heisterkamp, Principal, North High School, spoke to endorse comments of Nancy Mounts to have an individual/high school principal to drive this program in each building. Mr. Williams recommended that the budget be reconstructed to show the prime focus on professional development and include the travel and conference expenses with the professional development. In the event the Sioux City Community School District does not receive this grant, the district will proceed with the concept of Smaller Learning Communities with the community partners.

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the seeking of a Smaller Learning Communities grant for approximately \$2,250,000. The motion carried 7-0.

Human Resources Report

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the human resources report. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information

- Bryan Getchell, Head Social Studies Teacher, and LuAnn Richardson, Elementary Education and Curriculum Director, presented information on the selection of secondary social studies textbooks. They shared the evaluation form teachers and administrators used to review textbooks and materials from all four companies.

Materials were available for anyone's review and are currently available in the Board Room.

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Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.