

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
MAY 11, 2004—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President James called the regular meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Input

None.

Board Appreciation

Judy Keith thanked the board for their service. Each was presented a small gift, and a certificate of appreciation.

Board Member Reports

Director Batcheller: Had the privilege of attending the Washington Steak Dinner with the superintendent and Director Mounts. It was his first experience in DC: awe inspiring and humbling. Thanks for the opportunity to attend.

Director Peterson: Was called at 7:30 one morning and told that Iowa's first lady was coming to the district to hand out books, and she was asked to prepare some sushi as part of a multi-cultural program.

Director Mounts: Spoke to two North High School government classes the better part of two days last week. She misses high school aged students. Impressed with how courteous the students were and how they interacted with each other. Also attended retirement dinner. Has gone every year and every year it gets bigger and better. A really nice event.

Director Daane: Attended Project Hope graduation at Morningside College. The generosity of Mrs. Kline to create and fund the program, as well as the generosity of

Morningside College's administration, faculty, and students is wonderful. There were eleven graduates of this program this year. Also attended IASB school law seminar and has good materials to share at another meeting.

President James: Attended the Kiwanis Top 5 percent banquet. It was beautifully done and a real treat to see all of those youngsters. Retirement dinner was great and a huge thank you goes out to Katy Blake and her committee.

President James reported that future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Educational Equity Committee—May 18, 2004—11:30 a.m.—Central Campus

Board Policy Committee—May 19, 2004—11:45 a.m.—ESC

Finance Oversight Committee—May 24, 2004—8:00 a.m.—421 Nebraska

Board Finance Committee—May 18, 2004—12:00 p.m.—ESC

District Advisory Committee—June 3, 2004—5:00 p.m.—ESC

Superintendent Williams' Report

- Attended most of the things the board members talked about.
- Spoke to Greater Siouxland group last week, and he was pleased and proud to do so.
- Enjoyed visiting Riverside School yesterday and participating in a music session with the students.
- Extended an invitation to the Riverside faculty group to play introductory music as we congregate for the Convocation next fall.

Consent Action Items

Director Kruse moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the consent action items which consisted of the minutes of board meetings held April 27, 2004; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 5-0 with Directors Batcheller and Mounts abstaining.

Board Education

Director Kruse led a discussion on an article, *Results are the Reasons*. Some of the key ideas gleaned from this article by board members are as follows: staff development needs to be research-based; teachers sharing adaptations; sense what teachers are teaching, and the power of good teaching should be emphasized; bombard teachers with examples of data-driven staff development but this needs more funding; need more time for staff development as one shot doesn't work; and the primary use of data is to help schools approve achievement.

Establish a Reserve For Workers' Compensation Liabilities

Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to pass the following resolution: That the treasurer be authorized and directed to restrict monies in the Management Levy Fund in the amount of \$375,000, to be used solely and only to pay premiums, deductibles or certain claim expenses owed to Employers Mutual Casualty Company under the district's workers' compensation insurance policy and for no other purpose. The monies shall be restricted until all obligations to Employers Mutual Casualty Company under the District's workers' compensation insurance policy have been satisfied, or the next fiscal year, whichever is later, with this resolution being adopted pursuant to Section 296.7(7), Code of Iowa (2003). The motion carried 7-0.

Board Policies

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading revised board policies 501.8—Within District Transfers + AR501.8; 501.9—Open Enrollment Transfers; 401.5—Certification; 401.6—Personnel Records; 402.11—Horizontal Advancement on Salary Schedule; 402.13—Administrator Evaluation; 403.3—Discharge/Discipline of Non-certified Employees; 403.4—Employee Reduction In Force; 431.06—Conflict of Interest of Employees; 205.2—Professional Meetings and Association Membership; 305.4—Professional Development for Administrators; and the deletion of board policies 402.6—Fringe Benefits; AR402.11—Horizontal Advancement on Salary Schedule; 404.11—Family and Medical Leave; and 405.10—Communicable Diseases. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Policies

Director Peterson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve for first reading revised board policies 403.2—Resignation of Certified Personnel; 404.8—Absence Without Pay; 405.4—Tutoring; 405.7—Supporting a Safe and Orderly Environment; and 402.10—Physical Examinations. The motion carried 7-0.

Finance Oversight Committee Membership

Director Batcheller moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to approve the appointment of each of the following individuals to a three-year term on the Finance Oversight Committee: Steve Corrie, Grant Haight, and Paul Treft. The motion carried 5-0, with Directors Jorgensen and Mounts abstaining.

North Middle School Irrigation

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to award the landscape bid to the low bidder, Don Sewalson Landscape, and to accept Alternate 1 and 2, for a total of \$88,200; and to award the irrigation bid to Foulk Brothers Plumbing and Heating Company for a total of \$22,475. The motion carried 6-1 with Director Daane voting no.

Purchase of Technology for Professional Development

Director Daane moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to award the bid for technology equipment to be used for professional development to the low bidder, Gateway Computers, for a total of \$48,687. The motion carried 7-0.

Fire Alarm Phase III

Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to award the bid for Fire Alarm Phase III, which includes work at Bryant, Hawthorne, and Washington Elementary School, to the low bidder High Tech Electric in the amount of \$106,096.57; and to the low bidder for Fire Alarm Phase III, for work at Whittier Elementary School, Thompson Electric for a total of \$33,031.00. The motion carried 7-0.

Electrical Phase II

Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to award the bid for Electrical Phase II, which includes work at Longfellow, McKinley, and Washington Elementary Schools, plus Alternate A, to the low bidder, Metro Electric, for a total of \$75,506. The motion carried 7-0.

Information/Discussion

Superintendent Williams spoke regarding the North High School swimming pool. One year ago this pool was closed due to budgetary reasons in that major repairs needed to be accomplished at that pool estimated at about \$92,000. Parents and youngsters involved in this closing were very level-headed and calm during this process; however, the group made it clear that they were likely to come back. Tonight's discussion is to accomplish that end.

Marty Palmer spoke regarding swimming as a safety issue. Very pleased that the board didn't look at closing all three pools—kind enough to only close one pool. He outlined the fundraising efforts of the swimming community in Sioux City.

William Stoneburg presented information on ISCAP Program Participation for FY'05.

Jean Peters presented information on the current Transition Alliance Program (TAP), and stated that she plans to seek a renewal of the TAP grant.

Michael Pesky addressed the board requesting an increase in the school bus fare from \$23 to \$28 per month for students who live under two miles from school.

President James asked the board to give a sentence or two on the work of the board this evening.

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 8:38 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING MAY 11, 2004

Call to Order

President James called the special meeting to order at 8:48 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

Director Kruse moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion 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 7-0, and the board went into closed session at 8:49 p.m.

Return to/Adjourn From Open Session

Director Kruse moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to return to and adjourn from open session. No action was taken following this meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the closed session adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

