

## **RECOGNITION**

Prior to the board hearing and regular meeting, Dr. Rita Vannatta was recognized as the Western Hills Area Education Agency's Elementary Principal of the Year, and Dr. Michael McTaggart was recognized as the Western Hills Area Education Agency's High School Principal of the Year. Our district is fortunate to have such fine administrators in our schools, and we wish them well in state competition.

## **HEARING SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER NOVEMBER 23, 2004—6:00 P.M.**

### **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Jorgensen called the hearing to order at 6:02 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 November 23, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of accepting public comment on the proposed lease of the Herbert Hoover building, 3601 Country Club Boulevard, to the Heartland Community Baptist Church. He stated 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.

Dan Moore, attorney, addressed the board regarding the revised lease. Mick Martin, lead pastor at RiverzEdge Church, stated that he thought it was a great idea to be able to lease this building to a church. Asked the board to allow churches to use existing schools.

### **Recommendation**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion that the Board of Education proceed with its intent to lease the Herbert Hoover

building, 3601 Country Club Boulevard, to the Heartland Community Baptist Church. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Adjourn**

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
NOVEMBER 23, 2004—6:00 P.M.**

### **Call to Order**

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the agenda with emendations. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Citizen Input**

None.

### **Board Member Reports**

Director Benson: Attended the Finance Oversight Committee meeting yesterday.

Director Johnson: Attended the IASB convention in Des Moines last week. It was an excellent convention. As a new board member, he found it to be very beneficial.

Director Peterson: Also found the IASB convention sessions very beneficial to a six-year member. The IASB sessions stressed teacher development and the promotion of children's education.

Director Batcheller: The IASB convention was very beneficial with informative sessions. Found a fair amount of like issues with board members from around the state. There are powerful issues at play in Iowa at this time regarding education. We need to stay focused on what is needed in Sioux City. Attended the Finance Oversight Committee meeting and reported that dollars have been collected and spent well. Larry Sigel from IASB presented a session in regard to the school foundation formula. His approach to change the formula to raise the base rate has much support around the state.

Director Daane: Had a good meeting of the Student Achievement Committee. He will e-mail minutes to all board members.

Director Mounts: Also attended the Student Achievement Committee meeting. It was a good meeting.

President Jorgensen: Had a very good week in Des Moines. Our district has been seeking to pass a resolution regarding property tax equity. Pleased that one such resolution did pass and ended up being an IASB legislative priority. We need to lobby legislators at this point.

He was informed that March 16 or 17 has been set as the tentative UEN Lobby Day.

Disseminated a self-assessment of our district for the board to complete.

Director Daane stated that he is grateful to the efforts of those who attended the IASB Delegate Assembly in order to get the resolution on property tax equity accepted as one of IASB's legislative priorities.

President Jorgensen reported that future board committee meetings are scheduled as follows:

Board Student Achievement Committee—December 3, 2004—10:30 a.m.—ESC

Board Finance Committee—December 7, 2004—12:00 p.m.—ESC

Board Policy Committee—December 8, 2004—3:00 p.m.—ESC

District Advisory Committee—December 16, 2004—5:00 p.m.—ESC

Finance Oversight Committee—December 20, 2004—8:00 a.m.—421

Nebraska

Educational Equity Committee—December 21, 2004—11:30 a.m.—Central Campus

Board Public Relations Committee—December 21, 2004—3:30 p.m.—ESC

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Madison: Thanked the board for their strong advocacy on the tax equity issue. They are to be commended.

Pleasure to take the superintendent's place while he is India for three weeks. Look forward to his safe return, but glad he's having a good time while he's gone.

We have another National Board Certified teacher in Karen Bourne. She will be recognized at a future board meeting.

Received word Saturday from Senator Harkin's office that we've received another \$500,000 PLATO grant which will be used to support our current programs.

Received word that our Even Start grant (at the federal level) was approved.

### **Report From Judy Burke—Western Hills Area Education Agency Board of Directors**

Judy Burke, member of the Western Hills Area Education Agency Board of Directors, presented an overview of the services provided by the Western Hills Area Education Agency. She thanked our board for allowing her to serve on this board. The board thanked her for her service on this board.

### **Consent Action Items**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consisted of the minutes of the November 9, 2004, meeting; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Mounts abstaining from the minutes of the November 9, 2004, board meeting.

### **Lease of Herbert Hoover Building**

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the lease of the Herbert Hoover building, 3601 Country Club Boulevard, to the Heartland Community Baptist Church. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Purchase of Property**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the purchase of property located at 1019 Floyd Boulevard, in the amount of \$23,000. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Board Policies**

Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve for second and final reading revised Board Policies 404.5—Professional Development, 502.9—Weapons Free Schools, 709.3—Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities, 903.1—Lease, Sale, or Disposal of School Buildings and Sites, 1001.0—Communications/Public Information Programs, 1003.5—Community Resource Persons and Volunteers, and 1004.7—Gratuities to Personnel; and the deletion of 901.1—School Facilities Surveys and 901.3—Site Acquisition. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Board Policies**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve for first reading revised Board Policies 503.11—Non-Discrimination of Students, 1003.6—Homeless Children and Youth, 1005.1—Public Performance by Students, and 1071—Process for Resolving Complaints and Concerns. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Discussion/Information**

Steve Crary presented a draft of the 2004-2005 district calendar, as well as one for 2005-2006.

Dr. Shirley Luebke presented the K-12 music benchmarks and standards.

Pete Garlinghouse presented the fall NWEA levels test results, and the comparison to ITBS achievement levels.

Dr. Linda Madison presented revised board policies to the board.

Dr. Linda Madison presented two options regarding the seeking of an Iowa Demonstration Grant. President Jorgensen spoke regarding these two options. A special board meeting will be held December 8, 2004, at noon, at the Education Service Center, to vote on the seeking of an Iowa Demonstration Grant.

## **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 8:26 p.m.