

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
NOVEMBER 14, 2005—5:45 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Benson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to go into a closed session to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds. The motion carried 7-0, and the board retired to closed session at 5:46 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to return to open session with no action being taken. The motion carried 7-0, and the board returned to open session at 6:03 p.m.

Adjourn

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
NOVEMBER 14, 2005—6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizen Input

None.

Presentation on Leeds Elementary School

James Champion, FEH Associates, Inc. gave a presentation regarding alternatives for Leeds Elementary School. Mr. Williams asked that a public hearing be held in December regarding this issue.

Board Member Reports

Director Mounts: She and Director Batcheller attended a board leadership conference in Des Moines. It was a very valuable meeting and she learned a lot. She stated that there is much diversity among school districts, but the presenters were all white from districts with low SES and good tax bases.

Director Peterson: Reported that a good Board Policy Committee meeting was held.

Director Jorgensen: Ran across an article on one district's attendance policy. The district gives students a new Mustang for those with good attendance.

Director Daane: Thanked Director Jorgensen for meeting with him to prepare him for the delegate assembly this week.

Director Batcheller: Reported that he and Director Mounts had a wonderful trip. Talked with other districts regarding property tax equity and heard a good talk from Mary Gannon. Stated that he feels a great deal of pleasure having Mr. Williams back on the dais.

- The next meeting of the Equity Committee is scheduled for November 15, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., at Western Iowa Tech Community College.
- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for November 15, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

- The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for November 22, 2005, at noon, in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for November 22, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center.
- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- The next meeting of the Board Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for December 2, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in the Associate Superintendent's office.
- The next Building Oversight Committee will be scheduled by Mel McKern in the future.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams: Pleased to be back at work part time. Rewarding because he enjoys his work and the people with whom he works. Thanked the board for their understanding as he adjusts to part time. Will keep his focus on the board's priorities. Thanked Dr. Madison for stepping up to the plate to handle additional work, as well as to the cabinet for supporting her.

Has been working on the property tax equity issue with the help of Lexie Sprague and the IASB. Letter to superintendents and board presidents, plus attachments were sent off last week. Appreciated the IASB and its board for having adopted a position paper that is strongly in favor of property tax equity. Our board has its work cut out for it as it heads for Des Moines, as the IASB has other positions it favors as well. We'll need a lot of support, and many people say that in this particular session we probably won't generate enough support. But this was said regarding the Local Option Sales Tax issue, and we proved them wrong, so we can do it again. As our IASB Delegate, he wished Director Daane well. There is also a lot of work to be done with the Urban Education Network (UEN) as well. Need to emerge with a consensus from the UEN that is as strong as or stronger than the consensus we've received from the IASB.

Called to the board's attention an editorial in *The Des Moines Register* on Sunday regarding test scores. Feels the statistics on this editorial will be most of what you hear from the Governor and Judy Jeffrey in Des Moines. They cannot and should not duck reacting to this editorial.

Director Batcheller thanked the staff for their assistance during the aftermath of Superintendent Williams' accident.

Consent Action Items

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items which consisted of the minutes of meetings held October 24, 2005; the human resources report; the quarterly F.T.E. report (with emendations); the finance report; and the placement of one individual pursuant to Iowa Code Section 282.9. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Batcheller abstaining from the finance report.

Northwest Area Education Agency Director District Convention

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to elect the following to the Northwest Area Education Agency Board of Directors: Patricia Sutherland to a one-year term in District #7; Glenda DenHerder to a three-year term in District #8; and Dr. Robert Rice to a two-year term in District #9. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Daane abstaining.

Board Student Achievement Committee Recommendations

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the final report of the 2004-2005 Board Student Achievement Committee, inclusive of its several recommendations, as revised October 31, 2005.

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion that the language under the Capstone Credit recommendation that reads "First, we should eliminate high school credit/grading for any middle school courses; these courses would, however, continue to satisfy high school prerequisite requirements" be amended to read—"Students taking high school classes in middle school shall be allowed the option, at registration, to take the course with high school credit, in which case the course grade would count towards the student's high school GPA; or take the course without high school credit in which case the course grade would not count towards the student's high school GPA, however it would satisfy high school prerequisite requirements." The motion carried 4-3, with Directors Mounts, Benson, and Daane voting no.

Director Johnson moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to change from ".....: Calculus, Probability and Statistics, Physics II, Chemistry II, AP Biology Anatomy Physiology & Occupations," to ".....: Calculus, Probability and Statistics, Physics II, Chemistry II, and all AP/AP online courses. The motion carried 4-3, with Directors Batcheller, Mounts, and Daane voting no.

The committee was thanked for their hard work on this document. The motion carried 7-0 on the main motion.

West and East High School Safety Rails Purchase

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to award the bid for the purchase and installation of safety rails for West and East High Schools to Iowa Direct Equipment Company for a total of \$59,750. The motion carried 7-0.

Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program

Director Mounts moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to approve the resolution to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program, a section of which calls for a public hearing on November 28, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Information

Linda Madison presented the Educational Planning Handbook for 2006-2007 to the board, explaining the revisions for next year.

Pete Garlinghouse presented the NWEA Level Test results to the board.

Superintendent Williams and Ralph Guenther reported on the available Harkin Fire Safety grants. Board consensus was that the district apply for this grant.

Superintendent Williams presented information on the Harkin Iowa Demonstration Construction grant program. Mr. Williams stated that this \$500,000 grant is now a three to one match. If we received this grant, we would have to come up with over \$1.5 million to match the grant. This grant would be used for pre-schools at Irving, Grant-McKinley, and Leeds Elementary Schools. These pre-schools would not be operated by our district. Board consensus was to proceed with the grant application process.

Marilyn Charging presented to the board her report on the activities of the Equity Department.

Linda Waugh reported on Title I, which provides a valuable piece for our students who need extra assistance to become proficient and successful learners.

William Stoneburg spoke regarding the proposed increase in mileage reimbursement rate to 37 cents per mile effective November 2005, and then an additional raise to 41 cents per mile as of January 1, 2006.

Board President Batcheller presented revised Board Policies 401.34: Nepotism; 402.43: Employee Negotiations; 405.8 (+AR405.8): Child Abuse Reporting; 406.1: Replacement (Interim) Teachers; 431.04: Employee meals and Lodging Reimbursement; 451.54: Employee: Continuation of health Insurance Plan;

502.7: Interviews of Students By Outside Agencies; 503.10: Interscholastic Activity Eligibility; 504.5: Student-Driven Vehicles, Motorcycles, Mopeds, Skateboards, Bicycles, Roller Skates, In-line Skates, Scooters; 504.10 (+AR504.10): Student Injury and Illness at School; 1003.1: Citizen Requests for Information; and 1071.17: Examination of School District Public Records. Several revisions were suggested by Director Daane, and these will be addressed at the November 22, 2005, Board Policy Committee meeting.

Adjourn

Director Daane moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.