

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
NOVEMBER 28, 2005—4:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson (arrived at 4:03 p.m.), Jorgensen (arrived at 4:11 a.m.), Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Daane moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion that the board go into a closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session; and to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation as provided in Section 21.5(c) of the Code of Iowa. The motion carried 5-0, and the board moved into closed session.

Return to Open Session

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried 7-0, and the board returned to open session at 4:39 p.m.

Adjourn

President Batcheller stated that no action would be taken following the closed session. Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the closed session. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

A board work session with head teachers was held from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on November 28, 2005, with reports on their areas from Head Teachers Peg Brady, Cheryl Pappadackis, Judy Hamer, and Dewey Christensen

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
NOVEMBER 28, 2005—6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:25 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller reported that notice was provided that a hearing would be held November 28, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of accepting public comment on the resolution to continue participating in the Instructional Support Program.

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.

No input was received.

Adjourn

Director Daane moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
NOVEMBER 28, 2005—6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Citizen Input

None.

Board Member Reports

Director Daane: Reported that he appreciated the opportunity to attend the IASB annual meeting. It was a great opportunity to interact with our board members and board members from around the state. Marvelous outcome on the Property Tax Equity issue. There was a near unanimous vote at the IASB Delegate Assembly, and a unanimous vote at the Urban Education Network meeting. Gave credit to Mr. Williams and other board members who assisted in this area. We are positioned well as we move into the Legislative session.

Feels there is a public misperception about how Property Tax Equity will help our district insofar as the new mall. We receive no money from this development as it is a TIF district. We will not get an extra one million dollars per year from this development as some citizens believe.

Director Peterson: Stated that she also enjoyed the good sessions at the IASB, and personally thanked the superintendent for his work with the UEN as she feels it wouldn't have been unanimous without his work and lobbying efforts.

Director Jorgensen: Disseminated spread sheets on key benchmarks which he would like the board leadership to look over, and possibly develop these benchmarks so we could look at them annually.

President Batcheller: Appreciated the opportunity to attend the convention; visited with a number of board members across the state regarding Property Tax Equity. He solidified Director Peterson's comments regarding the superintendent's work and the respect he garners across the state. Now we must get this out to the public that it is an important issue and affects learning in our district and in other districts across the state. Believes that when given the details, the public will be behind the Property Tax Equity issue. Stated that a number of superintendents and leaders across the state were heartened to hear Mr. Williams was recovering and expressed their good wishes for him.

President Batcheller announced that future meetings are scheduled as follows:

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 meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for December 6, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.

The next meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for December 7, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center.

The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for December 8, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.

The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.

The next meeting of the Equity Committee is scheduled for December 20, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., at the Education Service Center.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams: Proud of this board and was happy that so many could attend the IASB conference. Pleased that Dr. Madison attended and brought back those same good wishes from his colleagues. Proud of the work they accomplished and proud of the education in which they were involved. This is a great board and he wants them to know it. Feels the public is well served.

The superintendent stated that the Property Tax Equity issue reminds him of a line from a Robert Frost poem that we "have miles to go before we sleep." We cannot let up on continuing to impress upon all legislators—in as many varied and creative ways as possible—our thinking on the Property Tax Equity issue. We need to have a public education campaign here. If we ask the average person about Property Tax Equity they probably wouldn't know what we are talking about exactly. Have a level of cognizance to achieve with our public and do so in such a way as to not minimize the other taxing bodies in this area.

Attended Rotary Club for the first time in five weeks where Nic Daane was honored as the Rotary Student of the Month. Acquitted himself quite well.

Recognition of President Batcheller—IASB Better Boardsmanship Award

Superintendent Williams recognized President Batcheller who received the IASB Better Boardsmanship Award at the annual IASB conference. This is a pretty

rigorous exercise of attending a number of training meetings and going through a number of hoops so you know the school board business.

Consent Action Items

Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items, which consisted of the minutes of the November 14, 2005, meetings, with emendations; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 6-0, with President Batcheller abstaining from the finance report.

2007 Budget Development: Revenue Projections

Superintendent Williams and Chief Financial Officer Stoneburg presented information on the revenue projections for the development of the 2007 budget. From here we will continue to develop the expenditure side of the budget. Have utilities pretty well estimated as well as fixed costs, including employee costs. This will be brought to the board in segments in January and February 2006.

Discussion/Information

LuAnn Richardson reported to the board on Title V. This federal grant is used for innovative programs in the schools, supporting school improvement and student achievement. In our district, the dollars are used to support the Smaller Learning Communities initiative, the development of core indicator assessments in the secondary level, professional development for teachers in instructional strategies, and tutoring.

Educational Planning Handbook for 2006-2007

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the Educational Planning Handbook for 2006-2007 with emendations. The motion carried 7-0.

Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program

Director Peterson moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to approve the resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program. The motion carried 7-0.

Harkin Fire Safety Grant

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the submission of a Harkin Fire Safety grant. The motion carried 7-0.

Increase in Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Director Benson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the administrative recommendation to raise the district mileage reimbursement rate to 37 cents per mile effective November 1, 2005, and then an additional raise to 41 cents per mile as of January 1, 2006. The motion carried 7-0.

IASB Board of Directors

Director Mounts moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to cast its vote for Don Friedrichsen to fill an expired three-year term expiring in January 2009 on the IASB Board of Directors. The motion carried 7-0.

Renewal of Superintendent's Contract

President Batcheller indicated that he will direct our attorney to draw up the contract for the extension of the contract for Superintendent Larry D. Williams from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008.

Mr. Williams reported that he is currently working half days which is amply covered by sick leave. His rehabilitation is coming along nicely and he can now put partial weight on his left ankle. He can use a walker at times in restricted situations. His surgeon indicated that in the very near future he'll be walking around and that it will take longer for the shoulder to heal.

It will be a few weeks before he is able to work full days. He is still engaged with and enjoys his work very much. Has the energy to work with the board to meet the challenges of the district.

Adjourn

Director Daane moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.