

**REGULAR MEETING  
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
OCTOBER 26, 2004—6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Mounts, and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Citizen Input**

None.

**Board Member Reports**

Director Mounts: Participated in an Equity Advisory meeting which was very productive. Also visited Smith Elementary School and will go tomorrow for Reading is Cool.

Director Daane: Attended Riverside rally for after-school programs; enjoyed and learned a lot. Still learning every day. Attended the northside town hall meeting and appreciated Mr. Hathaway's cordiality. Have held two Student Achievement Committee meetings with Director Mounts.

Director Batcheller: Gave presentation last Thursday to Sioux City Board of Realtors at North Middle School. Updated them on the board's past, present, and future discussions regarding sales tax and usage thereof. The group was most pleased with what they saw.

Director Peterson: Sorry she missed the last meeting. Enjoyed the northside town hall meeting; very well done. The board learned a lot and the audience learned a lot.

Director Johnson: Had lunch at Central Campus last week prepared by students; very pleasing to see that some students who had gone through that course had gone on to post-secondary culinary schools.

Director Benson: Yesterday attended the Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee. It was an interesting meeting with a committed group of individuals.

President Jorgensen: Had the opportunity to attend the Reading is Cool program at Roosevelt Elementary School today, which is co-sponsored by the Sioux City Musketeers.

President Jorgensen announced that future board committee meetings would be held as follows:

Board Policy Committee—October 28, 2004, at 3:00 p.m.—ESC  
District Advisory Committee—October 28, 2004, at 5:00 p.m.—ESC  
Board Finance Committee—November 2, 2004, at 12:00 p.m.—ESC  
Board Public Relations Committee—November 11, 2004, at 3:30 p.m.—ESC  
Board Student Achievement Committee is November 9, at 10:30 a.m.—ESC  
Educational Equity Committee—November 9, 2004, at 11:30 a.m.—ESC  
Finance Oversight Committee—November 22, 2004, at 8:00 a.m.—421 Nebraska

Tomorrow night at the City Council Chambers is a big Red Ribbon event, and reports on the student survey will be presented.

## **Recognition**

Superintendent Williams stated that once per month at the second meeting of the month, individuals will be recognized who have made contributions to the district or who have received accolades. He recognized teachers as follows:

- Lisa Lehmborg** was one of five finalists for the Iowa Teacher of the Year. The selection committee chose she and another teacher and wanted to place them as a tie. This is not allowed, so further discussion took place within the committee, and Lisa was chosen as the runner-up. Mrs. Lehmborg indicated that she was proud of how she represented the district.
- Barbara Bielenberg** was selected as Iowa Secondary Business Teacher of the Year. She is well known in her profession at the local, state, and national level. Blessed to have this caliber of teacher with us too. Mrs. Bielenberg thanked the board for allowing her to participate at the state and national level.
- Sioux City Community School District Teachers**—Could think of no group more deserving of this recognition than all of our teachers. Bruce Lear and the SCEA Executive Board represented teachers in this district. Mr. Williams stated briefly that the task of teaching children is a very easy job to do poorly and a very challenging job to do well. It is a never-ending task to teach children.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Williams: Took two days of vacation late last week. We had some challenges, not the least of which was an abduction of a middle school student. Fortunately, we had a parent who observed this and informed the school. Blessed by media who get the right information out and we are grateful for their attention to this matter, and blessed by police and emergency workers. Great credit needs to go out to the principal, staff, liaison officer, and central administration for the way they responded to this situation. As he had previously, Bruce Johnson disseminated nine safety points to all schools.

Today was also a challenging and busy day for all of us. Over the weekend, we made the decision to allow one of our political parties to have a presidential candidate appear in the North High School gymnasium. It was right-sized for them and the gymnasium is physically separated from the rest of the school. Had concerns expressed, as we have in the past with support given other parties. The election process is important to the nation and we needn't feel guilty about allowing such events to take place in our buildings. Both candidates are working as hard as they can to meet as many people as they can. This is not without precedent and we are making arrangements for extra SROs to be present, and planning has been done regarding traffic. We try to be good hosts to those guests who come into our schools. The students at North High School were permitted to attend, but we are not requiring them to attend. Other schools will have school as usual. When Thursday comes and Vice President Cheney will be in town, we know the public will also welcome him. Thanked the public for their interest in our schools.

Was in Des Moines today as he was invited to participate with about 30 individuals who have been convened by the Department of Education, but under the auspices of Troyce Fisher of the School Administrators of Iowa, to look at the nature of leadership in our changing environment of schools and what conditions surround the requirements of leadership in order to be effective in positively effecting student outcomes in terms of learning. The State Board of Education wishes to adopt some leadership standards that are based on some work that NCREL has done and bear a resemblance to teaching standards that Iowa has already adopted. The Legislature will probably be approached to pass these as law. ISEA, SAI, and IASB has formed a partnership with attention to professional development, mentoring, administrative training and the kinds of experience that go into administrative training.

### **Consent Action Items**

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consist of the minutes from board meetings held October 12, 2004; the human resources report; and the finance report. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Peterson abstaining from the minutes of the October 12, 2004, board meeting.

### **At-risk Allowable Growth**

Director Mounts moved and Director Benson seconded the motion that the board maintain the present budget for at-risk allowable growth in the amount of \$359,610. The motion carried 7-0.

### **2005-2006 Course Guide**

Director Peterson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the course guide for the 2005-2006 school year. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Lease of Land for Public Safety Communication Tower**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the lease of land to Woodbury County and the City of Sioux City, Iowa, in order to install a public safety communication tower on said land. Judy Chauncey asked why this area was important. Glenn Sedivy indicated that this tower site is very critical to Westside public communications, as well as to Riverside and the Country Club area. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Discussion/Information**

Superintendent Williams reviewed the Interlocal Transportation Agreement with the board. This agreement would provide for both school districts (Sioux City and South Sioux City) to be able to borrow or temporarily lease buses from the other district, as well as tap into Durham Services' expertise to conduct our transportation services more effectively. Steve Crary asked if we could work in something regarding substitute bus drivers.

Superintendent Williams stated that he was proud of our alternative education programs.

Mr. Williams spoke regarding John Calhoun who has been the director of the Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP) for the past three years. He has been receptive of ideas, a generator of ideas, looks to help us be effective and efficient. If not for John's direct support and that of his board, we would not have the child care center at Central Campus of which we are so proud. John will be moving with his wife to Des Moines in the near future. His wife, formerly a principal of one of our sister Catholic schools, has accepted a position at the State Department of Education. We will miss him.

Bruce Johnson introduced Rita DeJong, Principal at Central Campus and the Woodbury County Alternative Education program, who then introduced Kathy Schubert, lead teacher at Trosper-Hoyt; Mark Olson, Juvenile Detention; Doug Harrold, WHAEA; Don Mathews, Juvenile Court Services; Dan Watson, Juvenile Court Services, Molly Twowig, WHAEA; Dr. Angela Banks, Riverside Elementary School; and John Calhoun, Siouxland Human Investment Partnership, who then presented the report on the Woodbury County Alternative Education Program, after thanking Mr. Williams for his kind words.

He stated that it has been a real pleasure for him to work with the board. This program provides a unique academic and social experience for at-risk, elementary, middle, and high school students in need of alternative/interim educational opportunities. Bruce Johnson reported that Pete Garlinghouse had also been of assistance in this area.

Steve Crary presented parameters for the district calendar for the 2005-2006 school year. The board asked Mr. Crary to not use Presidents' Day as a snow make-up day. Mr. Williams asked that folks from the SCEA and Mr. Crary sit down and work out a checklist of things wanted and not wanted on the district calendar.

Superintendent Williams presented revised Board Policies 404.5—Professional Development, 502.9—Weapons Free Schools, 709.3—Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities, 901.4—Selection of an Architect, 902.5—Disposition of Obsolete Equipment, 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 Board Policies 901.1—School Facilities Surveys, 901.3—Site Acquisition for deletion.

## **Adjourn**

Director Daane moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.