

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
OCTOBER 10, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Batcheller called the hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Jorgensen, and Peterson. Absent: Directors Johnson and Mounts.

Hearing and Discussion

President Batcheller announced that notice was provided that a hearing would be held October 10, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of receiving public comments on the plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$59,657 for removing and replacing existing asphalt paving located at the southwest corner of the Operation and Maintenance building located at 2620 – 28th Street, and 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.

Adjourn

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 5-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
OCTOBER 10, 2005**

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Director Benson moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to approve the agenda with emendations. The motion carried 5-0.

Citizen Input

None.

Western Hills Area Education Agency Director Report

Dr. Robert Rice, Director, Western Hills Area Education Agency, spoke to the board regarding the fact that an interim board has been established at this time and that he serves on the WHAEA 12 board, as well as the interim board. Things are moving along smoothly as the cooperation between the two AEAs has been top drawer. Les Douma has been selected as the interim acting administrator. A board secretary, president, and vice president have been selected for the interim board. Overall, feels that AEAs statewide are strengthening.

Board Member Reports

Director Jorgensen: Attended two meetings—one a District 4 meeting in Carroll dealing with local control and on Saturday attended the NAACP banquet with Superintendent Williams and Director Peterson. It was a very well run event.

Director Benson: Had an interesting evening watching a public TV screening of a segment on schools that work. Asked to have a tape made so others could view this program. Spoke clearly to all things that we're speaking about at all levels.

Director Peterson: Truly enjoyed the speaker at the NAACP banquet. He was motivational and humorous. Should touch everyone in this country not just minorities. Appreciates being invited every year.

President Batcheller: Also attended the District 4 meeting with Directors Peterson and Daane and Superintendent Williams. Enjoyed the dialogue going down and coming back. Offered up our additional foray into the tax equity issue.

President Batcheller announced future committee meetings as follows:

- Equity Committee is scheduled for October 18, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- Public Relations Committee is scheduled for October 18, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- Board Finance Committee must be rescheduled.
- Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- Board Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for October 21, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in the Assistant Superintendent's office.
- Board Policy Committee must be rescheduled.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams: Announced that President Batcheller has announced his committees have been set.

Had the opportunity to attend the Boys and Girls Home annual fund raiser and the College Fair this weekend.

Consent Action Items

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items which consisted of the minutes of the September 26, 2005, meetings; the human resources report; the proposal to add a 1.0 FTE home school teacher; and the finance report. The motion carried 4-0, with Director Daane abstaining from the 1.0 FTE home school teacher item.

Pilot Program for Pinnacle/Hardware Purchase

Director Benson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to award the bid for the purchase of Pinnacle/Hardware to Gateway in the amount of \$44,820 (to be piloted at Whittier Elementary School). The motion carried 5-0.

Operation and Maintenance Asphalt Pavement Project

Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to award Barkley Asphalt Inc. the Operation and Maintenance asphalt pavement

project in the amount of \$47,720 to be completed by June 1, 2006. The motion carried 5-0.

Playground Safety Matting for Emerson, Everett, Longfellow, and Washington Elementary Schools

Director Peterson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to award the bid for the purchase of playground safety matting to National Safe Surface Initiative for the elementary schools listed and those to be listed for \$120,253. The motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Information

James Daane reported on the Board Student Achievement Committee Report/Recommendations. Two principle concerns were related to the valedictorian issue and if we are being unfair to ESL students, as well as to struggling students; and the other is the elimination of high school credit for middle school students. Dr. Madison indicated that the board is asked to take action at its next meeting so this can be in the course guide for upcoming freshmen. These changes only apply to next year's incoming freshmen and those beyond.

LuAnn Richardson addressed the issue of at-risk allowable growth for dropout prevention. She spoke briefly about the programs which are currently funded. She would like to see our summer school program expanded. She would also like to see the Ready, Set Achieve Club and the Second Chance Reading program added.

Marci Hahn, Education Coordinator at Boys and Girls Home School, along with Director of Special Education Jean Peters, presented information on the proposed contract between the district and the Boys and Girls Home School.

President Batcheller disseminated to the board proposed priorities and goals for the 2005-2006 school year, most of which were items from the 2004-2005 school year. He wants to focus on student achievement and fiscal program analysis. He requested that the board look them over and get their thoughts to him along with new initiatives, and finalize these by October 24, 2005.

Adjourn

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

