

**SPECIAL MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005—4:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the special meeting to order at 4:39 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, and Peterson. Absent: Director Mounts.

Approval of Agenda

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to go into a closed session 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 6-0, and the board adjourned to special session at 4:40 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Director Johnson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to return to open session. President Jorgensen reported that no action would be taken following this meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the board returned to open session at 5:29 p.m.

Adjourn From Open Session

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn from open session. The motion carried 6-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

**HEARING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Jorgensen called the special hearing to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, and Peterson. Absent: Director Mounts.

Hearing and Discussion

President Jorgensen stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held September 26, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of acting on the proposed lease of the Hoover building to the Heartland Community Baptist Church. 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 Batcheller moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 6-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

**FINAL MEETING OF THE RETIRING BOARD
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005—6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

President Jorgensen called the final meeting of the retiring board to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, and Peterson. Absent: Director Mounts.

Approval of Agenda

Director Peterson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Input

Randy Young, President, Sioux City Youth Football, addressed the board regarding the possibility of middle school athletics in the Sioux City Community School District. Their group wants to ensure that this will not affect their non-profit organization, as well as costing the taxpayers dollars. They would like to lease the Hoover football and baseball fields. Mr. Williams indicated that he would like to meet with Mr. Young regarding the proposed lease, as well as any other issues regarding middle school athletics.

Shelby Johnstone addressed the board regarding the noise issue with the air conditioners at East Middle School. The Iowa Department of Transportation blacktopped the bypass that was creating a lot of noise in this neighborhood, but there is still the issue of the noise emanating from East Middle School. They would like to find a way to alleviate this problem.

Lisa Alexa and Julie Schiltz addressed the board regarding their children who attend Joy Elementary School. These parents are distraught because their children's classrooms have 25 and 24 students each with one teacher and a part-time teacher aide. Mrs. Waugh will conference with those teachers in front of the principal and if a parent wishes to attend, that would be fine.

Jeff Lewis, co-owner of Premier Engineering, spoke to the board regarding his firm's ability and availability to work on upcoming engineering design work.

Recognition of Jackie Warnstadt, Sioux City Teacher of the Year for the 2005-2006 School Year

Superintendent Williams spoke regarding Mrs. Warnstadt's talents as a teacher. She represents our district this year as Teacher of the Year. This is a unique honor as Jackie's husband was the Sioux City Teacher of the Year three years ago.

Mrs. Warnstadt stated that she was jubilant and prideful at becoming a teacher in this district in 1972, as there were 132 applicants for every position in the system. It is close to that for this year; this says a lot about our system and she is proud to represent the dedicated teachers here in Sioux City.

Recognition of Paula Hamp Nelson (chosen as one of five teachers nationwide to be recognized for outstanding teaching and commitment to students with learning disabilities)

Mr. Williams stated that it is an honor to have Paula Hamp Nelson with us this evening—she is a child-centered and supportive teacher who takes on some of the most difficult challenges at West High School. He is excited for her to have this opportunity to join colleagues and to be recognized among them and by them when she travels to Florida for this recognition.

Consent Action Item

Director Johnson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the consent action item that consisted of the minutes of board meetings held September 12, 2005. The motion carried 6-0.

Finance Report

William Stoneburg reported on the state of the general fund balance. He reported that we ended the fiscal year with a good cash balance.

Hoover Building/Heartland Community Baptist Church Lease

Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve a lease between the Sioux City Community School District and the Heartland Community Baptist Church. Church Member Jack Taylor indicated that they are pleased with the great relationship they have had with Mel McKern and Larry Williams and the school board as a whole. The motion carried 6-0.

Annual Progress Report

Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the Annual Progress Report. The motion carried 6-0.

Change Order (Irving Elementary School)

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve a change order in the amount of \$37,538 for the new Irving Elementary School. The motion carried 6-0.

Change Order (North High School HVAC)

Director Batcheller moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve a change order involving a credit of \$30,068 on the North High School HVAC project. The motion carried 6-0.

Review of Election Results

Board Secretary Sprague presented the official report from Woodbury County Auditor and Clerk of the Board of Elections Patrick Gill in regard to the September 13, 2005, school board election. She reported that Ronald Jorgensen received 1,443 votes, Judy Peterson received 1,428 votes, Lamont Wright received 395 votes, and there were 34 scattered write-in votes.

Unfinished Business

None.

President's Comments

President Jorgensen stated that it has been a privilege to work on the school board, and he is looking forward to the next three years. Considers us a very functional board, one which focuses all attention on the best educational experience for all students. Had a lot of accomplishments last year which he reported on at the last board meeting. He is happy with what we've accomplished, but noted that there is much work to be done.

Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the final meeting of the retiring board. The motion carried 6-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING—NEW BOARD
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005**

Call to Order

Board Secretary Sprague called the organizational meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Oath of Office

The newly elected board members (Ronald Jorgensen and Judith Peterson) were administered the oath of office by Board Secretary Sprague, in substantially the format prescribed in Section 277.28 of the Code of Iowa.

Appointment of President Pro-tem

Director Benson moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to appoint the board secretary as president pro-tem to serve until the election of a new president. The motion carried 6-0.

Permanent Organization of the Board

Board Secretary Sprague announced that permanent organization of the board will be effected by electing a president from the members of the board, who shall take office immediately. The mechanics of the election of the president and the vice president can be by open nomination or by ballot, as the board prefers. A motion may be presented to determine which method shall be used.

Nominations will be taken for the office of president. When the nominations are completed, voting will take place. If no nominee receives a majority of the vote, the board will vote again. Nominees may remove their names at any time during the process. Voting continues until a nominee receives four or more votes. The same procedure is followed for election of the vice president.

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to use paper ballots for the election. The motion carried 6-0.

Director Jorgensen nominated Director Batcheller for the office of president with Director Daane seconding the nomination. Director Peterson moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion that nominations cease. The motion carried 6-0, and nominations ceased. Voting took place by ballot, and Doug Batcheller was elected President.

Director Peterson nominated Nancy Mounts for the office of vice president with Director Johnson seconding the nomination. Director Daane moved that nominations cease, with Director Jorgensen seconding the motion. Voting took place by ballot, and Nancy Mounts was elected Vice President.

Board Secretary Sprague adjourned the organizational meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

Call to Order

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.
Present: Directors Batcheller, Benson, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, and Peterson. Absent: Director Mounts.

Approval of Agenda

Director Johnson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Input

None.

Remarks/Report From Newly Elected Board President

President Batcheller stated that he is amazed to be in this place and time. Pleased to serve with quality people—both on the board and the staff. He stated that a specific number of goals will be targeted for this year with student achievement at the top of the list. This is why we're here. Stated that the board will try to remain very, very focused.

Board Member Reports

Director Benson: Had the opportunity to attend the screening of Paper Clips. It was a very moving and educational film followed by the story of a survivor of the Holocaust. Absolute silence in the Orpheum Theatre during this showing. So thankful to the Linblades and the Weiner Foundation for bringing this to our students. Really an experience that she hopes the eighth grade students appreciated today as well.

Director Peterson: Attended a good Equity Committee meeting this week and Pete Garlinghouse presented on the progress report. Lots of questions and good discussion. Marilyn Charging is running the committee very well.

Director Daane: Opportunity to be invited by the Maple Valley Community School District to speak about Constitution Day. Makes him appreciate teachers all the more when he speaks before students.

Director Jorgensen: Reported that the fall 2005 IASB district meeting in Carroll will be held October 5, 2005. The board secretary will register Directors Batcheller, Jorgensen, Daane, and Superintendent Williams

Director Batcheller: Opportunity to attend the Finance Oversight Committee this morning where the group continued to talk about the second ten years of the Local Option Sales Tax. There is frustration regarding the increasing costs in our country. Immense challenges lay ahead.

President Batcheller announced future meetings as follows:

- The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- The next meeting of the Board Finance Committee is scheduled for October 5, 2005, at noon, in the Education Service Center.
- The next Building Oversight Committee is scheduled for October 5, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Equity Committee is scheduled for October 18, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next meeting of the Public Relations Committee is scheduled for October 18, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- The next Board Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for September 29, 2005, at noon, at Casa del Rey.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Williams: Also attended the showing of the Paper Clips documentary. Confined his comments to bringing together Dr. Daane's comments about interpreting the Constitution and something he began to reflect on. A whole nation allowed a person to come into power and to become disengaged. Reflected on the checks and balances in the United States—free education is one of them and a free press is another.

Happy to note that the Neumann Monson Wictor firm of architects has received formal recognition in the form of a certificate for the submission of the North Middle School design to the national arena of the National School Boards Association. West Middle School was previously recognized. Ken Wictor shared with him a brochure that Mid American Energy is circulating regarding their customized strategy to lower energy costs.

Consent Action Items

Director Benson moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items, which consisted of the human resources report and the finance report. The motion carried 5-0, with President Batcheller abstaining from the finance report.

Appointment of Secretary

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to appoint Alexandra B. Sprague as board secretary for the 2005-2006 school year. The motion carried 6-0, and President Jorgensen administered the oath of office.

Appointment of Treasurer

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to appoint William K. Stoneburg as treasurer for the 2005-2006 school year. The motion carried 6-0, and President Jorgensen administered the oath of office.

Election of Western Hills Area Education Board Members

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the election of Judy Burke, District 4, and Earl Kizzier, District 7, to a term (which will end July 1, 2006) on the Board of Directors of the Western Hills Area Education Agency. The motion carried 5-0, with Director Daane abstaining.

Designation of Bank Depositories

Director Johnson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve the designation of bank depositories as follows: First Federal Savings Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; US Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Morningside Bank & Trust, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Pioneer Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Security National Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Wells Fargo Bank Iowa, NA, Sioux City, Iowa—\$75,000,000.00; Bank of America, Sioux City, Iowa—\$15,000,000.00; Commercial Federal Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; First American Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; First National Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; Heritage Bank, Iowa; Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; Iowa Nebraska State Bank, South Sioux City, Nebraska (Sioux City, Iowa)—\$10,000,000.00; Central Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—\$10,000,000.00; Liberty National Bank, Sioux City, Iowa—

\$10,000,000.00 and ISJIT—\$2,000,000. (The approval of this item, recorded in the board minutes, will satisfy Iowa Code 12c requirements for state guaranty of all district deposits.) The motion carried 5-0, with Director Jorgensen abstaining.

O & M Paving Project

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to set a hearing on this project for October 10, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Board Room of the Education Service Center. (The board previously approved 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.) The motion carried 6-0.

2005 IASB Delegate Assembly

Director Jorgensen moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to appoint James Daane as the district's delegate to the 2005 IASB Delegate Assembly. The motion carried 6-0.

Selection of Architect

Superintendent Williams' recommendation is that the Grant project and the Leeds project have a high likelihood of proceeding within the next few months. With that assumption, he recommended that FEH carry forward the Leeds project (they had begun work on this project six years ago) and part of their responsibility will be to access the cost and aesthetic benefit of possibly incorporating part of the existing Leeds school into the project. The second recommendation would be for Neumann Monson Wictor to be assigned to the Grant project. Director Peterson moved and Director Benson seconded the motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation regarding the selection of architectural firms. The motion carried 6-0.

Discussion/Information

Jean Carlson presented information on Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Researched-based programs that are funded are Reconnecting Youth, Character Counts, Too Cool for Drugs, PATHS, and social health teams. She indicated that instead of being cut, their budget was increased by over \$4,000. Linnea Fletcher from Jackson Recovery Center spoke regarding Reconnecting Youth. Bernie Hess spoke regarding the Character Counts program. Too Cool for Drugs was presented at West Middle School last year, as well as Too Cool for Violence. Robin Lieber, Council on Sexual Assault

and Domestic Violence presented information on Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS). This program covers prevention of bullying. Carolyn Goodwin, West high School counselor, spoke regarding social health teams.

Director Daane presented a draft of the Board Student Achievement Committee Report and Recommendations (which he, Director Mounts, and Dr. Madison had prepared), and gave an overview of this report. Board discussion took place.

Pete Garlinghouse presented information on the Pilot Program for Pinnacle/ Hardware Purchase. This involves the purchase that must be made to get this pilot project on line in three of our elementary schools.

William Stoneburg shared with the board the latest figures he has received in regard to the second ten year sales tax debt planning. Board discussion took place in regard to these documents. A board work session will be held October 3, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. At this time, the board will hold further discussions on financing options.

President Batcheller thanked Director Jorgensen for his services this previous year, his leadership, knowledge, and effort.

Adjourn

Director Benson moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 6-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.