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**Sioux City Community School District**  
**Educational Service Center**  
**January 9, 2012**

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**Minutes: January 9, 2012**

**I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Roll Call of Members**

Present: Directors Batcheller, Johnson, Krysl, McTaggart, Meyers, Warnstadt, and Williams.

Absent: None.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Citizen Input**

None

**V. Good News Report: Riverside Elementary School**

John Beeck, Principal at Riverside Elementary School, presented the *"Daily Five & CAFÉ"* program stating that the program is for grades K-5 and is a daily routine for reading and writing.

- Erica Van Horssen, K/1 Multiage Teacher - *Daily 5*
  - Literacy Structure
  - Differentiation
  - Integrates Instruction and Classroom Management
  - Independence
- Kristi Von Hagel, K/1 Multiage Teacher – *5 Literacy Tasks*
  - Read to Self
  - Listen to Reading
  - Word Work
  - Work on Writing
  - Read to Someone
- Whitney Olson, 4/5 Multiage Teacher - *Daily 5* helps establish:
  - Sense of Urgency
  - Sense of Community
  - Trust
  - Freedom for Choice
  - Stamina
  - Gradual Release of Responsibility

- Holly Mead, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher:
  - I-Charts posted in each classroom.
  - CAFÉ
    - Comprehension
    - Accuracy
    - Fluency
    - Expand vocabulary
- John Beeck – Flavor of Riverside Elementary School using *Daily Five and CAFÉ*:
  - Commonality
  - Building-Wide Implementation
  - Smooth Grade Level Transition
  - Focused Professional Development
  - United Culture
  - Increased Student Achievement

Alison Bondy, Riverside Elementary School music teacher, along with several students sang and performed their song related to the *Daily Five & CAFÉ* program. The song was written by Beth Anderson, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

## VI. Consent Action Items

Director McTaggart moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve consent action item letter "A". The motion carried 7 to 0.

- A. The Board Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2011, the Human Resources Report, and the Finance Report.

## VII. Action Items

- A. First Reading of Board Policies – Dr. Paul Gausman
  - 200.2 Powers and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
  - 200.6 Authority of Member
  - 200.8 Board Orientation
  - 201.1 President / Vice President
  - 202.1 Development of Policy
  - 202.2 Adoption of Policy
  - 202.5 Administrative Action in Absence of Policy
  - 202.6 Review and Revision of Policy
  - 481.12 Staff Access to Networked Information Resources
  - 501.4 Attendance Records
  - 501.5 Resident Students

Director Krysl moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve the above board policies for first reading. The motion carried 7 to 0.

**B. 2012 Legislative Priorities – Doug Batcheller**

President Batcheller asked for Board discussion on which Legislative Priorities they wished to approve for 2012.

Director Williams stated that she is not in favor of the Sioux City Community School District's Action Priority #2. *Charter Schools*, but was in agreement with the other 3.

Director Meyers moved and Director Krysl seconded the motion to vote individually on the UEN 2012 Legislative Priorities which includes; *Educational Transformation and Adequate and Equitable Funding*, as well as the 2012 Legislative Action Priorities of the Sioux City Community School District.

Director Meyers moved and Director Krysl seconded the motion to approve the UEN 2012 Legislative Priorities as part of the 2012 Legislative Priorities of the Sioux City Community School District. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Director Meyers moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to approve the 2012 Legislative Action Priorities of the Sioux City Community School District. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 6 to 1, with Director Williams voting no.

**C. 28E Agreement for Developmental Services / Westside Elementary School Site Improvements Project – Dr. Paul Gausman**

Director Williams moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to approve the 28E Agreement for developmental services between the City of Sioux City, Iowa, and the Sioux City Community School District for the proposed Westside Elementary School Site Improvements Project located in the vicinity of West 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Casselman Street, Sioux City, Iowa. The motion carried 7 to 0.

**D. East High School Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement Project – Mel McKern**

President Batcheller stated that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Educational Service Center, 627 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012 to approve the plans, specifications, and estimated cost of \$286,000 for the replacement of the East High School gymnasium bleachers.

Director Krysl moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to set a public hearing date and time for the East High School gymnasium bleacher replacement project. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Purchasing Manager's office located at the same address. The motion carried 7 to 0.

E. Unity School Site / Plat of Survey / Detention Pond – Dr. Paul Gausman

President Batcheller stated that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Educational Service Center, 627 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012 regarding the proposed Warranty Deed from the School District conveying the detention pond to the City of Sioux City.

Director Williams moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to set a public hearing date and time for the proposed conveyance to the City of Sioux City. The motion carried 7 to 0.

F. Sale of Vacant District Property on Floyd Boulevard – Mel McKern

President Batcheller stated that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Educational Service Center, 627 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012 to receive public input on the sale of vacant District property located adjacent to 1017 Floyd Boulevard, Sioux City, Iowa.

It was noted that the third bullet in the Executive Summary should read: The assessed value of the two District parcels is six thousand, two hundred dollars (\$6,200).

Director Meyers moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to set a public hearing date and time for the sale of vacant District property located adjacent to 1017 Floyd Boulevard, Sioux City, Iowa. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

G. High School Science Additions Change Orders – Mel McKern

Director Johnson moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve change orders C-24 and C-25 in the amount of \$16,757.00 for the high school science additions. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

H. Senior Year Plus Proficiency Requirement: Alternative Assessment – Jim Vanderloo

Director Krysl moved and Director Dr. McTaggart seconded the motion to approve the alternative measures of proficiency under the Senior Year Plus Proficiency Program. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

## VIII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director McTaggart stated he and his wife recently attended an art exhibit where he had the opportunity to visit with a former West High School student of his who is now a very successful teacher and artist.

Director Meyers stated he and his wife recently returned from New York where they attended some plays and toured a few art centers. While there, he ran across a very good article in the New York Times titled *"New study shows lifetime impact of excellent teachers"*.

President Batcheller reminded Board members of the following scheduled events and asked that they notify Cyndi Lloyd if they were interested in attending any or all of them:

- Chamber Legislative Day – Wednesday, January 25.
- NAACP Annual Banquet - Saturday, February 11.
- Governor Branstad's *State of the State Address* at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 12, at the Sioux City Convention Center.

President Batcheller commented about the exceptional nice weather we have experienced this year and the impact that it has had on our budget.

President Batcheller stated that future meetings will be held as follows:

- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., January 10, 2012, in ESC #105.
- Board Finance and Facilities Committee – 11:45a.m., January 17, 2012, in ESC #312.
- Communications Committee – 4:00 p.m., January 18, 2012, in ESC Board Room.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00a.m., January 23, 2012, in ESC #103.
- Board Policy and Human Resources Committee – 3:30p.m., January 26, 2012, in ESC #326.
- District Advisory Committee – 5:15p.m., January 26, 2012, in ESC Board Room.
- Preschool Oversight Committee – 1:00 p.m., February 1, 2012, at Irving Preschool.

## IX. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Paul Gausman

Dr. Gausman:

- He too stated he is thankful for the great weather as it relates to the District's construction projects currently in progress.
- He took time to recognize several student teachers who were in attendance.
- He is watching the Education Reform since the Governor outlined his legislative language related to the reform package.
- He and Neil Schroeder will travel to San Diego later this week for a 2-day "Learning on the Go" (LOGO) Conference sponsored by the FCC.
- He thanked Clark and Unity Elementary Schools for the great artwork displayed in the Board room, as well as in the hallways of the ESC building.
- The District is engaged in a recycling program for all buildings. Can, plastic, and paper recycle bins have been placed in our facilities and the District looks forward to helping the environment with this project.
- He reiterated that the Chamber's Legislative Day in Des Moines, is January 25. He is unable to attend, but will be in Des Moines on that day for the Governor's STEM Advisory Council meeting.

## X. Discussion / Information

### A. North High School Administrative / School Within a School Remodel Project

Mel McKern presented Phase II of the vacated Family Consumer Science space at North High School. He provided a visual so that Board members could view the proposed plan. He stated that total construction cost for moving the administrative offices is \$812,734, which includes a new front entrance with canopy but does not include landscaping.

Mr. McKern then presented the District's plan to remodel the former administrative office space to accommodate new School Within a School classrooms (presently located in the lower level of the school). He stated this would provide students with a separate entrance without having to interact with other students. He stated that total construction cost for this portion of the project is \$328,087, and total cost for both projects is \$1,140,821.

Dr. Gausman stated:

- The District did not believe Phase II would come in at this high of a cost.
- He provided a couple of scenarios for the Board to consider. He stated that it is the administration's recommendation to focus primarily on moving the SWIS first and not move forward with the administrative offices.
- He stated that the Finance Committee felt the District should wait on this for the time being until decisions have been made related to elementary schools. The committee also felt it is not something they alone should make a decision on, but that it should be brought to the full board.
- He stated that the North High administration prefers to wait to see if the version titled "Plan A" could become possible.

Dr. Aspleaf, North High School principal, stated that they want to do what is best for kids and if that means waiting until the funds are available, they are willing to do so.

Director Krysl stated that waiting allows Mr. McKern time to complete the high school capital needs list requested by the Board.

President Batcheller stated that he believes presentation "A" is the one we should reach for if we can because it does the best job for kids, but the dollars are limited, they are challenging, and there are a number of elementary school facilities that need to be redone. The high schools were constructed in the 70's.

Director Meyers stated that the clock is ticking and eventually the times will get better. We are already seeing some evidence of inflation and sooner or later constructions costs will go up.

Dr. Gausman stated for clarity that the Board directs the administration to; 1) provide them with a list of capital needs for all three high schools, and 2) bring some closure to open discussions related to elementary school projects (Bryant and Hoover) before bringing this item back to the Board for further discussion.

## B. FY13 Budget Issues and Assumptions

Gordon Winterlin presented information and data related to the following budgetary areas:

- Allowable Growth
- Revenue Outlook
- Property Tax Base and Rates
- Staffing and Staffing Targets
- Staff Salary and Benefits Settlement Status
- Historical Solvency Ratio
- Cash Reserve Levy
- Significant FY2013 Budget Expenditure Challenges
- FY2013 Budget Reduction Strategies

Mr. Winterlin presented and explained the following budgetary scenarios:

- Property Tax Summary – FY13 – Tax Rate Equal to FY12
- FY13, 2% Allowable Growth – Tax Rate Equal to FY12
- Property Tax Summary – FY13 – Tax Rate 1% Greater Than FY12
- FY13, 2% Allowable Growth – Tax Rate Increased by 1% Over FY12
- Property Tax Summary – FY13 – Tax Rate 2% Greater Than FY12
- FY13, 2% Allowable Growth – Tax Rate Increased by 2% Over FY12

## XI. Adjourn

Director McTaggart moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7 to 0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Douglas K. Batcheller, President  
SCCSD Board of Directors

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Cynthia A. Lloyd, Secretary  
SCCSD Board of Directors