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Educational Service Center
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Minutes – November 12, 2012

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Roll Call of Members

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

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Citizen Input

None

V. Good News Report(s) – Leeds Elementary School

Principal Dr. Rita Vannatta and Title I instructor Vonda Kingsbury spoke of parent involvement activities they have put into place where students and staff interact with their parents on various topics. Together, they work toward student achievement.

VI. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Batcheller moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to approve the following consent action items. The motion carried 7 to 0, with Director Johnson abstaining from Consent Action Item A.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2012
- B. Human Resources Report – Jill Knuth
- C. Finance Report – Gordon Winterlin

VII. Action Item(s)

A. Easement with City of Sioux City for Clark Elementary School

Director Meyers moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the resolution to approve public notice setting forth the time and place of a public hearing. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 26th day of November, 2012, for the purpose of an easement with the City of Sioux City for Clark Elementary School / Perry Creek storm sewer project. The motion carried 7 to 0.

B. Washington Elementary School Project

Citizen David Keane, address unknown, asked the Board for the current Washington School deficiencies. Superintendent Gausman mentioned the age of the building, the energy efficiency, heightened technology, and larger classrooms designed for 21st Century learning. Director Krysl mentioned that the current Washington School does not have adequate classroom space and is not handicap accessible. Director Meyers stated the building is fully depreciated.

Citizen Jackie Ritter, 801 S. Fairmount Street, stated that her child attends Spalding Park Elementary School. It has been a very positive experience with many benefits not afforded through Joy Elementary School, where her children previously attended. Ms. Ritter believes the new Washington will be a better facility for children. She invited Mr. Keane to visit Spalding Park Elementary School.

Director Batcheller moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to approve entering into a contract with FEH Architects to create design documents, plans, and specifications for the new Washington Elementary School. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

C. Future Facilities Recommendation for Hoover and Clark Campus Projects

Dr. Gausman shared a presentation of the administration's recommendation regarding a future facility at the Hoover Campus. The site gives the District the greatest flexibility and versatility for future use, as well as allowing the District to take advantage of the low bidding climate. He would also like to further study the proposal to build a school at the current Bryant Elementary School site.

Director Williams recommended focusing on Bryant and further study Hoover.

Director Batcheller asked Gordon Winterlin to provide a cost savings for keeping Bryant open and combining Clark, Crescent Park, and Lincoln. He stated we save 1.5 FTE.

The question was asked if the current Hoover building could be brought back online. Dr. Gausman stated yes, but he did not have a cost estimate at this time.

Director Meyers stated that he believes that Hoover and Bryant could be constructed at the same time financially. He mentioned different ways how this could be achieved. He asked that the District proceed with their recommendation for Hoover and move forward with the study of Bryant.

Director Johnson stated that the District does need to further study rebuilding Bryant at their current location as there are several unanswered questions, such as classroom space and traffic flow.

Director Williams has concerns that the District is may not be able to do more than two construction projects at once. She asked what happens if Bryant is more expensive than what was originally proposed. Director Meyers and Dr. Gausman stated that in the past we have had several construction projects occurring at the same time with success.

Director Williams asked if the current Hoover facility could be renovated. Director Batcheller stated that Hayworth was renovated into East Middle. In hindsight, the Board would not have taken that route as it became more expensive than originally planned.

Director Krysl stated that the community wanted assurance that Bryant would not be overlooked, as well as that Hoover did not have a student enrollment of greater than 800.

Directors Warnstadt and Williams stated that we must first address Bryant and then build Hoover.

Citizen John Gleeson, 58 Red Bridge Drive, said Bryant is outdated and deserves attention now. His concern is that we will run out of money. He said community must look outside of the box.

Citizen Paul Speidel, 2119 S. Clinton Street, thanked John Gleeson for his efforts. He asked for Board policy clarification regarding items of discussion before a vote. Dr. Gausman stated Iowa law does not require items to be taken for discussion prior to action.

Citizen Lacey Friis, 3342 Dearborn Blvd., stated that trust is lost by not taking Board action on Bryant. Clark and Lincoln should not be replaced because they are only 50+ years old. Also, families are attracted to schools such as Lincoln, and worries families will not want to attend. She also shared her concern with traffic at the Hoover campus.

Citizen Joel Longtin, 3800 Country Club Blvd., thanked the school board for their difficult work. He raised money for upgrades to the North High athletic fields. At the time, he said he was told that everyone had to be treated equally. He believes that the North High feeder system will be changed and questions if the North feeder system is being treated fairly and equally. He asked the Board to wait 30 to 90 days.

Citizen Joe Bousquet, 26 Blackstone Avenue, stated that he does not believe the District needs to act at this time. He believes action will break down the Bryant neighborhood because they meet each other through the school. He asked why the District could not renovate Lincoln, such as the proposed Clark renovation.

Citizen Angie Harder, 27 Quail Ct., stated she chose her home because of Clark being in the neighborhood and small school. She does not think it is good to have children attend kindergarten in one spot and then transition to a new building. She would rather see a K-5 building.

Citizen Tom Anderson, address unknown, stated Bryant must be the first priority. He would like an architect to consider saving the central corridor of Hoover and adding on to the north or south corridor. He believes there are considerable cost savings to be discovered by leaving a portion of the original building. He would also like the District to save the Hoover football field and track.

Citizen Jason Hamer, 3040 Cheyenne Blvd., said that citizens are passionate about this project and it is a game changer.

Citizen Miyuki Nelson, 1935 Plum Creek Road, stated that she has a child at Clark. She went on to state that she believes the District has not addressed whether student achievement will be affected by students attending a bigger school. She does not believe transition will be beneficial for students to move from an early childhood center to a new elementary school.

Citizen Jody Hamer, 3040 Cheyenne Blvd., said her daughter is very hopeful to receive a new school. She worries that it will not happen. Her main concern is that Bryant is the oldest facility and it keeps getting pushed back. She believes there needs to be a school in the core of the city. She asked the Board to please consider the plans by Mr. Gleeson.

Citizen John Sexton, 3929 Douglas Street, believes the district has grossly miscalculated the sales tax dollars coming into the district. He believes people will move out of the district due to crumbling schools and the bigger schools. This results in lower tax dollars.

Citizen Kathy Papas, Bryant PTA president, 3217 Cheyenne Blvd., thanked Mr. Gleeson for stepping outside of the box. She said her family thoroughly enjoys Bryant and asked that the Board not take it away from the neighborhood.

Citizen Mary Duax, 144 W. 34th Street, believes it takes a village to raise a child and that is best offered in a small school environment. She said she spoke to two realtors and they stated their clients are looking outside of the district.

Director Williams moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion that the District first make a replacement school at the current Bryant campus work and then look at Hoover. Director Williams amended the motion to not require the exact Bryant location, but that Bryant must be the first priority. Motion failed 2 to 5, with Directors Batcheller, Johnson, Krysl, McTaggart, and Meyers voting no.

Director McTaggart stated that we must study at Bryant before action. He said the Board has heard loud and clear that the community does not want a large school and he hoped the community would respect the current Board's due diligence in studying this issue.

Director Batcheller stated that he appreciated Director McTaggart's passion. He said that the district has built each replacement school on 10 to 12 acres so that they would have the ability to add on later if needed. He said the Board must study the current Bryant site because it is extremely small. The Hoover campus has 26 acres that sits mostly unused since the Hoover facility closed. He said the Board could start construction now and decide within the year what schools will move into it. The District could then take the time to study if the current Bryant site is the best site based on data and not emotion.

Director Krysl said that the District Advisory Committee studied future facilities three years ago. The first criterion was need based on the age of the building and the second was availability of land. He believes that is part of the reason why the Board is struggling with the decision: Bryant is the oldest facility and the Hoover site is ready to go for construction. He would like to take time to make the best decision for the community.

Director Johnson stated that the district must be fiscally responsible. He likes the Hoover campus because we own the site and it does not require the District to take homes. He said now is the time to build. He believes a 650 student school is a reasonable enrollment. He believes that Bryant should be replaced, but he does not see a site that is suitable.

Director Krysl moved the District undertake a study of the replacement of Bryant Elementary School and the continued study of the replacement of Clark, Crescent Park, and/or Lincoln at the Hoover site simultaneously that must be brought back to the school board for a vote. The motion died for lack of a second.

Director Meyers moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to approve the administration's recommendation to design for construction a 650-student elementary school on the Hoover Campus, and develop design documents to provide modifications (including air conditioning and new windows) to create the PK-K Clark Early Childhood Center. The administration will also hire engineers and architects to take the initial steps to study a replacement school at the Bryant location. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 6 to 0 with Director Williams abstaining.

Board took a break at 8:45 p.m. Director Johnson left the meeting at the 8:45 p.m. break.

The board reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

VIII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Williams spent the week responding to citizen concerns.

Director Krysl: Thanked our past and present veterans for their service.

President Krysl stated future meetings are as follows:

- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., November 13, 2012, at Sanford Center
- Communications Committee – 4:00 p.m., November 14, 2012, in ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance and Facilities Committee – 11:45a.m., November 20, 2012, in ESC #312.
- Preschool Oversight Committee – 1:30 p.m., November 21, 2012, at Irving Preschool.
- Student Achievement Committee – 4:00 p.m., November 21, 2012, in ESC #326.
- Sales Tax Finance Committee – 8:00a.m., November 26, 2012, in ESC #103.
- School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., November 26, 2012, in ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy and Human Resources Committee – 3:30p.m., November 29, 2012, in ESC #326.
- District Advisory Committee – 5:15 p.m., November 29, 2012, in ESC Board Room.
- School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., December 10, 2012, in ESC Board Room.
- Building Oversight Committee – 4:00 p.m., December 13, 2012, at O&M Building.

IX. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Paul Gausman

Dr. Gausman stated he and two Board members will travel to Des Moines for the UEN / IASB conference November 13-15.

X. Discussion / Information

A. FY12 Year-end Financial Report

Gordon Winterlin, Director of Finance, reviewed the District's FY12 year-end financial report results as of June 30, 2012 and presented five key performance indicators for the General Fund.

B. FY14 Budget Discussion Timeline

Gordon Winterlin, Director of Finance, presented the following timeline that the District will follow related to the District's FY14 budget discussions:

- We do not know what allowable growth will be for the next year. It is foundational for our budget.
- We are waiting to hear more regarding the federal sequestration. This could potentially reduce 8 to 15 percent of our federal funds.
- Due to these factors, we will move our revenue projections, budget goals, and assumptions to January. In February, we will discuss General Fund and property taxes. In March, we will have continued General Fund discussion on possible budget adjustments and property tax estimates. In March, we will also prepare all other funds. The Board will vote on budget approval in April.

C. District Mileage Rate

Director Batcheller motioned and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to table the discussion on District Mileage Rate to the November 26, Board meeting.

D. Board Policies – Dr. Paul Gausman

- 661 Media Center Materials Removal
- 902.5 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
- 902.7 OSHA Statement
- 903.10 Hazardous Chemical Program
- AR901.5 Educational Specification for Buildings
- AR902.7 OSHA Statement

XI. Adjourn

Director Batcheller moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Michael J. Krysl, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors