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Education Service Center
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I. Call to Order

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

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

Absent: Director Johnson

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Krysl moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6 to 0.

IV. Approval of / Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Meyers moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to go into a closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the Board retired to closed session at 5:01 p.m.

V. Adjourn Closed Session / Return to Open Session

Director Krysl moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the closed session and return to open session. President Batcheller stated no votes were taken and no decisions were made. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the Board returned to open session at 6:04 p.m.

VI. Adjourn

Director Williams moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Douglas K. Batcheller, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Secretary
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I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

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

Absent: Director Johnson

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Krysl moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to approve the agenda.
The motion carried 6 to 0.

IV. Citizen Input

Mr. Shannon Stewart, 2311 Jennings Street, addressed the Board regarding the North High School hazing incident and the timeline of events that have taken place since the incident occurred. He shared his concerns related to what his son can or cannot do in regards to school activities.

President Batcheller told Mr. Stewart that the Board fully appreciates his concerns and asked Mr. Stewart to follow up with Dr. Gausman. He offered to meet with Mr. Stewart for further discussion if necessary.

V. Special Report(s): District Advisory Committee Annual Report

Kathy Perret, Chair, spoke of the work that the District Advisory Committee focused on this year. The committee's recommendations included enhancing communication by effectively communication with all stakeholders with the use of multi-media and social media.

VI. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Meyers moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve consent action items letters "A" through "E". The motion carried 6 to 0.

- A. The Board Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2012, the Human Resources Report, and the Finance Report.
- B. YouthBuild Contract – Jim Vanderloo
- C. Ratification of Master Contracts – Jill Knuth
- D. 1:1 Lease Approval – Neil Schroeder
- E. High School Gym Advertising Contract – Gordon Winterlin

Paul Gorski, 3132 South Oleander Street, asked for clarification to a recent newspaper article related to *Ratification of Master Contracts*. He stated that we are not getting the proper fiscal responsibility from this Board with respect to the operation of this school district. President Batcheller offered to meet with Mr. Gorski to answer his concerns.

VII. Hearing(s)

- A. Early Start Calendar Waiver – Jill Knuth

President Batcheller stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held at the Sioux City Community School District's School Board meeting on the 11th day of June, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose to receive public input on our request for an early start waiver for the 2012-13 school year.

He stated that any interested party may appear and file objections and any information for or against same will be heard on the above-named waiver with the final decision of the Board of Education a matter of record.

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Krysl seconded the motion to approve the District's request for an early start calendar waiver for the 2012-13 school year. The motion carried 6 to 0.

- B. Resolution to Sell District Real Estate (Central Campus) – Gordon Winterlin

President Batcheller stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held at the Sioux City Community School District's School Board meeting on the 11th day of June, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of selling real property with a locally known address of 1121 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

He stated that any interested party may appear and file objections and any information for or against same will be heard on the above-named sale the final decision of the Board of Education a matter of record.

Director Krysl moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to pass a resolution to sell District owned real property with a locally known address of 1121 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa, for a purchase price of \$50,000. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 6 to 0.

VIII. Action Item(s)

A. West High School Welding Hoods – Troy Thomas

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Krysl seconded the motion to accept the low bid from Tessier's Inc., of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in the amount of \$69,915.00. The motion carried 6 to 0.

B. Spalding Park Elementary School Playground Equipment – Troy Thomas

Director Krysl moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to accept the playground equipment bid from Boland Recreation of Marshalltown, Iowa, in the amount of \$64,745.00. The motion carried 6 to 0.

C. District's Future Facilities Plan: Hoover Campus – Dr. Paul Gausman

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to authorize the administration to move forward to develop a concept plan for Hoover Campus for a replacement school which may include Lincoln, Clark, Crescent Park, and a portion of Bryant Elementary Schools.

Board members shared their thoughts and concerns related to this project which included the following comments:

- Director Warnstadt is in favor of moving this project forward and not delaying it for yet another year.
- Director Krysl is comfortable moving forward but asked the administration to give the current tenants as much consideration necessary to ease their transition in relocating elsewhere.
- Dr. Gausman stated there will be a 90-day notice provided to the tenant who is currently renting space there.
- Dr. Gausman stated the District plans to relocate the Hoover Alternative School, the science storage and preparatory area, and Beyond the Bell offices to Everett Elementary School.
- Director Williams is opposed stating there is no need to disrupt Hoover right now. It is currently being utilized, and she sees no need in tearing it apart until we know when and what this property will be utilized for.
- Mr. McKern stated the roof at Hoover is in need of \$80,000 in repairs and maintenance, and the funds will come from the general O & M budget.
- President Batcheller stated the latest plan is to place a new structure on the current football field but until this occurs, the fields can continue to be utilized for several months yet.
- Director Williams asked how this will affect the maintenance budget, stating that if we spend money now on projects we do not need, are there other items that do need money spent on them at this time?
- Director Meyers stated we have approximately \$50 million dollars available to replace buildings, including Hoover. We have the resources to do it and now is the time to take advantage of the building climate and replace some of our 100 year old buildings.
- Director McTaggart agreed that it is time to move forward and take advantage of the construction cost savings.
- Director Krysl asked if we have the capacity to do 3 projects simultaneously.

- Dr. Gausman stated it was the District's original recommendation to build a replacement school for Bryant Elementary at Leif Erikson Park, and to build the next school at Hoover. He also stated that we prefer to build a replacement school for Hunt at 21st and Court. It was the Board's recommendation to consider building the Washington project at this time. He worries that we could potentially get to the end of our funds and not have enough funding to take care of our central corridor of the city.
- Director Williams stated it is her understanding that the District plans to do Hunt, Washington, and Bryant, and therefore Hoover would be the fourth project and there will not be enough funds left over to do that project.
- President Batcheller stated the facilities plan incorporated Hoover as a potential school site for an elementary school to include Lincoln, Crescent Park, and the southern portion of the Clark boundary area. He added that it is the goal to take older facilities offline to save money operationally. A new school on the Hoover site could remove 2, possibly 3, structures offline and save taxpayers money in facility maintenance and operational maintenance from administration and staff costs.

After a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 to 1, with Director Williams voting no.

D. Washington Elementary School Project – Dr. Paul Gausman

Mel McKern and Bryan Wells, DGR, presented concept drawings explaining the pros and cons to the following two site plans:

1. Remodeling and expanding the existing Washington Elementary School.
2. A newly constructed Washington Elementary School using the Spalding Park Elementary School footprint.

Comments / Discussion:

- The Board indicated they prefer building a new school instead of remodeling and expanding the existing Washington Elementary School.
- Remodeling and expanding the existing building would cost the District about \$1 million less than to construct a new facility on that site, but would not include parking and green space amenities.
- Dr. Gausman believes by replicating the Spalding Park footprint would reduce construction costs.
- A new school would require acquiring 6 homes instead of the original plan to renovate which included acquisition of 4 homes. The administration gained Board approval to begin negotiating with the homeowners.
- Any new construction at Washington would not involve the merger of Whittier Elementary School.

Director Meyers moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to authorize the administration to:

- Develop a site plan for ~~renovation~~ / new construction of Washington Elementary School.
- Commence negotiations for the acquisition of properties which may be necessary for this project.
- This project will not include the closure of Whittier Elementary School.

Paul Speidel, 2119 South Clinton, shared his concerns related to Whittier Elementary School once a new school has been constructed at Washington, as well as with the new Spalding Park Elementary School. His concern is that once those two new schools open, the enrollment at Whittier Elementary School may lessen and therefore potentially be inefficient for the school district to maintain.

After a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 to 1, with Director Williams voting no.

E. Second and Final Reading of Board Policies – Dr. Paul Gausman

- 200.7 Code of Ethics of the Board
- AR200.7 Code of Ethics
- 203.8 Conflict of Interest of Board Members
- 401.3 Equal Employment, Recruitment, Selection and Affirmative Action
- 504.4 Anti-Harassment / Bullying
- AR504.4 Anti-Harassment / Bullying
- 504.15 Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco-Free Schools
- AR504.15 Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco-Free Schools
- 604.7 Media Centers

Director Williams moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for second and final reading. The motion carried 6 to 0.

F. First Reading of Board Policies – Dr. Paul Gausman

- 581.12 Computer Networks Acceptable Use Policy
- 801.3 Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Obligations

Director Krysl moved and Director Dr. McTaggart seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for first reading. The motion carried 6 to 0.

IX. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director McTaggart:

- He and Director Krysl recently attended the IASB ABLE II Workshop in Sheldon, IA.
- He recognized the passing of Al Charlson, a longtime coach and former employee of the District.

Director Warnstadt:

- She stated how much she enjoyed graduations.

President Batcheller:

- He too enjoyed graduation and noted some of the unique shoes and decorated caps at this year's events.
- As representative for the Woodbury County Conference Board, he noted that the meeting scheduled for July 10th at 1:30 p.m. has been moved to 1:00 p.m. on the same date.
- There is an IASB Fiscal Management Conference scheduled for July 18th for Board members and/or staff who wish to attend.

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

- Preschool Initiative Committee – 1:00 p.m., June 14, 2012, at Irving Preschool.
- Board Finance and Facilities Committee – 11:45a.m., June 19, 2012, in ESC #312.
- Student Achievement Committee – 4:00p.m., June 20, 2012, in ESC #326.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00a.m., June 25, 2012, in ESC #103.
- Board Policy and Human Resources Committee – 3:30p.m., August 23, 2012, in ESC #326

X. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Paul Gausman

Dr. Gausman stated:

- He held his last meeting with the UEN Steering Committee as the Chair of the UEN.
- Dr. Martha Bruckner, Superintendent of Council Bluffs CSD, will take over as Chair on July 1st.
- Based on a certain enrollment size and a certain free and reduced lunch percentage, it appears the UEN will pick up as many as 16 associate memberships this year as opposed to 12 this past year.
- He participated in the monthly meeting of the Iowa Teacher Leadership and Compensation Taskforce in Des Moines.
- He also participated in a Senate Field Hearing on Bullying in the American Schools hosted by Senator Harkin in Des Moines. He presented with Emily Dohmeyer, a graduate of North High School, who spoke about some of the challenges she experienced and how she overcame some of those challenges while in our District.

The Board took a short break.

XI. Discussion / Information

A. High School Activities Program Review – Jim Vanderloo

Athletic Director's Jeremy Stukenholtz (WHS), Dave Collins (NHS), and BJ Koch (EHS) shared data related to overall participation, student surveys, coaching staff breakdown, and financial reports related to the District's activities program review. Data shows that students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade-point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates, and fewer discipline problems. They also learn teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing, the rewards of hard work, self-discipline, build self-confidence, and develop skills to handle competitive situations.

District data showed:

- 2033 Student Participation
- 3 High Schools
- 57 Sports
- 51 Co-Curricular Activities
- 72 Clubs and Organizations

Top 3 barriers to participation included:

- Time Commitment
- Jobs
- Transportation

Recommendations:

- Intramural Programs
- After School Transportation
- Creative Scheduling for Organizational Meetings
- Recruitment of Minority Coaches and Sponsors

District wide Coaches meeting to include the following training:

- Hazing and Bullying
- Policies and Procedures
- Media Relations
- Safety Guidelines
- Staff Recruitment and Mentoring
- Parents

B. Iowa Assessments Presentation

Dr. Paul Gausman, on behalf of Dr. Carole Collins Ayanlaja, shared preliminary data from the 2012 test and basic information on how to interpret the 2011-12 Iowa Assessment results:

- Formally known as the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills / Iowa Tests of Education Development
- Expectation of >95% AYP Test Participation
- % Proficient in Reading, Math, and Science
- Expectations for Continuous Improvement
- District Instructional Plan

D. Board Policies – Dr. Paul Gausman

- 504.1 Nutrition and Physical Activity Wellness in the Schools
- AR504.1 Nutrition and Physical Activity Wellness in the Schools
- 505.19 Student Directory Information
- 901.5 Educational Specification for Buildings
- 901.6 Educational Site Development
- 902.1 Maintenance Schedule
- AR903.10 Hazardous Chemical Program

XII. Adjourn

Director Krysl and Director Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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