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**Educational Service Center**  
**August 27, 2012**

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**Minutes – August 27, 2012**

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

President Batcheller called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. Roll Call of Members**

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

Absent: None.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

President Batcheller stated consent action item letter "F" had been pulled from the agenda; stating there are still some matters to be worked through with the City related to this agenda item.

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

**IV. Citizen Input**

None

**V. Good News Report(s) – AED Demo / MRHD Grant**

Jackie Engle, Christy Kolker, and Lori Thornton, representatives of the District's Safety Committee, recognized and thanked Mark Monson, President, and Larry Clausen, member, of the Missouri River Historical Development (MRHD) for their gift of \$10,000 which the committee used to purchase AED's for Spalding Park, Unity, Nodland, Riverside, Washington, Roosevelt Elementary Schools, and the Educational Service Center.

Mary Dermit, Health Science teacher, introduced West High School students Jenny Joaquin and Seangchan (Cathy) Vanhxay who demonstrated how an AED is used in an emergency situation.

## VI. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Krysl moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the following amended consent action items. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2012
- B. Human Resources Report – Jill Knuth
- C. Finance Report – Gordon Winterlin
- D. Architect Contract with FEH Associates Inc. – Mel McKern
- E. Contract for Transportation Services with Siouxland Regional Transit System (S.R.T.S.) – Mel McKern
- ~~F. Amendment No. 1 to 28E Agreement for Developmental Services for the Proposed Washington Elementary School Site Improvements Project – Gordon Winterlin~~

## VII. Action Item(s)

- A. Specification for Asbestos Abatement Project – Gordon Winterlin

Director Meyers moved and Director Krysl seconded the motion to approve the resolution to approve public notice setting forth the time and the place of a public hearing. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, for the purpose of approving the specifications for abatement of asbestos building materials from the Hoover School building, Washington Elementary School, and 6 residential properties located on the proposed site for the new Washington Elementary School. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

- B. District's 2012-2013 Legislative Priorities - Dr. Paul Gausman and Doug Batcheller

Director Meyers asked that this action item be deferred to the next Board meeting to allow the District more time to research state law and local bargaining agreements which limits the choices the District has in choosing a coach. This stems from a recent presentation related to the selection of a West High School track coach. He asked that the Board be presented an option to request a change in state law which would allow the District to choose the best candidate for any particular position.

Dr. Gausman noted that Jill Knuth has prepared a first draft of that report and he will include it in this week's *Informational Update* for their review.

Director Johnson stated he prefers to focus on the fewest number of extremely important priorities as possible. Director Krysl agreed.

Jill Knuth shared some information related to 279 of Iowa Code and local collective bargaining efforts as it relates to Board member questions and concerns.

President Batcheller received Board consensus to move forward and vote on the categorical items as presented, but to continue further discussion with regards to Director Meyers' request after they have received further clarification from the administration.

Director Williams stated she believes what Director Meyers' is referring to falls under the priority area of *Local Control*. Director Meyers agreed, but does not want the State of Iowa to control our decisions when selecting someone for a particular position.

Dr. Gausman recommended that the administration provide the Board with written description of what in Iowa law relates to this matter and what in local collective bargaining relates to this matter. He then suggested that this be brought to the next Board meeting as an action item.

President Batcheller suggested that this item be slid under *Local Control* as an example of.

Director McTaggart moved and Director Krysl seconded the motion to approve the District's 2012-2013 Legislative Priorities. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

## VIII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Meyers:

- On a positive note, he stated that he has visited a number of schools, both old and new over the years, and one of the things that has struck him as the excellent method by which teachers in this District have taken the assets they have been given and made the absolutely best use of them in often than less than ideal situations.

Director Williams:

- She stated that former Board Director Nancy Mounts is now entertaining visitors.

Director Johnson:

- He stated that the two training and professional development sessions with Jim Hyatt were excellent.
- He asked for Board member feedback to his idea of forming a Board committee that would be willing to develop a systematic way to introduce any individual who wants to run for School Board to help them understand Board governance, what is a well-educated student, what the Board does and what their limitations and/or challenges are.
- If there is Board member interest, he would like the Board to act on this idea at a future Board meeting.

Director Batcheller:

- He stated that the Energy Education contract is paid for by energy savings throughout the District and if those savings do not occur, the District will be reimbursed for the difference from what their savings are to what their bill is, despite the negative response recently stated in the Sioux City Journal. The purpose is to lower energy costs by changing our culture.
- He asked Board members if anyone wished to assume the role as the District's delegate representative at the November IASB Convention. Dr. McTaggart agreed to represent the District again this year.
- He stated he will give Dr. Gausman the information he received related to an October 16 employee relations conference put on by IASB.
- He is pleased with the number of applicants the District has received for the 3 open positions on the Educational Equity Committee and the 5 open positions on the District Advisory Committee.
- He stated the work sessions with Jim Hyatt went well and that it is a difficult decision to define what a well-educated student is, but it is the road map they need to define and get to that level.

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

- Board Finance and Facilities Committee – 11:45a.m., September 4, 2012, in ESC #312.
- Student Achievement Committee – 4:00 p.m., September 5, 2012, in ESC #326
- Building Oversight Committee - 5:00 p.m., September 5, 2012, in ESC #103.
- Communication Committee - 4:00 p.m., September 12, 2012, in ESC Board Room.
- District Advisory Committee – 5:15 p.m., September 20, 2012, in ESC Board Room
- Sales Tax Finance Committee – 8:00a.m., September 24, 2012, in ESC #103.
- Board Policy and Human Resources Committee – 3:30p.m., October 25, 2012, in ESC #326.

He asked Cyndi Lloyd to begin including the next two School Board meetings under this area of the agenda.

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

Dr. Gausman:

- He stated that the October 8, School Board meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday, October 9, so that Board members could attend the Chamber's Annual Dinner if they wished to do so.
- He introduced Dr. Rick Kolowski who is helping our District with some high school initiatives.

## **X. Discussion / Information**

### **A. Fiscal Accountability, Human Resources, and Community Engagement Priority Area Drafts of the District's 2012-2013 Strategic Plan**

Dr. Gausman stated that 3 of the 5 priority areas of the District's strategic plan are being presented this evening and asked for Board member feedback.

- Gordon Winterlin, Director of Finance (CFO), presented the Fiscal Accountability priority area of the District's 2012-13 Strategic Plan.
- Jill Knuth, Director of Human Resources, presented the Human Resources priority area of the District's 2012-13 Strategic Plan.
- Alison Benson, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, presented the Community Engagement priority area of the District's 2012-13 Strategic Plan.

## **XI. Adjourn**

Director Krysl and Director Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7 to 0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 6:57 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