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Educational Service Center
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I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Saint called the Annual meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory, Albert, Colling, Goodvin, Greenwell, Saint (virtually) and Scarlett

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Scarlett moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Citizen Input

Kris Snavelly, SCEA President, shared results from a survey taken by Sioux City Education Association members. The biggest challenge for teachers is the increased workload, and results for Return-to-Learn were 1) Hybrid, 2) Virtual and 3) Face-to-face. Director Colling asked Ms. Snavelly if she would share survey results with the Board.

V. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Colling moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the following consent action items. Motion carried 7-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2020 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report(s) – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Memorandum of Understanding Between the SCCSD and Siouxland District Health Department – Dr. Kim Buryanek

VI. Hearing(s)

- A. School Calendars for 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 – Dr. Rita Vannatta

President Saint stated notice was provided that a hearing would be held at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 23rd day of November, 2020, to receive public input on the District's proposed 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school calendars.

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

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar and acknowledge the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school calendars with November 2, 2021; November 8, 2022; and November 7, 2023 as professional development days. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Sale of District Property (Former Lincoln Elementary School) – Brian Fahrendholz

President Saint stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 23rd day of November, 2020, to receive public input on the sale of District property (former Lincoln Elementary School) located at 115 and 117 Midvale Ave., Sioux City, Iowa, 51104.

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

Director Albert moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to conclude the hearing on the sale of District property (former Lincoln Elementary School) located at 115 and 117 Midvale Ave., Sioux City, Iowa, 51104. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Scarlett:

- She attended Student Achievement Committee, Boundary Committee, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Planning Committee, and School Improvement Advisory Committee meetings.
- Congratulations to Dr. Buryanek for being appointed to a *National Advisory Group Advancing Equity and Digital Learning*.
- She encouraged Board members to consider a change tonight concerning our current in-person learning.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She attended AFJROTC Veteran's Day celebration, Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Convention, Board Policy Committee and School Improvement Advisory Committee meetings.
- She thanked Dr. Buryanek for her help throughout the pandemic, and all District staff for all they are doing.
- The Boundary conversation is now open to hear from the community.

Director Colling:

- He thanked the staff for everything they have been doing.
- Items covered in recent committee meetings are on tonight's agenda.

Director Albert:

- She attended Board Policy Committee meeting and IASB virtual conference.
- She thanked everyone for all they are doing.

Director Goodvin:

- He attended IASB Delegate Assembly.
- Items covered in recent committee meetings are on tonight's agenda.

Director Greenwell:

- He attended Student Achievement Committee and Board Finance & Facilities Committee meetings.
- He met with Director Scarlett and Ms. Flora Lee to discuss some of the boundary work and detailed maps. He provided handouts and shared disappointment in RSP's approach and in the management of the process.

Director Saint:

- He is honored to have served as Board President and is grateful for the trust from fellow Board members. He looks forward to the next leader.
 - Director Greenwell thanked Mr. Saint for how well he ran Board meetings and for knowing the details behind every agenda item.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., November 30, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Student Achievement Committee – Noon, December 7, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., December 7, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., December 11, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., December 14, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy Committee – 3:30 p.m., December 15, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Boundary Committee – 1:00 p.m., December 21, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., January 11, 2021, ESC Board Room.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- The public Boundary Committee meeting is Monday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m. Communication went out earlier this evening about this meeting. The public will be able to log in, watch the live meeting and provide feedback. The meeting will remain live in a recorded format for the public to weigh in on until midnight on December 13.
- He thanked and congratulated Dr. Buryanek for being appointed to the *Future Ready Schools*® (FRS) Advisory Board, the nation's largest network of innovative educational leaders focusing on equity and digital learning.
- He thanked staff members for all their work both in the classroom and virtually.

IX. Items of Presentation, Discussion, and/or Action

A. Sale of District Property (Former Lincoln Elementary School) – Brian Fahrenholz

Director Greenwell moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the sale of District property, former Lincoln Elementary School, 115 and 117 Midvale Ave., Sioux City, Iowa, 51104, to CKJJM, LLC of Sioux City, Iowa, in the amount of \$25,000, as is, where is, with all faults. Motion carried 6-0, with President Saint abstaining.

B. Connecting Math & Literacy Professional Development – Heidi Anthony

Director Greenwell moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to not approve the contract between Kajitani Education and the Sioux City Community School District for Teacher Leadership and Compensation funds in the amount of \$10,000 to be utilized for virtual professional development at middle school and high school Winter Cadre. After a roll call vote, motion failed 3-4, with Directors Alarcon-Flory, Albert, Colling and Saint voting no.

Director Scarlett moved to postpone or delay until feasible. Motion died for lack of a second.

Director Scarlett moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to approve the contract contingent upon the presenter agreeing to a later date or until feasible. After a roll call vote, motion carried 5-2, with Directors Goodvin and Greenwell voting no.

C. FY21 Depository Resolution – Patty Blankenship

Director Scarlett moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the designation of bank depositories as follows to comply with the statutory requirements of Iowa Code Section 12c. The approval of this item, recorded in the minutes, will satisfy these requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

- Security National Bank, Sioux City, IA, \$2,000,000
- Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Sioux City, IA, \$90,000,000

D. Settlement of FY20 Books – Patty Blankenship

Director Greenwell moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to approve the Annual Financial Health Report for FY20. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

E. *Return-to-Learn Plan* Update – Dr. Paul Gausman

Director Goodvin moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to move to Hybrid from Thanksgiving break until the end of winter break. Director Goodvin and Director Alarcon-Flory withdrew their motions.

Director Goodvin moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to move to Hybrid between Thanksgiving and the beginning of winter break, and to add a 2-week transitional period after winter break. After a roll call vote, motion failed 3-4, with Directors Albert, Colling, Greenwell and Saint voting no.

Kris Snavelly, SCEA President, shared SCEA survey data regarding face-to-face instruction or moving to virtual or Hybrid. She encouraged the Board to work with SCEA when making their decision.

President Saint stated the Board acknowledges the District's *Return-to-Learn Plan* update.

Director Greenwell moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to move agenda items “F” and “G” to the December 14 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

~~F. FY22 PPEL Fund and Sales Tax Fund Budgets and the Five Year Plan for Capital Projects
– Patty Blankenship, Brian Fahrendholz and John Pritchard~~

~~G. First Reading of Board Policies and Report on AR907 – Dr. Paul Gausman~~

- ~~• 205.1 Compensation of Expenses~~
- ~~• 603.9 Technology & Instructional Materials **NEW**~~
- ~~• AR907 District Operations During Public Emergencies~~

H. Unfinished Business – President Saint

Director Scarlett made a request a Board Work Session to discuss the Boundary Committee before inviting the public’s perspective. Wed., Nov. 25th 8 a.m. to Noon.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

X. Election of Officers

A. Election of Board President / Oath of Office

Board Secretary Lloyd called for nominations for the office of Board President.

Director Greenwell nominated Director Goodvin and Director Colling nominated Director Alarcon-Flory for Board President. There were no further nominations. Both nominees addressed the Board regarding serving as Board President.

Director Alarcon-Flory moved to vote by voice vote. Motion died for lack of a second.

Board members voted by ballot. Board Secretary Lloyd read the results. Directors Alarcon-Flory, Albert, Colling, Saint and Scarlett voted for Director Alarcon-Flory. Directors Goodvin and Greenwell voted for Director Goodvin. Vote results were 5-2 with Director Alarcon-Flory being named the new Board President.

Board Secretary Lloyd administered the Oath of Office to Board President Alarcon-Flory.

B. Election of Board Vice-President – Board President

President Alarcon-Flory called for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Director Greenwell nominated Director Scarlett for Board Vice President. There were no further nominations.

Director Colling moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to vote by voice vote. Director Scarlett was unanimously elected Vice President 7-0.

President Alarcon-Flory administered the Oath of Office to Board Vice President Scarlett.

C. Remarks from Newly Elected Board President and Vice President

President Alarcon-Flory thanked the Board for their support. She thanked President Saint for all he has done and she looks forward to serving. She is anxious to see what the future brings. She is committed to do her best.

Director Scarlett thanked Mr. Saint and the Board. She is ready to work harder.

XI. Board Committee Assignment - Board President

President Alarcon-Flory asked Board members to submit their signed *Board Code of Ethics* and *Committee Assignments* forms to Cyndi Lloyd.

XII. Board Member Attendance - Board President

President Alarcon-Flory asked Board members to notify Cyndi Lloyd as soon as possible which events they wish to attend.

1. National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference – April 10-17, 2021, New Orleans, LA
2. Annual Siouland Chamber of Commerce Washington Conference and Steak Reception – April 20-24, 2021, Washington, DC.

XIII. Appointment of Board Member to Woodbury County Conference Board - Board President

Director Colling moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to appoint Director Goodvin to serve on the Woodbury County Conference Board until the next Annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Motion carried 7-0.

XIV. Adjourn the Annual Meeting

Director Colling moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to adjourn the Annual meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the annual meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Perla Alarcon-Flory, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors