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President Alarcon-Flory called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Colling moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Approval of Closed Session / Closed Session

Director Saint moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to go into a closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the District in that litigation as provided in Section 21.5(1)(c) of the Iowa Code. The District's legal counsel, either in person or by electronic means, is Miriam Van Heukelem, Ahlers & Cooney PC. Motion carried 7-0, and the Board retired to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

V. Adjourn Closed Session / Return to Open Session

Director Saint moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to adjourn a closed session and return to open session. Motion carried 7-0, and the Board returned to open session at 6:07 p.m.

VI. Adjourn

Director Colling moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Perla Alarcon-Flory, Board President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Board Secretary
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Minutes – December 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Alarcon-Flory called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Albert moved and Director Saint seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Citizen Input

Tonya Zielich, 504 E. Oak St., commented on the unbusiness-like Board decorum during the November 23rd Board meeting; thanking Director Scarlett for the most positive comment of the evening. She shared disappointment and embarrassment for the lack of respect and grace given to each other. Board members did not put their best self out there as elected representatives in our District, and this will be their legacy unless they choose to change things moving forward.

V. Consent Action Item(s)

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

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from November 23, 2020 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report(s) – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Building Oversight Committee Membership - Brian Fahrendholz

Director Greenwell asked for explanation of the two identical payments to the City of Sioux City, noted on page 2 of the Check Register, at the next Finance Committee meeting.

VI. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Greenwell:

- He shared his *Weekly Positive COVID Report*. He believes the District is inaccurately reporting COVID absences.
- In response to public comment, he noted he is not going to stop asking important questions merely because they offend the Administration or political censors. Simple response - accountability and transparency.

Director Colling:

- He attended Student Achievement and Board Finance & Facilities Committee meetings.
- The Finance Committee approved funding for High School and Middle School Elevator Upgrades, and the West High School FY21 Security Entrances Project. Copies of those Executive Summaries will be included in the *Informational Update* for all Board members.

Director Albert:

- She attended Educational Equity Committee meeting.
- She thanked everyone for their comments, specifically those about COVID and our future. She takes these comments seriously and understands the issues associated. The Board's decision will not be an easy one.

Director Scarlett:

- She met virtually with Dr. Gausman and President Alarcon-Flory and found the meeting informative and successful.
- She attended Student Achievement and Boundary Committee meetings.
- She thanked those who have contacted her and encouraged continued feedback.
- She wished everyone well during the holidays.

Director Goodvin:

- He was unable to attend last week's Committee meetings.

Director Saint:

- He attended Board Policy Committee meeting, but was unable to attend Boundary Committee meeting.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She thanked everyone for their support, good wishes and warm welcome to her and Director Scarlett in their new positions.
- She is grateful to be the first female Board President since 2004-05. She is the first Latino woman to serve as President, and she and Director Scarlett are the first women to hold both positions of Board leadership.
- A Board Work Session is scheduled for January 16, 2021.
- She expressed her appreciation for our nurses, and thanked everyone for all they do.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Board Policy Committee – 3:30 p.m., December 15, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., December 21, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Boundary Committee – 1:00 p.m., December 21, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Student Achievement Committee – Noon, January 4, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., January 4, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., January 8, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., January 11, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., January 25, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee – 1:30 p.m., February 3, 2021, Clark Early Childhood Center.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- He thanked all staff for their help during his absence.
- A reminder of the one-hour early dismissal on December 22nd.
- He asked everyone to practice safe protocol during the holidays.

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

A. FY22 PPEL Fund and Sales Tax Fund Budgets and the Five-Year Plan for Capital Projects – Patty Blankenship, Brian Fahrenholz and John Pritchard

President Alarcon-Flory stated the Board acknowledged the FY22 PPEL Fund and Sales Tax Fund budgets and the five-year plan for capital projects.

B. *Sioux City Community Schools Educational Planning Handbook* – Jim Vanderloo

Brenda Zahner, on behalf of SCEA, was originally going to address the Board about staffing changes, but withdrew her request.

President Alarcon-Flory stated the Board acknowledged the *Sioux City Community Schools Educational Planning Handbook* which includes implementation of new courses and expansion of current career pathways to be established at all high schools.

C. Modified Supplemental Amount for At-Risk / Dropout Prevention – Dr. Kim Buryanek

June Mikkelson, 4278 N. Fieldcrest Drive, (via phone) shared support and the importance of this program that benefits our students.

Kris Snavelly, SCEA President, shared concerns with this program if it affects employee salaries. She asked the Board to consider additional nursing staff and sustainability.

Director Scarlett moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the At-Risk / Dropout Prevention application with the Modified Supplemental Amount levy not to exceed \$5,220,876. Motion carried 6-1, with Director Greenwell voting no.

The Board took a 10-minute break.

D. *Return-to-Learn Plan* Update – Dr. Kim Buryanek

Dr. Buryanek shared updated information regarding student and staff absences.

Korey Cantrell, 2808 Jennings, shared concerns with District response to COVID and staff workload. She encouraged Board members and the Superintendent to use their voice to influence the community spread.

Kris Snavelly, SCEA President, shared concerns with the workload of 8 District nurses and District protocol for COVID. If the Board chooses Hybrid, the District needs to look at making some changes at the Career Academy.

Bernie Scolaro, 940 Logan St., requested better protocols for safety of students and staff. If unable to comply, she begged the Board to move to Hybrid or Virtual model.

Director Greenwell moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to provide a weekly report that includes Covid Positive, Covid Quarantine / Testing for COVID, Excused Parent Request, and all Other Illnesses, and by Students, Direct Staff, and All Other Staff. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Goodvin moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to return from holiday break in Hybrid for a two-week period. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Greenwell requested TLC be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Director Colling moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to table First Reading of Board Policies (**E**) to the next Board meeting on January 11, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

President Alarcon-Flory stated NSBA and IASB are advocating for the COVID-19 stimulus package, and encouraged Board members to contact Representatives at the State and Federal levels to help us with funding. She asked everyone to stay healthy and wished them all a wonderful holiday season.

~~E. 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~~

~~Director x moved and Director x seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for first reading and acknowledge AR907. Motion carried 7-0.~~

IX. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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