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

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

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Colling, Gleiser, McTaggart, Nelson and Warnstadt

Absent: Directors Alarcon-Flory and Saint

III. Approval of Agenda

Director McTaggart moved and Director Nelson seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

Director Gleiser suggested the *Employee Handbook* be brought forward for two readings for Board approval.

Director Nelson moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to approve the agenda and to remove agenda item IX. "F" – *Employee Handbook* from the agenda until all Board members are present. The motion carried 5 to 0.

IV. Good News Report(s): North Middle School – Shawn Chesteen

Principal: Shawn Chesteen, and Staff: Justin Locke shared a brief presentation highlighting Coordinating a Color Run and how the idea of a Color Run was spawned, how math and technology are being used to plan and prepare for the event, and what work remains to make this happen. Students: Jake Powers, Joey Peterson, Arianna Sloan, Whitney Patterson, Tanner Crouch, Alayna Elgert, Matthew Howard and Nissa Downing shared how they intend to put on a Color Run to celebrate their successful year of hard work and dedication to education, and how they hope to connect this activity to becoming FutureReady and potentially tie to their future as an International Baccalaureate School.

V. Special Recognition(s): 2020 Teacher of the Year

Dr. Gausman honored Luis Lemus as the District's *2020 Teacher of the Year*. Mr. Lemus has been with the District for 7 years and teaches Dual Language at Irving Elementary School. Dr. Gausman shared some background and insight about Mr. Lemus. On behalf of the School Board, Dr. Gausman presented Luis with a token of appreciation from the District.

VI. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Gleiser seconded the motion to approve the following consent action items. The motion carried 4 to 1, with Director Nelson voting no.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2019 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Career & Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee – Jim Vanderloo
- E. Benefit Plan Update – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- F. District Diesel School Bus with Wheelchair Lift Purchases – Brian Fahrendholz
- G. New Bryant Elementary School Playground Equipment Project – Brian Fahrendholz
- H. Hunt Elementary School Asbestos Abatement Project Phase 2 – Brian Fahrendholz

Dan Greenwell, 11 West Kings Hwy, shared concerns regarding the addition of employee salaries that were included in the Human Resources Report. He asked why District credit card expenses were not part of the Finance Reports.

VII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Colling:

- He shared President Saint regrets for missing tonight's meeting. He is attending the Governor's FutureReady Conference.

Director Gleiser:

- Policies discussed at a recent Board Policy Committee meeting are on tonight's agenda for first reading.

Director Warnstadt:

- Items discussed at a recent Student Achievement Committee are on tonight's agenda.
- She gave a shout out to those who did the fundraising for the sound system at North High School two years ago. Job well done, and money well spent.

Director Nelson:

- She enjoyed the opportunity to attend the following:
 - North High *Critical Friends* activity for the American Studies class
 - *100 Women Who Care* awarded \$8,900 to the Sioux City Public Schools Foundation
 - Student Achievement Committee meeting
 - North Middle parent meeting
 - Tour of the Culinary Kitchen at WITCC
 - Participated in *Build My Future* event at WITCC and toured their Welding facility
 - West High *National Spanish Honor Society* Induction
 - Built circuit bugs at Perry Creek during a *Maker's Workshop*
 - Recognized seniors at the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meeting
 - Hunt Elementary Open House

Director McTaggart:

- He thanked the Downtown Kiwanis Club for hosting the Senior Top 5% awards.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Board Student Achievement Committee – Noon, May 6, 2019, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., May 7, 2019, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., May 10, 2019, ESC Room #105.
- Special / Regular Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m., May 13, 2019, ESC Board Room.
- District Retirement Dinner – 5:30 p.m., May 15, 2019, Leeds Elementary School.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., May 20, 2019, ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy Committee – 4:30 p.m., May 20, 2019, ESC Board Room.
- Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee – 1:30 p.m., May 22, 2019, Irving Preschool.
- North High School Graduation – 11:00 a.m., May 25, 2019 Tyson Events Center.
- West High School Graduation – 2:30 p.m., May 25, 2019, Tyson Events Center.
- East High School Graduation – 6:00 p.m., May 25, 2019, Tyson Events Center.
- Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., June 10, 2019, ESC Board Room.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- Historic week for Legislation in Iowa last week. Most significantly the extension of SAVE Legislation (Penny Sales Tax for School Infrastructure) through FY2052, and that 30% of whatever is brought in from Sales Tax put to Property Tax Equity Relief Fund (PETR).
- Thank you to WITCC for hosting 400 students at the first annual *Build My Future* event hosted by the Home Builders Association.
- Congratulations to Loess Hills Elementary School who designed the egg for the White House Easter Egg Roll.

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

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

- 401.34 Nepotism
- 402.43 Employee Negotiations
- 505.19 Student Directory Information
- 691.1 School Calendar
- 709.1 School Start Times

Director Gleiser moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for first reading.

Director Nelson suggested amending language within *BP 691.1 School Calendar* to reflect the District's one-hour early dismissal on Monday's, and to change the title to "*School Start / End Times*".

Dan Greenwell, 11 West Kings Hwy, questioned the Board regarding compliance of their practices and/or procedures of *BP 401.34 Nepotism*.

The motion carried 5 to 0.

B. FY19 Proposed Budget Amendment – Patty Blankenship

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Gleiser seconded the motion to set a public hearing for May 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, to receive public input on the District's FY19 Proposed Budget Amendment.

Dan Greenwell, 11 West Kings Hwy, questioned the way in which the Board approves the Finance Department's work in respect to compliance.

The motion carried 5 to 0.

C. Title VI Indian Education Grant Application– Jen Gomez

Director Nelson moved and Director Gleiser seconded the motion to set a public hearing for May 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, to receive public input on the District's Title VI Indian Education Grant Application. The motion carried 5 to 0.

D. 2018-2019 District and School Climate Survey Results – Mandie Mayo

Vice President Colling stated the Board acknowledges the results of the 2018-2019 District and School Climate Survey.

E. East High School Parking Lot Expansion Project – Brian Fahrenholz

Director Nelson moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to award the low bid to Bainbridge Construction, LLC of Kingsley, Iowa, and awards the contract in the amount of \$318,913.50 for the East High School Parking Lot Expansion Project. The motion carried 5 to 0.

~~**F. Employee Handbook – Dr. Rita Vannatta**~~

This item was pulled and will be brought back to the Board for first reading on May 13, 2019.

X. Citizen Input

Dan Greenwell, 11 West Kings Hwy, shared concerns regarding the following:

- Board Policy as it related to Standards Based Grading.
- Board Policy as it relates to Board approval of individual salaries.
- Summative Assessments as it relates to the Power Standards.

Director Nelson asked to consider having Legal Counsel or IASB to come and speak on the requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

XI. Adjourn

Director Gleiser moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 5 to 0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Jeremy Saint, Board President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Board Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors