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Educational Service Center
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Due to the Governor's continuing Emergency Proclamation of March 17, 2020, which prohibits community gatherings of more than 10 people at all locations or venues; and further, in accordance with the Board Resolution regarding Pandemic Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy adopted March 23, 2020; the Board has good cause under Iowa Code Section 21.4 for determining the place of the Board's regular meetings temporarily inaccessible to the public as a full Board meeting at a physical place is impossible or impracticable and all Board meetings for the time being may be conducted electronically, either partially, or in the entirety as an electronic meeting pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8. The public was provided notice as to how to access the meeting live online as well as how to participate in the meeting telephonically.

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Saint called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory, Goodvin, Greenwell and Saint

Remotely: Directors Albert, Colling and Scarlett

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to approve the agenda. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

IV. Citizen Input.

None.

V. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the following Consent Action Items. Director Greenwell requested explanation of the sizeable credits listed on the credit card statement at the next Finance Committee meeting. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2020 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report(s) – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Lexia Core 5 Renewal – Dr. Brian Burnight

VI. Hearing (s)

President Saint stated that notice was provided that a hearing would be held on May 11, 2020, 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.

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

Director Scarlett moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to approve the Title VI Indian Education Grant Application. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

VII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Albert:

- She gave a shout out to the District for making FOX News and social media pages for their work to deliver Wi-Fi throughout the community.
- Thanks to the teachers and students for all they are doing, and to parents for doing a good job homeschooling.

Director Colling:

- He attended Board Finance & Facilities Committee.
- He asked if Board members have any responsibility for this year's graduation.
 - Dr. Gausman replied "no". Board members will be recognized during virtual celebrations.
- He thanked District staff, students and parents.

Director Scarlett:

- She attended Student Achievement Committee.
- She provided an update to the K12 *Insight* survey process regarding West Middle School; noting she will participate in a meeting with K12 *Insight* later this week.

Director Goodvin:

- He attended Board Finance & Facilities Committee.
- He is disappointed with the participation regarding West Middle School, and looks forward to the results of Thursday's meeting with K12 *Insight*.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She thanked our educators; noting last week was Staff Appreciation Week.
- She attended Board Policy Committee.
- She enjoyed helping our Food Service staff distribute meals today.

Director Greenwell:

- He attended Board Finance & Facilities Committee and Student Achievement Committee.
- He requested to know:
 - The cost savings during the shutdown through year end.
 - Where the money will come from to catch up students during the summer and fall?
 - What is the District going to do to catch these students up next year?

Director Saint:

- He too is concerned with how to catch these kids up.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- ~~District Retirement Dinner – 5:30 p.m., May 13, 2020, Leeds Elementary School. CANCELLED!~~
- ~~Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., May 18, 2020, ESC Board Room. CANCELLED!~~
- Board Policy Committee – 3:00 p.m., May 26, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee – 1:00 p.m., May 27, 2020, Virtually.
- Student Achievement Committee – Noon, June 1, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., June 1, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Special / Regular School Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m., June 8, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Special / Regular School Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m., June 22, 2020, ESC Board Room.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- After 37 days, our Food Service Department has served 191,400 meals to over 90,000 students.
- Many answers to questions presented by Director Greenwell will be included in the District's *Return to Learn Plan* which must be submitted to the state by July 1, 2020.
- In recognition of School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Gausman presented each Board member with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked them for their voluntary service to the District.

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

A. First Addendum to Resolution: Pandemic Response & Emergency Suspension of Policy dated March 23, 2020 – President Saint

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the First Addendum to the SCCSD Board of Education Resolution: Pandemic Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy dated March 23, 2020.

Director Greenwell moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to amend the original motion to include the following statement: *“however, any action with a financial impact to the approved 2020-2021 budget in excess of \$30,000 shall be reviewed and approved by the Board prior to implementation.”* After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

Director Greenwell asked Dr. Gausman to provide clarity of what the Governor said regarding early starts at the next Board meeting.

After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0 to approve the amended First Addendum to Resolution.

B. High School Baseball ADA and Parking Additions Project – East High School – Brian Fahrenholz

Director Greenwell moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to accept the bid from HCI Construction, of South Sioux City, Nebraska, and awards the contract in the amount of \$199,113.88 for the High School Baseball ADA and Parking Additions Project – East High School. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

C. Second and Final Reading of Employee Handbook – Dr. Rita Vannatta

Brenda Zahner, 1119 4th Street, Suite 213, shared she had concerns regarding insurance changes to the Handbook that occurred between the Labor Management Committee meeting and the Insurance Committee meeting, but Dr. Vannatta had since answered her concerns. She recommended that the Insurance Committee meeting take place prior to the Labor Management Committee meeting in the future.

Dr. Gausman will provide Board members with a list of Labor Management Committee members in his next weekly *Update*.

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the District's FY2020-21 Employee Handbook for second and final reading. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

D. Fourth and Fifth Grade Orchestra, K-12 Social Studies, Middle School and High School Physical Education and Total Well-Being, and High School Harmony Curriculum and Material Adoption and Funding Recommendations – Heidi Anthony

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to approve the following curriculum and material adoptions for a total of \$419,843.33. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

- Fourth and fifth grade orchestra using the Instructional Support Levy FY21 in the amount of \$2,670.26.
- K-12 social studies using the Instructional Support Levy FY21 in the amount of \$254,013.26 and the Modified Supplemental Amount for At-Risk/Dropout Prevention FY21 in the amount of \$94,327.47, for a total expenditure of \$348,340.73.
- Middle school and high school physical education and total well-being using the Instructional Support Levy FY20 in the amount of \$48,190.41 and the Instructional Support Levy FY21 in the amount of \$19,980.62, for a total expenditure of \$68,171.03.
- High school harmony using the Instructional Support Levy FY20 in the amount of \$661.31.

The Board took a 5 minute break.

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

- 204.8 Agenda Planning **NEW**

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to approve the above Board policy for first reading. Director Greenwell requested that additional language be added to the policy prior to second reading regarding reference to the draft agenda Board members receive prior to the tentative agenda and changing the period for submission of additional materials to 48 hours following dissemination of the draft agenda. Director Goodvin requested that additional language be added prior to second reading to provide for a 24 hour time frame following the agenda planning meeting for responses to agenda requests. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0, with the caveat that language would be added to the policy prior to second reading regarding the concerns raised.

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

- 200.5 Board Membership – Elections / Term of Office / Vacancies
- 204.10 Notice for Board Meetings
- 401.6 Personnel Records
- 801 Budget Planning and Adoption **NEW**
- 807.4 Audit
- 871.5 Accounting Policy for Student Activity Funds
- 875.1 Unreserved Fund Balance **DELETE**

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for second and final reading. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 7 to 0.

X. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting, and the motion carried 7 to 0.

Director Alarcon-Flory informed the Board that the partnership between East High School and Bickford Cottage of Sioux City has been rescheduled to air on CBS Morning News this Thursday, May 14 at 8:40 a.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Jeremy Saint, Board President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Board Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors