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Educational Service Center
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Due to the continuing pandemic as well as the Governor's continuing Emergency Proclamations, restrictions will be in place for in-person attendance at Board meetings. Such restrictions are intended to substantially comply with current public health guidance. Members of the public who have symptoms of COVID-19 and/or family members with those symptoms should not attend. Those in attendance will be expected to comply with restrictions such as, but not limited to, physical distancing measures, and wearing a face mask/covering when such distancing is not possible.

The public may continue to have access to the Board's meetings remotely.

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Roll Call of Members

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

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Citizen Input.

Lesa Banks, 25187 K18 N., Westfield, IA - ISEA Executive Representative for Siouxland Uniserv and Art teacher at North High School, shared stories of how she would calm her students after various tragedies, and why she believes the District should remain in Hybrid until the numbers are compliant with the CDC. She asked the Board to keep everyone calm, safe and protected.

Kris Snavely, 8910 Lakeshore Drive, McCook Lake, SD - SCEA President, shared concerns regarding teacher pay for off contract work, virtual training, class sizes, cleaning supplies, communication and safety. She asked the Board to add *off contract work* to the September 14 Board agenda and to comment during their reports on either safety, class sizes, or pay for off contract work.

V. Special Recognition(s) - 2021 Teacher of the Year

Dr. Gausman honored Todd Siefker, District *2021 Teacher of the Year*. Mr. Siefker has been with the District for 16 years, and teaches Spanish at West High and the Career Academy. Dr. Gausman shared some background and insight about Mr. Siefker, and on behalf of the District and Board of Directors, he presented Todd with a token of appreciation.

VI. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the following Consent Action Items. Motion carried 7-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2020 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Teacher Quality Committee Membership – Heidi Anthony
- E. Educational Equity Committee Membership (EEC) – Jen Gomez
- F. School Improvement Committee Membership (SIAC) – Dr. Kim Buryanek
- G. Contract for Transportation Services between the SCCSD and the City of Sioux City – Brian Fahrendholz
- H. Title I Third Party Vendor – Dr. Brian Burnight
- I. Food and Nutrition Bids for Dry and Frozen Food Categories – Brian Fahrendholz

Director Greenwell requested explanation of payments made to Arthur J. Gallagher and CIC.

Director Goodvin requested explanation of *Learning A-Z*.

Kris Snavelly, 8910 Lakeshore Drive, McCook Lake, SD, stated the Finance Report shows substantial surplus to pay employees who worked non-contract hours. She shared concerns regarding the workload for librarians and virtual training. She asked the District to plan for summer work and pay for off contract work. She suggested the District use surplus dollars for cleaning supplies to keep teachers and students safe.

VII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Scarlett:

- She believes safety must be our number one priority and encouraged immediate follow-up.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She thanked the District for the new mask with the District logo.
- She is concerned with statements made this evening and looks forward to District responses.
- She thanked everyone for their work in getting ready for school to start.

Director Albert:

- She 100% supports payment for people who were called in during the summer regardless of who they are. She is confident Dr. Gausman and his staff will provide follow-up.

Director Greenwell:

- He believes we should pay people for working.
- He shared the importance of class size data and asked the Administration to ensure Mr. Pritchard has adequate staff to push this item now.

Director Colling:

- He believes anyone who works for the District should be paid for what they do.

Director Goodvin:

- He shared frustration when Board members ask questions the District cannot answer.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., August 31, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Student Achievement Committee – Noon, September 8, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., September 8, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., September 11, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., September 14, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy Committee – 4:00 p.m., September 22, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., September 28, 2020, ESC Board Room.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- He assured Board members that he will get the answers to their questions regarding the check register, cleaning, training and/or meetings. There are some cleaning supplies on backorder that should arrive yet this week.
- He asked Board members to understand and acknowledge that we are in the most volatile day before the school year in the 100+ year history of the District, and in a global pandemic.
- He plans to move the District back to in-person instruction on September 8, but will continue to monitor the numbers.

Director Greenwell agreed with Dr. Gausman about returning to school; noting that if the District had the appropriate technology it would make everyone's lives much easier.

Director Scarlett encouraged everyone to bring their concerns forward to the appropriate personnel in advance of Board meetings whenever possible so answers can be provided prior to Board meetings, and for the sake of time.

President Saint stated there is a lot of anxiety right now and many questions.

Director Albert reiterated that school starts tomorrow and folks are beside themselves with things to do. If we could just allow them to get through tomorrow without any additional duties or requests, it would be fair to everyone.

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

A. Hunt Elementary School BP#4 Construction Project – Brian Fahrendholz

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to accept the low base bid, Alternate A1 (Classrooms), and Alternate A3 (Terra Cotta) bid and awards the contract to Nelson Commercial Construction of Sioux City, IA, in the amount of \$14,135,000.00 for the Hunt Elementary School BP#4 Construction Project. Motion carried 7-0.

After two failed attempts to reach Gary Lipshutz, 2110 Summit A-8, President Saint read Mr. Lipshutz's comments submitted on his *Public Comment Form*.

B. District's *Focus 2022 Strategic Plan* Update – Dr. Kim Buryanek

President Saint stated the Board of Directors acknowledged the District's *Focus 2022 Strategic Plan* update. Add to Good News Report(s) - Perla

The Board took a 5 minute break.

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

- 501.11 Student Absences – Excused
- 601.2 School Day / Instructional Hours **NEW**
- 604.11 Appropriate Use of Online Learning Platforms **NEW**
- 805 Gifts to the District
- 907 District Operation During Public Emergencies **NEW**
- AR907 District Operations During A Public Health Emergency Regulation **NEW**

Director Colling moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for first reading and acknowledge the new Administrative Regulation (AR). Director Greenwell suggested one minor revision to BP907 before bringing back for second and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Second and Final Reading of Board Policy – Dr. Paul Gausman

- 103 Discrimination and Harassment...

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 103 in this second and final reading in accordance with the Emergency Clause of Board Policy 202.2 and as reaffirmation of the policy changes approved on August 10, 2020 to meet the August 14, 2020 effective date of new federal mandates under Title IX. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Second and Final Reading of Board Policies – Dr. Paul Gausman

- 405.8 Child Abuse Reporting
- 405.10 Allegations of Physical or Sexual Abuse of Student by District Employee – **NEW**
- AR405.10 Procedures for Charging & Investigating Allegations of Physical or Sexual Abuse of Student by District Employee – **NEW**
- 800.1 Expenditures for a Public Purpose – **NEW**
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- 803.1 Internal Controls - **NEW**
- AR803.1 Internal Controls Procedures - **NEW**
- 803.5 Payment for Goods and Services

Director Scarlett moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for second and final reading and acknowledge the new Administrative Regulations (AR's). Motion carried 7-0.

F. Review of Board's Pandemic Resolution of March 23, 2020 – President Saint

Director Greenwell moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to terminate the prospective application of the March 23 Pandemic Resolution effective upon adoption of BP907 on second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

G. Amended 2020-2021 Legislative Action Priorities – President Saint

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the amended 2020-2021 Legislative Action Priorities. Motion carried 7-0.

X. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Jeremy Saint, Board President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Board Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors