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Educational Service Center
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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 Scarlett moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Director Goodvin moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to amend the agenda and move “**A**” under **Items of Presentation, Discussion, and/or Action** as the first item of business. Motion to amend the agenda carried 7-0.

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

A. Social Distance and COVID-19 Mitigation at Future Board Meetings – President Saint

Board members shared their viewpoints on how to return to normal Board meetings. President Saint stated the District still encourages social distancing and COVID mitigation measures where possible.

Director Goodvin moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to move all Board members back to the Board table with masks required. Motion carried 4 to 3, with Directors Albert, Colling and Scarlett voting no.

V. Citizen Input.

Chad Krastel, 117 S Rustin St., (via phone) took issue with the District’s COVID-19 policies in respect to his family.

Bernie Scolaro, 940 Logan St., expressed concerns regarding contract tracing and communication as it affects students and teachers.

Jolene Vasquez, 2201 Bryan St., expressed concerns regarding masks and quarantine policies and guidelines.

VI. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Colling moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the following Consent Action Items. President Saint and Director Greenwell asked for explanation of “*Please See Attached*” noted on pages 1 and 5, and explanation of Don Johnston noted on page 13 of the Check Register. Motion carried 7-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2020 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. FY21 Annual Library Purchases – John Pritchard
- E. FY21 Help Desk Contract – John Pritchard

VII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Scarlett:

- She attended Sioux City Conference Board and Student Achievement Committee meetings.
- She requests citizen comments be respectful and professional.
- She thanked those working diligently to make virtual learning happen.
- She strongly suggests returning to hybrid or virtual learning for the safety of our District.

Director Greenwell:

- He attended Board Finance & Facilities and Boundary Committee meetings.
- He read a letter he submitted to Dr. Gausman regarding RSP (Demographer) and his disappointment in the first Boundary Committee meeting. Copies of his letters and attachments were provided to Board members, Dr. Gausman and Ms. Lloyd.

Director Goodvin:

- He requested a better understanding of the process for contact tracing and privacy issues.
- He attended the Boundary Committee meeting and was also disappointed in the lack of detail.

Director Colling:

- He attended Student Achievement and Board Finance & Facilities Committee meetings.
- He visited Perry Creek Elementary and West High last week. He spent most of his time talking to online teachers. He suggested Dr. Gausman schedule time with teachers to brainstorm during contract time. Teachers shared concern for the health and safety of their students and families. Teachers are feeling overwhelmed. He suggested discussing what items could be taken off their plates at the next Student Achievement Committee meeting.

Director Saint:

- He attended the first Boundary Committee meeting; noting he had a more positive experience than some of the others, and looks forward to learning more.
- With the annual meeting quickly approaching, he shared some reflection of his performance over the past year, and indicated that he would like to see a greater focus on civility and constructive dialogue.
- He asked Board members to reflect on what each of them can do to make the Board work better.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She has COVID-19 and shared concern for our employees and students.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Student Achievement Committee – Noon, October 5, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., October 5, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee – 1:30 p.m., October 7, 2020, Clark Early Childhood Center.
- Boundary Committee – 1:00 p.m., October 12, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., October 12, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., October 16, 2020, ESC PD Room.
- Board Policy Committee – 3:30 p.m., October 20, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., October 26, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., October 26, 2020, ESC Board Room.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- He thanked the Sioux City Public Schools Foundation and their new leadership team for their work to raise money for unpaid lunch accounts and for support of technology items in our District.
- He encouraged Board members to understand that the first Boundary Committee meeting is one of nine different meetings that will take place. RSP comes highly recommended and has served hundreds of clients in the Midwest. He encouraged the Board to stay the course and follow the process. He does not have the perspective that all Perry Creek Elementary students should be moved over to West.

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

B. Title I Update – Dr. Brian Burnight

Director Scarlett moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to acknowledge the Title I update and approve the addition of 18 Title I teaching positions.

Kris Snavelly, SCEA President, suggested the District allow classroom teachers to apply for Title I teaching positions and if hired, vacate their current position

Motion carried 7-0.

C. Renewal of the Instructional Support Program – Dr. Paul Gausman and Patty Blankenship

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to adopt the resolution to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program and set a public hearing date on the resolution to renew the Instructional Support Program. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 12th day of October 2020 with notice to be published as provided by law. Motion carried 7-0.

D. *Return-to-Learn Plan* Update – Dr. Kim Buryanek, Jim Vanderloo, Dr. Brian Burnight and Heidi Anthony

Dr. Buryanek, Dr. Burnight and Jim Vanderloo shared a thorough presentation of the challenges and action steps the District has engaged in to improve virtual instruction at the elementary and secondary levels. Heidi Anthony shared pertinent information regarding professional development for virtual instruction.

Directors Albert, Alarcon-Flory, Scarlett and Saint commended the team for their efforts.

Kristie Monk and Jillian Hixson, 3040 Jones, thanked the Board for serving our District and shared some of the positive ways Bryant Elementary School is coping with the challenges.

Nicole Metcalf, 435 Terrtam St., Merville, IA, felt comments made during the last Board meeting were upsetting. She shared how much time and preparation went into the August 24 training day and read some of the comments taken from the survey.

Laura Mesz, 2901 S. Olive St., stated that not everything is perfect and agreed you need the whole story. It is important that people tell what worked and what did not in order to grow, and to keep training directed at technology.

Kris Snavelly, SCEA President, asked for clarification regarding October Professional Development and shared concerns with how the Virtual Task Force was established.

Dr. Albert departed the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

President Saint stated the Board acknowledged the *Return-to-Learn* Update.

The Board took a 10-minute break.

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

- 501.6 Non-Resident Student
- AR501.6 Procedures for District-to-District Open Enrollment **NEW**
- 501.6-A District-to-District Open Enrollment – Insufficient Classroom Space **NEW**
- 605.4 Graduation Requirements

Director Scarlett moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for first reading and acknowledge the Administrative Regulation (AR). Director Greenwell requested additional language be added to BP501.6-A. Motion carried 6-0.

X. Adjourn

Director Colling moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Jeremy Saint, Board President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Board Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors