President Krysl called the Board Work Session to order at 3:03 p.m.

Board Secretary Lloyd called roll.

**Board Members Present:** Directors: Perla Alarcon-Flory, Ron Colling, David Gleiser, Mike Krysl, Dr. Mike McTaggart and Jeremy Saint

**Board Members Absent:** Director Jackie Warnstadt

** Visitors:** Dr. Paul Gausman and Board Secretary Cyndi Lloyd

President Krysl shared background for today’s Board Work Session on Board Development, noting the work session is being recorded.

**Purpose and Guidelines for the Board’s Role in Citizen Input – President Krysl:**

1. If the Board engages in dialogue with the public during Citizen Input, they are in violation of Iowa law unless the item being discussed has been noticed in advance of the meeting and is listed on the agenda.

2. Options:
   A. Majority of Iowa school districts allow time on their agenda for public comment for items not noticed on the agenda.
   B. Some districts allow time for public comment during a specified time on the agenda for only items noted on the agenda.
   C. Some districts do not allow time for public comment on the agenda, but do allow comments during agenda items as they are discussed.

3. Board Discussion:
   A. Director Alarcon-Flory likes the time allowed for public comment on the agenda, but finds it difficult at times to not be able to answer questions or comment.
   B. Director Krysl commented he will edit the language he uses when announcing Citizen Input during Board meetings.
   C. Do Iowa Open Meeting Laws apply to City Council or County Board of Supervisors meetings? Yes.
D. Sometimes, the Board is in violation of their own policy BP204.15 when allowing the public to comment during Citizen Input on a topic they have already addressed the Board within a three-month time period. Policy states: *Except for scheduled hearings and/or agenda items, residents may not address the Board on the same issue more than once in a three-month period, unless requested by the Board.* The Board could add an agenda item to an upcoming Board meeting if a particular topic continues to be raised. Dr. Gausman will edit BPAR204.15 and bring it back to the Board Policy Committee for further review and discussion.

E. The Board, by consensus, agreed to leave BP204.15 as is, and enforce the 3-month rule. It was suggested the policy be reviewed again in a year. President Krysl will reiterate the rules within the policy when announcing time for Citizen Input.

F. Dr. Gausman shared conversations he has had with citizens regarding students who recently knelt during the National Anthem.

**Purpose and Guidelines for Board Member Reports – Vice President McTaggart:**

1. Should the Board use this time to engage the community on specific items?
2. Board members were asked to work with Board Leadership when requesting items be placed on the agenda.
3. Should the Board limit their reports to 3 minutes?
4. Should the Board make their reports pertinent to school business and focused on the positives going on in our District?
5. Should the Board engage in a book study?
6. Board agendas are reviewed by Board Leadership the Tuesday prior to a Board meeting. Board agendas are final when released to the public generally the Friday prior to a Board meeting.
7. The Board needs to be supportive of one another.
8. If Board members have questions, they can contact the Board President or Superintendent to get their questions or concerns answered.
9. Iowa law allows an item to be placed on the agenda by the Board President or a vote of 4 or more Board members in a public meeting.
Guidelines and Policy Related to Board Travel, Particularly to NSBA – President Krysl and Vice-President McTaggart:

1. Community perception when in a tough budget year as to why so many Board members travel when potentially looking at reductions.
2. Should the Board limit attendees to 3 or alternate?
3. Is there a need for Board policy or a rule for Board member travel?
4. What is the Board’s travel budget?
   a. Professional Development = $11,920
   b. Travel = $12,000
   c. Total: $23,920
5. Where does the Board’s travel budget come from? The General Fund.
6. Board development is important.
7. Director Alarcon-Flory has learned a number of things from national conventions that she did not learn in Iowa.
8. Do we rotate attending national conventions? What would that look like? Frequency. If we send 3 per year, Board members will have the opportunity to attend twice in their four-year term if they wanted to.
9. The District is held to the standards within the Travel Policy, the Board is not.
   a. Dr. Gausman recommended, and by consensus of the Board, to hold themselves accountable to the same standards as the District.

Board Goals for 2017-2018 – President Krysl:

5 Guiding Questions:

1. Board Strengths?
   a. Communication
   b. Diverse
   c. Openness and Willing to Listen
   d. Respectful Board
   e. Trust
   f. Here for the Right Reasons
2. Areas for Improvement?
   a. Be familiar about how the District operates
   b. Knowledge of School Finance
   c. Educate the public
   d. More discussion at the Board table regarding certain items
   e. Follow up on issues
3. Community Concerns?
   a. TAG
   b. Reading
   c. Collective Bargaining
   d. At Risk Funds (Sanford Center)
   e. TLC Grant
   f. Taxes
   g. Career Academy
   h. State Aid
   i. Intergovernmental Collaboration
   j. Student Safety
   k. Assessment
   l. Board Lobbying

Future Board Development Activities (i.e. Book Discussion):

1. Xxx.
2. Xxx.
3. Xxx

Discussion of Jim Hyatt’s Article “7 Habits of Highly Successful Boards”:

1. Xxx.
2. Xxx.
3. Xxx

The Board did not get through the entire agenda. President Krysl asked Board members to think about potential goals and be ready to discuss at the next meeting. Cyndi Lloyd will work with Board members to schedule another Board Work Session.

The Board Work Session ended at 5:00 p.m.