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

President Alarcon-Flory called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

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

Virtually: Directors Albert and Scarlett

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Greenwell moved and Director Saint seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Citizen Input

Chad Krastel (Phone), 117 S. Rustin Street, gave praise to the District's Technology Director for his professionalism in assisting his family.

V. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Colling moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to approve the following consent action items.

Director Greenwell referenced the Check Register and the amounts paid to area school districts for Open Enrollment Out. He requested a summary, after first semester, of all Open Enrollments Out and In to see our net position, and to include information on the Career Academy. He requested explanation of payment to Western Iowa Tech Community College for post-secondary work.

Motion carried 7-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2021 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report(s) – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. 2021 Microsoft License Renewal – John Pritchard
- E. 2021 E-Rate Wi-Fi Licensing Results (Category 2) – John Pritchard
- F. FY21 CARES Device Life Cycle Purchase – John Pritchard
- G. FY22 Device Life Cycle Purchases – John Pritchard
- H. Middle School Athletic Fields Upgrades – East Middle / East High – Troy Thomas
- I. FY22 Annual District Truck and Full-Size AWD Cargo Van Replacement – Troy Thomas

VI. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Scarlett:

- She attended the School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting and the Legislative Forum.
- She applauded student feedback she received regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and thanked those who worked diligently to make the day educational. She congratulated student winners of the Art Contest.

Director Albert:

- She attended the Legislative Forum, noting the Board has some work to do. She pledged to do whatever she can do and encouraged others to get involved. She thanked those who attended.

Director Goodvin:

- “Go Chiefs!”

Director Saint:

- He attended the Board Policy Committee meeting and his first School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting.

Director Collings:

- He attended the Board Finance & Facilities Committee meeting.

Director Greenwell:

- He attended the Board Finance & Facilities Committee and the Legislative Forum.
- He mentioned there is a way to use At-Risk funds for hiring nurses, LPN's or CNA's if written into our plan. He encouraged the District to consider using these funds to hire more nurses or nurse's aides.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She attended the Legislative Forum and thanked the Association for their partnership and thanked the Legislators who attended.
- She encouraged everyone to pay attention and get involved as it relates to public education and champion for our District.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Board Policy Committee – 3:30 p.m., January 27, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:30 p.m., February 1, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee – 1:30 p.m., February 3, 2021, Clark Early Childhood Center.
- SCEA and SCESPA Opening Proposals – 4:15 p.m., February 4, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Special / Regular School Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m., February 8, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Board Student Achievement Committee – 4:00 p.m., February 11, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., February 12, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- District Response to SCEA and SCESPA – 4:15 p.m., February 18, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- School Improvement Advisory Committee – 5:15 p.m., February 18, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., February 22, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., February 22, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Education Legislative Forum – 8:30 a.m., February 27, 2021, Career Academy, 627 4th Street.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- In his opinion, people should pay close attention to *Senate Study Bill 1065*. If passed, this will be one of the most significant legislative bills for education in many years.
- He provided an update to the District's vaccination process:
 - 1,880 completed vaccine interest form.
 - 1,638 employees (86%) interested in receiving the vaccine.
 - Iowa receives approximately 19,000 vaccine doses per week.
 - Vaccinations to healthcare workers and long-term care residents should finish up this week. Next round designated to Group 1B - specific age level and PK-12 staff.
 - Vaccine doses to increase from 19,000 - 39,000 per week in Iowa.
 - It could take up to 3 months to vaccinate all K-12 staff in Iowa.
- He appreciated Director Scarlett's remarks regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. He is proud of the District for being in school on that day and making it meaningful. He acknowledged winners of the Art Contest by name and school.

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

A. Secondary Boundary Adjustments - Dr. Paul Gausman

Rob Schwarz, RSP, virtually shared presentation regarding the work of the Boundary Committee and recommendations for Board approval.

Dr. Gausman reiterated the following:

- Hunt Elementary will not be divided between two middle schools.
- No changes to elementary boundaries with this proposal.
 - There are changes to some students going from an elementary to a middle school, but not to Hunt.
- Recommendation will be changed to read: *6th through 12th grades*.
- Changes apply to this year's 5th graders attending Irving, Perry Creek and Unity Elementary Schools.
- If implemented in August, 2021, the Board must pass revisions to *BP501.8 - Within District Transfers*.

Director Greenwell moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to approve the implementation of "Option 1B" with the initial implementation for next year's 6th grade class. There will then be a seven-year implementation cycle as each successive year's sixth-grade class moves to the new boundary structure.

The committee also strongly recommends that the Board consider, revise, and approve a change to the District's transfer policy that will add more rigor to the secondary boundary assignment process and begin limit secondary transfers in the future, and according to the new boundaries. Further, the committee recommends implementing the new transfer policy in the 2021-2022 school year for new secondary transfer applications.

Finally, the committee recommends that all current students in 6th through 12th grades be grandfathered into their current assignment (if they so choose) to limit overall system disruption.

Discussion points:

- Analysis includes a decrease in current enrollment with hopes of increased enrollment in the future.
- January 27 - Board Policy Committee to review *BP501.8 – Within District Transfers*.
 - Noting students currently in middle and high school will be grandfathered in.
- Irving Dual Language program will remain intact.
- *Seal of Biliteracy* can be achieved at any of our three high schools.
- Should we consider voting on this matter at the next Board meeting to allow more time for public review?
- Did the District due diligence in communicating to families in the Dual Language program?
- Thank you to Rob Schwarz, RSP, for a job well done!

Director Greenwell asked Dr. Gausman to send proposed revisions of *BP501.8 – Within District Transfers* to the full Board.

Janet Reynolds, 1423 Virginia Street, shared some challenges that may affect her family when the new boundary changes are implemented. Dr. Gausman will follow up with Ms. Reynolds to answer any further questions she may have.

After a roll call vote, motion carried 6-1, with Director Colling voting no.

The Board took a 10-minute break.

B. Presentation of the June 30, 2020 Audit Report – Patty Blankenship

Rebecca George of King, Reinsch, Prosser & Co, LLP, shared results of the June 30, 2020 Audit.

President Alarcon-Flory stated the Board acknowledged receipt of the June 30, 2020 audit report.

C. District's *Return-to-Learn Plan* - Dr. Kim Buryanek

Dr. Buryanek provided updated data regarding student and staff absences, noting the District's 14-day average is at the lowest since she began tracking the data.

President Alarcon-Flory stated the Board acknowledges the District's *Return-to-Learn Plan*.

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

- 205.1 Compensation of Expenses
- 504.10 Student Injury & Illness at School
- 504.12 Student Medication Administration
- 504.13 Head Lice - **Delete**
- 709 Transporting Students in Private Vehicles
- 709.6 Elective Student Transportation

Director Scarlett moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for first reading.

Director Greenwell provided handout of his expenses since being on the Board; noting he did not seek reimbursement for non-essential trips. He challenged Policy Committee members to look at their own expenses and requested no more politics in an attempt to silence elected public officials. He honorably requested the Policy Committee to perform their duties in a more professional manner.

Motion carried 7-0.

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

- 105 Assistance Animals **NEW**
- 400.1 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics
- 505.14 Closed Campus
- 521.3 Interviews By Or On Behalf of Educational Agencies
- 602.9 Multicultural, Gender Fair Educational Opportunity
- 603.9 Technology & Instructional Materials **NEW**
- 606.3 Animals in the Classroom **NEW**
- 803.2 Purchasing and Credit Card Use
- AR803.2A Using Federal Funds in Procurement Contracts **NEW**
- 904.0 Unmanned Aircraft – Drones

Director Albert moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for second and final reading and acknowledged AR803.2A.

Chad Krastel (phone), 117 S. Rustin St., referred to a letter he submitted titled *Partners for Patriots* noting they are in support of BP105 and thanked the District for taking service animals seriously.

Motion carried 7-0.

Director Greenwell questioned the need for a Police Officer during Board meetings.

IX. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Perla Alarcon-Flory, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors