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**Sioux City Community School District**  
**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, Albert (Virtual), Colling, Goodvin, Greenwell, Saint and Scarlett

**III. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Citizen Input**

Lesa Banks, 25187 K18N, Westfield, IA, shared concerns regarding teacher retention, workload, class sizes, etc. She suggested decreasing teacher workload or increasing their compensation.

Cheryl Mack, 1117 7<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 2, shared concerns regarding her Grandson who experienced an incident of racism at North Middle School.

**V. Consent Action Item(s)**

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

Director Greenwell suggested *“You shall be given the data as requested”* be added to the Boundary Address Locator Agreement before signing.

Motion carried 7-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2021 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report(s) – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Boundary Address Locator – John Pritchard
- E. PowerSchool (eFinancePlus) Upgrade – John Pritchard
- F. Return-to-Learn Data – Dr. Kim Buryanek

## **VI. Hearing(s)**

### **A. FY22 Annual Roof Repairs, Maintenance, and Replacement Projects – Tim Paul**

President Alarcon-Flory stated notice was provided that a hearing would be held at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (originally scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup>) day of February, 2021 to receive public input on the plans, specifications, and estimated costs, including architectural fees, provided by FEH Design of Sioux City, Iowa, of \$316,600.00 for the District's FY22 Annual Roof Repairs, Maintenance, and Replacement Projects.

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

Director Colling moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to approve the plans, specifications, and estimated costs, including architectural fees, provided by FEH Design of Sioux City, Iowa, of \$316,600.00 for the District's FY22 Annual Roof Repairs, Maintenance, and Replacement Projects. Motion carried 7-0.

## **VII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings**

Director Scarlett:

- She attended Student Achievement Committee, School Improvement Advisory Committee, and SCEA Negotiations meetings.
- She visited Bryant Elementary, West Middle and West High Schools.
- She attended Sioux City Conference Board meeting and SCEA virtual coffee.
- She reminded everyone to continue to enforce safe practices and be responsible wearing masks in school.
- She read statement addressing discrimination in our District.

Director Colling:

- He attended Board Finance & Finance Committee, Student Achievement Committee, and Sioux City Conference Board meetings.

Director Greenwell:

- He attended SCEA virtual coffee and Board Finance & Facilities Committee meeting.

Director Albert:

- She attended Student Achievement Committee, Educational Equity Committee, and Board Work Session meetings.

Director Goodvin:

- He attended SCEA negotiations and Board Finance & Facilities Committee as a guest.

Director Saint:

- He attended School Improvement Advisory Committee, Educational Equity Committee, Board Policy Committee, and Board Work Session meetings.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She thanked Board members for their time during Friday's Board Work Session.
- She and Director Scarlett were featured in *Siouxland Woman Magazine*.
- She read *RESOLUTION - FY21 Against Racism and Discrimination, and For Safe Schools* passed by the Board July 20, 2020.

### **Future Meetings are as follows:**

- Board Student Achievement Committee – Noon, February 24, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Education Legislative Forum – 8:30 a.m., February 27, 2021, Career Academy, 627 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., March 1, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., March 8, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., March 12, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy Committee – 4:00 p.m., March 17, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- School Improvement Advisory Committee – 5:15 p.m., March 18, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., March 22, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., March 29, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee – 1:30 p.m., March 31, 2021, Clark Early Childhood Center.

## **VIII. Superintendent's Report**

- He congratulated Jadyr Roder (EHS-Senior) for being recognized as a National Merit Finalist in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- He acknowledged that each month the District features student spotlight yard signs out in the public to celebrate positive behavior, academic achievement and citizenship.
- He reminded everyone there will be no school this Friday due to conferences.

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

### **A. School Improvement Advisory Committee and Educational Equity Committee 2020-2021 Report – Dr. Kim Buryanek and Dr. Jen Gomez**

Dan Harder, SIAC Chair, and Tito Parker, EEC Chair, shared combined data results.

President Alarcon-Flory stated the Board acknowledges the *School Improvement Advisory Committee and Educational Equity Committee 2020-2021 Report* and recommendations as presented.

### **B. Benefit Plan Update – Dr. Rita Vannatta and Kim Smith**

Director Scarlett moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the recommendations from the District's Insurance Committee to be effective 7/1/2021. Motion carried 7-0.

**C. FY22 North High School Sports Complex Parking Lot Project – Tim Paul**

Director Greenwell moved and Director Saint seconded the motion to approve the plans, specifications, and estimated costs, including architectural fees, provided by DGR Engineers of Sioux City, Iowa, in the amount of \$178,443.53 for the District's FY22 North High School Sports Complex Parking Lot Project, set a public hearing date, and publish notice as required by law. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021. Plans and specifications may be reviewed at the Purchasing Manager's office located at the same address. Motion carried 7-0.

**D. FY22 East Middle School Fire Alarm Replacement Project – Tim Paul**

Director Saint moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to approve the plans, specifications, and estimated costs, including architectural fees, provided by Engineering Design Associates (EDA) of Sioux Center, Iowa, of \$285,400.00 for the District's FY22 East Middle School Fire Alarm Replacement Project, set a public hearing date, and publish notice as required by law. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021. Plans and specifications may be reviewed at the Purchasing Manager's office located at the same address. Motion carried 7-0.

**E. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief I and II Budget – Dr. Kim Buryanek**

Dr. Buryanek shared proposed budget expenditures for ESSER I and ESSER II funds.

Board member comments:

- Wait one year to build out a virtual school.
- Utilize funds to hire additional tutors and mental health services.
- A virtual school is necessary for those who do not wish to return to the classroom after the pandemic.
- Virtual learning is here and is not going away.
- We need to provide a robust program or someone else will.
- Our approach was better than some other districts, and if we continue that approach, we need to commit resources to do it well for those students who want it.
- We have to take care of what is in front of us before moving to something else.
- Can we allocate more funds while still promoting virtual?
- The money was given to us because of the pandemic and we cannot afford to miss the opportunity to help kids catch up.
- Make certain the District is compliant with all spending.
- We need interventions for our students, check enrollment, attract and retain students in our District.
- We need to offer a virtual school as an alternative or risk losing students.

Robert Henderson, 4540 Talbot Road, believes the only importance in education is the relationship between students and teachers. The purpose for these funds is to restore student learning that has been lost due to the pandemic.

Bernie Scolaro, 940 Logan St., believes ESSER funds should be put towards the health, safety and welfare of District staff and students instead of a virtual school. She believes a small stipend should be given to teachers and support personnel.

Kris Snavelly, SCEA President, shared top 4 results from teachers surveyed (in-person and virtual) in spending ESSER funds: 1) CNA's, 2) summer school / tutoring, 3) teacher pay for assessment training, and 4) air quality. While she supports a virtual school, these funds should be spent to service and support our students.

President Alarcon-Flory stated the Board acknowledges the ESSER I and ESSER II budget as presented.

The Board took a 10-minute break.

**F. FY22 General Fund Revenues and Expenditures Review and Property Tax Rate Discussion – Patty Blankenship**

President Alarcon-Flory stated the Board acknowledges the information provided related to the FY22 General Fund revenues and expenditures budget and property tax rates as presented.

**G. First Reading of Board Policies – Dr. Paul Gausman**

- 203.2 Community / Advisory Committees
- 710.1 School Nutrition Program
- 1001.80 Distribution of Non-District Materials
- 1004.13 Use of District-Owned Vehicles
- 1027 Public Conduct on School Premises

Director Saint moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- 501.3 School Attendance Areas / Assignment
- AR501.3 School Attendance Areas / Assignment **NEW**
- 501.8 Within District Transfers

Director Scarlett moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for second and final reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**X. Adjourn**

Director Scarlett moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Perla Alarcon-Flory, President  
SCCSD Board of Directors

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Cynthia A. Lloyd, Secretary  
SCCSD Board of Directors