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**Educational Service Center**  
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**I. Call to Order**

President Alarcon-Flory called the special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**II. Roll Call of Members**

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory, Albert (via phone), Colling, Goodvin (4:31 p.m.), Greenwell (4:31p.m.) Saint and Scarlett

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Director Saint moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**IV. Approval of Closed Session / Closed Session**

Director Saint moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to go into a closed session to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for the Board's possession or receipt of federal funds. Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a). Motion carried 7-0, and the Board retired to closed session at 4:32 p.m.

**V. Adjourn Closed Session / Return to Open Session**

Director Saint moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to adjourn a closed session and return to open session. Motion carried 7-0, and the Board returned to open session at 5:08 p.m.

**VI. Items of Presentation, Discussion, and/or Action**

**A. District Crisis Plan – Dr. Paul Gausman**

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

## VII. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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Perla Alarcon-Flory, President  
SCCSD Board of Directors

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Cynthia A. Lloyd, Board Secretary  
SCCSD Board of Directors

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	F. ASCD Activate District License	
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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 (phone), Colling, Goodwin, Greenwell, Saint and Scarlett

**III. Approval of Agenda**

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

**IV. Citizen Input**

Laura Mesz, 2901 S. Olive St., provided handouts that explained the difference between Prep, Preps, and PLCs, and *“The Gift of Teacher Time Making teachers’ time a valued resource in your school”*. She suggested utilizing ESSER funds to provide more prep time for teachers.

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

Director Albert moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the following consent action items. Motion carried 7-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2021 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report – Dr. Jen Gomez
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Audit Engagement Letter for June 30, 2021 – Patty Blankenship
- E. Teacher Quality Committee Membership – Angela Bemus
- F. ASCD Activate District License – Angela Bemus
- G. Educational Equity Committee Membership – Dr. Dora Jung
- H. School Improvement Advisory Committee Membership – Dr. Kim Buryanek
- I. Title I Third Party Vendor – Dr. Brian Burnight

Director Scarlett questioned the process of selecting Board committee memberships and recommended that in the future Board members be allowed to volunteer to interview the candidates.

Director Greenwell requested adding “narrative” to the August 9 meeting minutes under *Return-to-Learn Plan 2021-2022 and ESSER III Budget*.

## VI. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She shared her excitement for the start of the school year, and shared a number of successes occurring throughout the District.
- She attended Board Finance & Facilities and Board Policy Committee meetings, UEN Orientation, and IASB's Legislative Resolutions Committee.
- She strongly encouraged masks during the continuance of the pandemic and explained that school districts do not have legal authority to override the law banning mask mandates.
- She exhorted people with health concerns to explore SCCSD's VIBE Virtual Academy as an option.
- She asked Dr. Gausman to look into building air-conditioning concerns.
- She looks forward to the return of Good News Reports at Board meetings, including presentations about the different countries present in our District.
- She supports partnerships with local agencies for mitigation and remediation to loss of learning and mental health supports.
- She encouraged the public to run for School Board.
- She participated and attended the Back to School event.
- She participated in sending off our bus drivers this morning.

Director Scarlett:

- Student Achievement Committee did not meet in August.
- She attended Board Leadership meeting.
- She met with Dr. Dora Jung to discuss more intense action plans for equity.
- She attended the Welcome Back Convocation and shared the impact speaker Manny Scott had on her.
- She encouraged the Board to take the mask mandate seriously to keep our District safe and healthy.

Director Albert:

- She welcomed everyone back to school and hopes this year is a much better year in terms of COVID. She thanked everyone for all they do to make this school year possible.

Director Goodvin:

- He missed Board Policy Committee meeting because of work.
- He looks forward to conversations regarding ESSER III.

Director Saint:

- He attended Board Policy Committee meeting.

Director Greenwell:

- He attended Board Finance & Facilities Committee meeting, noting that tonight the Board will discuss ESSER II budget and spending, and allocation of ESSER II into ESSER III. He reminded the Administration they are not allowed to spend without Board authorization.

Director Colling:

- He attended Board Finance & Facilities Committee meeting.
- He hopes everyone had a great first day of school and that the rest of the school year goes well.

**Future Meetings are as follows:**

- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., September 7, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., September 13, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Board Student Achievement Committee – Noon, September 15, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., September 20, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy Committee – 3:30 p.m., September 21, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., September 27, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., September 27, 2021, ESC Board Room.

**VII. Superintendent’s Report**

- He thanked everyone for their work to make this first day of school successful.
- He thanked our Food Service team for all they do. They served 2.2M meals last year and nearly 5,000 meals per day during the summer.

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

**A. Restatement of Board Resolution: September as Attendance Awareness Month**

President Alarcon-Flory reaffirmed the Board’s commitment by reading the Board’s *Resolution: September as Attendance Awareness Month* adopted by the Board on September 11, 2017 as a reminder to everyone.

Director Colling moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to acknowledge September as Attendance Awareness Month. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Greenwell would like reporting done this year, in comparison to previous years, to see what positive impact the additional outreach specialists have on our attendance levels.

**B. Approximately \$14,285,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021: Consideration of Financing Proposals, Resolution Directing Sale and Resolutions Authorizing the Redemption of Series 2015B, Series 2018A and Series 2019A – Patty Blankenship**

Tim Oswald, Piper Sandler, stated the bonds came in at \$14,285,000 and will save the District \$873,247. His recommended proposal is the combination of two proposals received from Security National Bank for 15% of issue, and Luana Savings Banks for 85% of issue.

Director Greenwell moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to adopt the following resolutions:

- Resolution directing the sale of approximately \$14,285,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021.
- Resolution authorizing the redemption of outstanding School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds of the Sioux City Community School District, State of Iowa, dated June 9, 2015, and directing notice be given.
- Resolution authorizing the redemption of outstanding School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds of the Sioux City Community School District, State of Iowa, dated April 5, 2018, and directing notice be given.
- Resolution authorizing the redemption of outstanding School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds of the Sioux City Community School District, State of Iowa, dated June 20, 2019, and directing notice be given.

Motion carried 5-0 with Directors Scarlett and Saint abstaining from vote.

**C. ESSER III 20% Learning Loss and ESSER II Budget – Dr. Kim Buryanek and Patty Blankenship**

The Board was presented with information related to evidence-based interventions for ESSER III as well as the reclassification of funds from ESSER II to ESSER III.

Dr. Gausman stated we have to work together on these issues. He looks forward to working with the Board and community to best serve students.

Director Albert noted other conversations around community involvement and that community partnerships are key to this effort.

Director Scarlett questioned the evidence-based standard and asked the District to partner with various organizations and ensure these programs work.

President Alarcon-Flory stated the Board approved a number of agency agreements, contracts and MOU's at the June 28, 2021 Board meeting.

Director Greenwell advocated for a minimum of 30% for struggling students as well as \$6M of ESSER funds to community organizations over the next 3 years.



Valerie Uken, 3205 9<sup>th</sup> St., agrees with allocating more than 20% for struggling students. Ike Rayford, 2112 So. Henry St., and Fitz Grant, 2716 Magnolia Court (Sanford Center) support the use of ESSER funds for student resources and partnering with the District to help serve students.

Karen Mackey, 214 Vista Court, believes the 20% ESSER funds for learning loss needs to be higher.

Director Albert noted hearing that everyone is in agreement with allocating more than 20% to learning loss, but suggested focusing on the recommendation presented to reallocate funds from ESSER II to ESSER III.

Dr. Dick Owens shared a number of statistics of what Outreach does for our students. Tito Parker – 2025 So. Cedar, looks forward to the District's use of ESSER funds to help support recommendations presented to the Board earlier this year by the EEC and SIAC and thanked the Board for wanting to allocate more than 20%.

President Alarcon-Flory asked the Administration to bring back proposals of 30% and up to 40% at the next Board meeting.

Director Greenwell moved to approve the reclassification of \$282,687.57 from ESSER II to ESSER III and to allocate a minimum of 30% of ESSER III towards learning loss with at least \$6M allocated to local community organizations and agencies including transportation costs. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion was modified by Director Greenwell and seconded by Director Scarlett to approve the reclassification of \$282,687.57 from ESSER II to ESSER III and to allocate a minimum of 30% from either ESSER II or ESSER III towards learning loss with at least \$6M allocated to local community organizations / agencies including transportation costs. Motion failed without a vote.

Director Albert is in favor of allocating 30% but is not in favor of voting on it tonight. She would like more time for discussion and believes the Board should vote only on the recommendation presented.

Director Colling requested separate motions. He agrees with reclassifying funds from ESSER II to ESSER III, but requested more time before setting a percentage.

Director Saint noted he would like to better understand the standards and what evidence-based is before allocating a percentage.

Dr. Gausman believes the District can do all the Board is asking but requested the time to design it.

Director Goodvin shared concerns with taking the survey in advance of having all the data.

Motion was modified by Director Greenwell that at the next Board meeting we have whatever preliminary results are available that shows the Iowa Assessment results with the corresponding demographic information so the Board, can review that before determining the allocation of funds. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion was modified by Director Greenwell and seconded by Director Scarlett to approve the reclassification of \$282,687.57 from ESSER II to ESSER III providing we have Iowa Assessment results with the 7 demographics as described at the next Board meeting. Motion failed without a vote.

Directors Colling, Scarlett and Albert requested two separate motions.

The Board, by consensus, directed the Administration to provide 30% or higher allocation amounts of ESSER funds for learning loss and requested Iowa Assessment data at the next Board meeting.

Director Greenwell restated his motion and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to approve the reclassification of \$282,687.57 from ESSER II to ESSER III and that the Administration provide the demographic data at the next meeting. After a roll call vote, motion carried 5-2, with Directors Alarcon-Flory and Colling voting no.

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

- 204.8 Agenda Planning
- 204.15 Community Participation / Public Comment Procedures
- 400.2 Employee Expression
- 604.8 Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution
- 684.06 Full-Time High School Student & Schedule Changes
- 710 Emergency Operations Plan
- 802.1 Local-State-Federal-Miscellaneous Revenue
- 1003.1 Citizen Requests for Information

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

**IX. Adjourn**

Director Greenwell moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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