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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, Greenwell, Saint and Scarlett (4:38 p.m.)

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Saint moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Approval of Closed Session / Closed Session

Director Saint moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to go into a closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Iowa Code.

Discussion of strategy relating to employment conditions of an employee not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Exempt as provided by Iowa Code Section 21.9. Motion carried 6-0, 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.

VI. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Perla Alarcon-Flory, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Board Secretary
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Minutes – September 27, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Alarcon-Flory called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory, Albert (online), 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. Good News Report(s)

A. Bryant Elementary School

Principal: Dr. Angela Holcomb shared a video highlighting student challenges and how school staff has helped them.

B. West Middle School

Principal: Joe Hardin introduced Staff member Viridiana Curiel, who shared her experience of going through the Sioux City Community School system and crediting the teacher she had as a student for giving her a passion for education. Ms. Curiel is a first-year history teacher at West Middle School.

V. Citizen Input

Tony Zakaras, 9605 S 20th Street, Bellevue, NE 68147, representing Iowa Fire Sprinkler Installers and Fitters across the state, expressed concerns about a sub-contractor, Service First, who is not meeting licensing requirements while installing fire sprinklers at Hunt Elementary School.

VI. Consent Action Item(s)

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

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2021 and September 15, 2021 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report – Dr. Jen Gomez
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Subscription License and Service Agreement Between the Sioux City Community School District and Illuminate Education – Dr. Kim Buryanek
- E. Building Fact Fluency Teacher Kits – Angela Bemus
- F. FY22 Contract for School Dude Asset Essentials – Tim Paul
- G. Service Agreements for the FAST for Success Program for Irving and Liberty Elementary Schools – Dr. Brian Burnight

Director Scarlett stated all citizens speaking must follow procedures by stating their name and full address.

VII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Albert:

- She attended Educational Equity and Student Achievement Committee meetings.
- She attended the Future Ready Iowa Summit in Des Moines and praised student, Langston Saint, for his presentation at the Summit.

Director Scarlett:

- She attended Board Leadership and Student Achievement Committee meetings.
- She congratulated Coach Brandon Holmes and the WHS football program on academic performance.

Director Goodvin:

- He missed Board Policy Committee meeting because of work.

Director Saint:

- He attended Board Policy Committee meeting.
- He attended the Future Ready Iowa Summit in Des Moines, and shared how he appreciates hearing positive feedback about the SCCSD programs while attending events out of town.

Director Colling:

- He is happy to be back from vacation.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She appreciates the sense of community and identity during homecoming week.
- She attended two of three homecoming parades.
- She attended Board Policy Committee meeting and a UEN meeting.
- She attended *Starfest* at NHS, and extends her appreciation and gratitude for all those who made *Starfest* a great success.
- She shared her passion for bringing bilingual books to the District and thanked author Ann Morris for donating books.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., October 4, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee – Noon, October 8, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., October 11, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Board Student Achievement Committee – Noon, October 13, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- School Improvement Advisory Committee – 5:15 p.m., October 14, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy Committee – 3:30 p.m., October 19, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., October 25, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- The Link to SCCSD COVID Results - <https://www.siouxcityschools.org/parents/covid-19-return-to-learn/covid-19-reporting/>

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- He recognized all high school bands attending competitions.
- He is proud of the work being done to bring bilingual books to the District.
- He congratulated NHS cross country team and coach, Abdier Marrero, for reaching a ranking of 19th in the nation.

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

A. Purchase of Rapid COVID-19 Tests – Dr. Kim Buryanek

Director Greenwell moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the purchase of rapid COVID-19 tests in the amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Director Greenwell encouraged the administration not to hesitate to ask for more funding to purchase more tests, if needed.

B. RESOLUTION: Hispanic Heritage Month

President Alarcon-Flory discussed with the Board, the possibility of creating a resolution regarding Hispanic Heritage Month. She will work with the Educational Equity Committee to prepare a draft for a future Board meeting. The Board asked that the public be allowed to provide input so all groups are represented.

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

- 204.14 School Board Minutes
- 301 Superintendent of School
- 402.13 Administrator Evaluation
- 501.6 District-to-District Open Enrollment
- 501.6-A District-to-District Open Enrollment – Insufficient Classroom Space
- 503.13 Freedom of Expression
- 602.11 Physical Education
- 604.2 Private Instruction
- 605.4 Graduation Requirements
- 711 Use of Recording Devices / Cameras on School Property – **NEW**

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

Director Greenwell moved and Director Scarlett seconded to amend the motion to include an AR to BP711. BP711 was removed and will be added to a future Board meeting. Motion to approve as amended carried 7-0.

D. Return-to-Learn – President Alarcon-Flory

Director Alarcon-Flory asked Dr. Gausman to provide explanation of COVID-19 mitigation efforts and a general update on topics related to Return-to-Learn.

Dr. Gausman explained that a federal order required the District to mandate masks on public transportation, which includes school buses. He shared the number of students and staff who self-reported as positive last week. The Board questioned how much authority the District has to implement contact tracing. Dr. Buryanek clarified that principals have discretion to notify families if there is a high positivity rate in a classroom. Dr. Gausman will consult with Siouxland District Health about contact tracing.

Director Scarlett advocated for mask wearing and the vaccine.

Director Greenwell provided ESSER III exhibits and reiterated air conditioning is at the bottom of his priority list. He expressed concern for lack of a tutoring program and requested changes to processes involving recruiting and retention of staff, and substitute fill rate.

Dr. Gausman shared the District is working on a partnership with the Sioux City Education Association (SCEA) and SCESPA to establish a pay rate for ESSER tutoring and ESSER PD.

Director Greenwell requested comparison between leasing long term for the VIBE Academy vs. building out space.

X. 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 7:47 p.m.

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