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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, Albert, Goodwin, Greenwell, Saint and Scarlett

Absent: Director Colling

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Goodvin moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Director Scarlett noted the link to the District's COVID results under *Board Member Reports*. Director Goodvin suggested adding Return-to-Learn or COVID Update under Consent Agenda so Board members can discuss if necessary. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Citizen Input

Amanda Gibson, 3609 Virginia St., shared concerns regarding the health and safety of her children.

Lesla Banks, 25187 K18N, shared comments regarding the District's new two-factor authentication process.

Cassie Thompson, 2312 Douglas St., spoke on behalf of the Siouxland COVID Safety Alliance regarding safety and mitigation strategies for the safety of our kids.

Malynda Krastel, 117 S. Rustin St., read a letter written by her daughter about school.

Chad Krastel, 117 S. Rustin St., shared concerns regarding continued issues with his children.

V. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Scarlett moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the following consent action items. Motion carried 6-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from August 23, 2021 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report(s) – Dr. Jen Gomez
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Transition Alliance Program (TAP) – Kim Neal
- E. Team Rooms Purchase – John Pritchard
- F. FY22 VIBE Contract for Destiny Inventory – John Pritchard
- G. FY22 State Library Bridges Contract – John Pritchard
- H. Preschool Materials – Dr. Brian Burnight

VI. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Scarlett:

- Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!
- She attended the Board Leadership meeting.
- Congratulations to Dominic Eastman who was chosen as the Board liaison.
- She shared rationale for the following motion:

Director Scarlett moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion that all students, staff and visitors be mandated to wear a mask in our District buildings. This includes as audience members for extra-curricular activities and as participants in any meetings held within District buildings.

- Attorney Maureen Heffernan recommended the Board set a special meeting and provide 24-hour notice to the public.
- Director Scarlett moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to schedule a Special Board meeting. Director Scarlett withdrew her motion and requested a special meeting be scheduled no later than Wednesday of this week.

Director Goodvin:

- He reiterated the need to implement masks and to give the public the opportunity to speak on this topic.

Director Greenwell:

- He attended the Board Finance & Facilities meeting.
- He attended the SCCSD / SCEA meeting and shared concerns from nurses who will have to provide rapid COVID tests without proper licensure. He encouraged the District to include the nurses in future discussions on this topic.

Director Saint:

- He attended the Sioux City Conference Board meeting where they discussed a preliminary equalization order on multi-family dwellings and options for appeal. Directors Goodvin and Greenwell also shared comment on this topic.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She thanked Dominic Eastman for being in attendance.
- She shared comment regarding vaccine / mask mandates and the need to bring back local control.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., September 17, 2021, ESC Room #105.
- 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.
- Board Student Achievement Committee – Noon, September 22, 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.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., October 11, 2021, ESC Board Room.
- The Link to SCCSD COVID Results - <https://www.siouxcityschools.org/parents/covid-19-return-to-learn/covid-19-reporting/>

VII. Superintendent's Report

- He reminded everyone that September is Attendance Awareness Month. He encouraged anyone struggling to get their students to school to please contact the District.
- He will follow the Board's lead regarding mandating masks.
- He is proud of all the arts; noting all three high school football teams won last week. North High and West High Schools will celebrate their homecoming this week.
- He is waiting for further guidance regarding mandating vaccines to those who employ over 100 employees.

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

- A. \$14,285,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 – Patty Blankenship
 - Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement, and Authorizing the Execution of Same.
 - Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate.
 - Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds.

- Documents:
 - Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement
 - Tax Exemption Certificate
 - Delivery Certificate
 - Authentication Order
 - District Certificate
 - Bond Purchase Agreements
 - Bid Forms
 - IRS form 8038-G

Director Saint moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to adopt the resolutions and execute the documents. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board took a short break.

President Alarcon-Flory stated that Director Scarlett requested a revote on this item.

Director Saint moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to adopt the resolutions and execute the documents. Motion carried 5-0, with Director Scarlett abstaining from vote.

B. Student Achievement and ESSERs II and III – Dr. Paul Gausman

Dr. Gausman and his Administrative Team shared video presentation of the preliminary student achievement report and the revised ESSERs II and III budgets.

Lesla Banks, 25187 K18N, suggested spending ESSER funds for student achievement and for teachers and staff. She shared a number of solutions to help staff feel appreciated and to attract new teachers.

Julie Johnson, 871 Springbrook Dr., is concerned with having enough trained nursing staff for 15,000 students; noting they do not have the capability to provide rapid tests and there are no written protocols or procedures to do this.

Karen Mackey, 214 Vista Court, encouraged the Board to utilize 30% of ESSER funds for student remediation and to support local non-profits.

Val Uken, 3205 9th St., shared comments regarding behavior coaches for tutoring and cultural considerations. She agrees with public control for mask mandates, noting we should have control for children of culture, social and emotional needs. She encouraged the District to partner with outside agencies to provide cultural sensitivity and awareness training.

Brenda Zahner, 1119 4th St., Ste. 213, encouraged the Board to gather information from practitioners to make educated and informed decisions. With the loss of federal funding, she is concerned for those who may need additional sick leave. She encouraged the District to pay for the authorization Paras need to become substitutes, and to provide paid leave to get it. She suggested increasing substitute pay and adding more incentives for substitutes.

Director Albert commended those who worked on the plan and supports moving forward as time is limited. In light of COVID, she would like the Board to reconsider live streaming games and activities. She supports upgrading our schools while we have the money, and fully supports offering all our community partners a chance to participate in the RFP process.

Director Greenwell does not recommend presenting like this again. He shared questions and comments, and presentation of student non-proficiency percentages and ESSER III learning loss activities. He asked questions regarding air filtration systems, the number of staff hired to date, and how much has been spent on learning loss. He requested the District report monthly, how much is spent.

Director Goodvin agrees with upgrading our air filtration systems, not just air-conditioning.

Director Greenwell requested prioritizing each item.

Director Saint shared appreciation for all the work that went into the presentation. He stated that ELL students seem to struggle the most when looking at student achievement data. He is hopeful that the upcoming Program Review will identify learning loss measures that work and can be retained and amplified going forward.

Director Greenwell moved to develop a Tier I and Tier II, Tier I should be no greater than our budget (\$38.6M), and Tier II should be our supplementary amount (the residual) if it becomes available for the next Board meeting. This is something Director Greenwell requests the Administration to do. Motion failed without a second.

Director Albert moved and Director Saint seconded the motion to acknowledge the preliminary student achievement report and the revised ESSERs II and III budgets. After a roll call vote, motion carried 5-1, with Director Greenwell voting no.

C. Second and Final 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 Goodvin moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for second and final reading. Motion carried 6-0.

IX. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Perla Alarcon-Flory, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors