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I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Krysl called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory, Gleiser, Krysl, McTaggart, Meyers and Warnstadt
Absent: Director Gorski

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6 to 0.

IV. Good News Report(s) – Loess Hills Elementary School

John Beeck (Principal) accompanied by Coding Coaches Cindy Bigbee, Keenan Ganz, and Layne Henn, shared information about how Loess Hills Elementary School celebrates the “Hour of Code”. Loess Hills Elementary is a Computer Programming Specialty School where each week students spend time on various coding activities. Students took the opportunity during Hour of Code week to share their knowledge with various community members, parents and other throughout the School District. Staff and students at Loess Hills Elementary were recently awarded the Code Iowa award in the amount of $4,000 by the Iowa Governor’s STEM Advisory Council to be used for instructional technology.

3rd, 4th and 5th grade students; Langston Saint, Rosalia Garcia, Chloe Puente, Matthew Sands, Alyssa Hoffman, Hunter McHugh, DJ Mosley, Tavon Grant Sedillo and Carter Ellis shared exciting news about coding at Loess Hills Elementary School.

V. Citizen Input

None
VI. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Meyers moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to approve all consent action items. The motion carried 6 to 0.

A. Board Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2015 – Dr. Paul Gausman
B. Amended Human Resources Report – Dr. Rita Vannatta
C. Finance Report(s) – Dr. John Chalstrom
D. Benefit Administration - 121 Benefits – Dr. Rita Vannatta

VII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director McTaggart:
- He shared how impressed he was with the students’ presentation tonight.

Director Warnstadt:
- She attended the Northwest Iowa concert over the weekend where Sioux City Schools were well represented.

Director Alarcon-Flory:
- She attended the Northwest Iowa Honor Band, and is looking forward to the Northwest Iowa Honor Orchestra and Show Choir competitions next week.
- She asked if the savings from the District’s Early Retirement Plan could be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting as it relates to this year’s budget.
- She encouraged everyone to write a letter to the Governor sharing concern regarding state funding.

Director Gleiser:
- He and his wife welcomed a new baby boy to their family in December.
- He shared personal concerns with what appears to be our School District’s endorsement of Governor Branstad’s recent proposal to divert over $400M in education funding to water quality.
- He appreciates the amount of attention the extension of sales tax is getting in light of the Governor’s recent announcement.
- He personally disagreed with any proposal or discussion related to the diversion of critical funds for any issue unrelated to public education.
- He is uncomfortable with our District’s involvement in events designed to forward this proposal without full consensus of the Board, and asked the Board to formalize an opinion on this particular matter.
Director Krysl:
- The Board Finance Committee directed Dr. Gausman and his team to begin looking at each individual proposal for the possible extension of the sales tax and how it will impact the School District.
- One of the District’s Legislative Priorities and vision is the extension of sales tax.
- The Governor holds our Superintendent in a very high esteem and there is mutual respect between them.
- He trusts Dr. Gausman and does not have any concerns with him meeting with the Governor.

Future Meetings are as follows:
- IASB Action Advocacy Workshop – 6:30 p.m., January 13, 2016, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee Meeting – 12:00 p.m., January 14, 2016, ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy Committee Meeting – 4:30 p.m., January 18, 2016, ESC Board Room.
- Student Achievement Committee Meeting – 12:00 p.m., January 19, 2016, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance Committee Meeting – 3:30 p.m., January 19, 2016, ESC Board Room.
- Preschool Oversight Committee Meeting – 1:30 p.m., January 21, 2016, at Irving Preschool.
- District Advisory Committee Meeting – 5:15 p.m., January 21, 2016, ESC Board Room.
- Education Legislative Forum – 8:30 a.m., January 23, 2016, ESC Board Room.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m., January 25, 2016, ESC Board Room.
- Special / Regular School Board Meeting – 5:00 p.m., January 25, 2016, ESC Board Room.
- Chamber’s Day at the Capitol – All Day Event, January 27, 2016, in Des Moines, IA.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., February 8, 2016, ESC Board Room.

VIII. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Gausman:
- He asked the Board to consider making the following adjustments to School Board meetings:
  1. Move Monday, March 28 to Tuesday, March 29 due to spring break.
  2. Move Monday April 11 to Thursday, April 7 due to Board members who plan to travel to NSBA and/or Siouxland Chamber DC event.
    - The Board, by consensus, agreed to make the changes noted above and asked that the meetings be scheduled for 6:00 p.m.
- Three opportunities for Board members to join Dr. Gausman, Dr. Buryanek and Dr. Chalstrom at our State Capitol in Des Moines:
  1. January 27 - Siouxland Chamber Day on the Hill
  2. February 8 - IASB Day on the Hill
  3. February 24 - An All UEN Day on the Hill
- He is always willing to engage in any conversations or discussions related to the extension of the state penny, and regularly and consistently advocates for the extension of the state penny sales tax.
- He has NOT endorsed anyone’s specific idea on extending the penny despite recent media coverage.
- He is glad there are so many people talking about extending the penny.
IX. Superintendent’s Report Continued

Dr. Gausman:
- He will continue to engage in conversations with the Governor focused only on the extension of the state penny.
- He shared an updated data regarding the District’s Let’s Talk! feature.
- He recognized student teachers in the audience.

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

A. Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) Review

Jennifer Gomez (Director of Student Services and Equity Education) shared the LIEP Program Review, formally known as English as a Second Language, with the assistance of Nancy Miles (ESL World Language Program Coordinator), Emily Rasmus-Jasman (ELD Specialist), and Margaret Behrens (World Language Program Coordinator Assistant).

XI. Adjourn

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

__Michael J. Krysl__, President  __Cynthia A. Lloyd__, Secretary
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