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SPECIAL MEETING
Sioux City Community School District
Educational Service Center
Minutes – February 10, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

President Saint called the special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory, Albert, Colling, Goodvin, Greenwell, Saint and Scarlett

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7 to 0.

IV. Approval of Closed Session / Closed Session

Director Alarcon-Flory 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. The motion carried 7 to 0, and the Board retired to closed session at 4:32 p.m.

V. Adjourn Closed Session / Return to Open Session

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to adjourn a closed session and return to open session. The motion carried 7 to 0, and the Board returned to open session at 5:52 p.m.

VI. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7 to 0, and the special meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.
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REGULAR MEETING
Sioux City Community School District
Educational Service Center
Minutes – February 10, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory, Albert, Colling, Goodvin, Greenwell, Saint and Scarlett

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Colling moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Director Greenwell moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to amend the agenda and allow Board members to ask questions as necessary to clarify the speaker’s intent during Citizen Input. The motion to amend the agenda carried 7 to 0. The motion to approve the amended agenda carried 7 to 0.

IV. Good News Report(s) – North Middle School

Principal Shawn Chesteen, Assistant Principals Emily Lloyd and James Cline, IB Coordinator Cat Moseman, Staff Members Shawn Miller, Laura Staab and John Vanderloo, and Students Jersee Reiling, Caitlin Bushby, Maddie Casotti, Dayton Harrell, and Yeni Castro shared information about the work they are doing to become an International Baccalaureate school. They shared a short presentation on “Leading a Healthy Lifestyle.”

V. Citizen Input.

Camille Farley, 1028 So. Cecelia St., 6th grade Special Education teacher expressed her concerns regarding Small Group, Skills-Based Instruction and the needs of her students. She asked the District to trust their teachers who are dedicated to their students.

Chad Krastel, 912 S. Cornelia St., is glad the District is implementing programs such as IB, as he is a graduate of an IB middle school and high school. Mr. Krastel shared data and concerns regarding an incident involving one of his daughters that occurred during an afterschool program at Leeds Elementary School and the lack of follow-through by the District.

VI. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the following Consent Action Items. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A. Board Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2020 – Dr. Paul Gausman
B. Human Resources Report(s) – Dr. Rita Vannatta
C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
D. District Diesel School Bus Purchases – Brian Fahrendholz
VII. Hearing(s)

A. Hearing on the Proposed Issuance of Not to Exceed $15,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds – Patty Blankenship

President Saint stated notice was provided that a hearing would be held at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 10th day of February 2020, to receive public input on the Proposed Issuance of Not to Exceed $15,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds.

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

Director Scarlett moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to approve the Proposed Issuance of Not to Exceed $15,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. The motion carried 7 to 0.

B. Hail Damaged Roofs and Vertical Metal Replacement Project – Brian Fahrendholz

President Saint stated notice was provided that a hearing would be held at 6:00 p.m. local time, at the Educational Service Center, 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 10th day of February, 2020, to receive public input on the proposed plans, specifications, and estimated cost of $1,460,500.00 for the East and West High Schools, Morningside and Nodland Elementary Schools Hail Damaged Roofs and Vertical Metal Replacement Project.

He 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 Greenwell moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to approve the proposed plans, specifications, and estimated cost of $1,460,500.00 for the Hail Damaged Roofs and Vertical Metal Replacement Project. The motion carried 7 to 0.

VIII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Goodvin:
- He urged the District to move away from K12 Insight as a third party vendor for the West Middle School survey.

Director Greenwell:
- He attended this week’s Finance Committee meeting and last week’s Legislative session.
- He referred to a letter dated February 6 and documents he sent to Dr. Gausman outlining potential cost savings from consulting, professional development, and travel expenses for an estimated cost savings of $850,000.
- He requested some additional information regarding new programs; specifically costs associated with the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and Small Groups, Skilled-Based Instruction. He also shared updated information regarding administrative costs vs. instructional costs.
Director Alarcon-Flory:
- She shared topics discussed during her trips to Des Moines for the IASB and Siouxland Chamber of Commerce “Day on the Hill” events.
- She noted the Board held a work session and was provided data and information, including costs associated with implementing an IB program in the District.
- She took some comments personally; stating she appreciates all Board members and their specific skills they bring to the table. The Board needs to work together. This current group is the Board, regardless of how long they have sat at the table. She shared thoughts regarding comments made about the turnover on the Board, noting she appreciates the new Board members as they bring a fresh perspective and in opening her eyes as well.

Director Scarlett:
- She attended the following:
  - The City Council / County Supervisors board meeting.
  - The opening proposals from SCEA and SCESPA.
  - The League of Women’s Voters event at the Betty Strong Strong Encounter Center.
- MLK Art Contest winners will be awarded at the Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet this Saturday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sioux City Convention Center. Tickets are $50.00; winners accompanied by a parent are free. She shared concern the District did not sponsor a table this year and asked that the District consider continuing their partnership moving forward.

Director Saint:
- He attended the Conference Board meeting where discussion of an increase in residential properties could have an impact on our budgeting process.

Future Meetings are as follows:
- Student Achievement Committee – Noon, February 17, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- District Response to SCEA and SCESPA – 4:30 p.m., February 17, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy Committee – 4:30 p.m., February 18, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- School Improvement Advisory Committee – 5:15 p.m., February 20, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Education Legislative Forum – 8:30 a.m., February 22, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., February 24, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., February 24, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee – 1:00 p.m., February 26, 2020, Bryant Elementary School.
- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., February 28, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., March 9, 2020, ESC Board Room.

IX. Superintendent’s Report
- He is proud of our staff members and students regarding the latest results of our state report card. We have the only high performing schools in the area, including surrounding districts. We have 5 high performing schools, 6 schools labeled commendable, and most of our schools showed growth in scores. Congratulations to our teams for their great work.
- Congratulations to our Air Force JROTC team, who competed in the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition; who finished in 2nd place and placed in the top two places for the 5th year in a row.
X. Items of Presentation, Discussion, and/or Action

A. Resolution Supporting the Proposed Issuance of Not to Exceed $15,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds - Patty Blankenship

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to adopt the resolution supporting the proposed issuance of not to exceed $15,500,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bonds. The motion carried 7 to 0.

B. FY21 Budgets: Student Activity Fund, Management Fund and Debt Services Fund – Patty Blankenship

Director Greenwell shared concerns with the amount of fund balance in the Management Fund and what that balance should be.

President Saint stated the Board acknowledged the updated information regarding the District’s FY21 budgets for Student Activity Fund, Management Fund and Debt Service Fund with the understanding it will come back to the Board before final approval.

C. FY21 Annual Roof Repairs, Maintenance, and Replacement Projects – Brian Fahrendholz

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the plans, specifications, and estimated costs, including architectural fees, provided by FEH Design of Sioux City, Iowa, of $449,000 for the District’s FY21 Annual Roof Repairs, Maintenance, and Replacement Projects, 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 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on the 24th day of February, 2020. Plans and specifications may be reviewed at the Purchasing Manager’s office located at the same address. The motion carried 7 to 0.

D. Riverside Elementary School HVAC and Electrical Retrofit Project Phase 2 – Brian Fahrendholz

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to accept the low bid from K&S LLC. Dba Nelson Commercial Construction of Sioux City, Iowa, for the Riverside Elementary School HVAC and Electrical Retrofit Project Phase 2 and awards the contract in the amount of $1,701,400.00. The motion carried 7 to 0.
E. Second and Final Reading of Board Policies – Dr. Paul Gausman

- 200.3 Board of Directors’ Conflict of Interest
- 202.2 Adoption of Policy
- 204.15 Community Participation / Public Comment Procedures
- 504.2 Communicable Diseases
- 504.7 Emergency School Closings
- 901.4 Selection of an Architect
- 903.1 Lease, Sale, or Disposal of School Buildings and Sites

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for second and final reading. The motion carried 7 to 0.

XI. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7 to 0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.
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SPECIAL MEETING
Sioux City Community School District
Educational Service Center
Minutes – February 10, 2020
Directly Following the Regular Board Meeting

I. Call to Order

President Saint called the special meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory, Albert, Colling, Goodvin, Greenwell, Saint and Scarlett

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Scarlett moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7 to 0.

IV. Approval of Closed Session / Closed Session

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to go into a closed session to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer concerning employees’ collective bargaining as provided in Section 20.17 (3) of the Iowa Code. The District’s legal counsel present for this session, either in person or by electronic means, is Drew Bracken of Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. The motion carried 7 to 0, and the Board retired to closed session at 7:27 p.m.

V. Adjourn Closed Session / Return to Open Session

Director Colling moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to adjourn a closed session and return to open session. The motion carried 7 to 0, and the Board returned to open session at 9:09 p.m.

VI. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 7 to 0, and the special meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Jeremy Saint, Board President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Board Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors