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Educational Service Center
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I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Batcheller called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Batcheller, Johnson, Meyers, Mounts, Warnstadt and Williams

Absent: Director Grupp

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 6 to 0.

IV. Approval of /Adjourn to Closed Session

Director Williams moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to go into a closed session to conduct a strategy meeting relating to employment conditions of employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement as provided in Section 21.9 of the Code of Iowa. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the Board retired to closed session at 5:03 p.m.

V. Return to Open Session

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the Board returned to open session at 5:38 p.m.

President Batcheller stated that discussions took place, but no votes and no decisions were made at this time.

VI. Adjourn

Director Johnson moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the special meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Douglas K. Batcheller, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd
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Our Mission: The Sioux City Community School District exists to educate students to *believe* in their talents and skills, *achieve* academic excellence and *succeed* in reaching their potential.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Batcheller, Grupp, Johnson, Meyers, Mounts, Warnstadt, and Williams

Absent: None.

III. Approval of Amended Agenda

President Batcheller stated that a revision of the Human Resources Report had been added to the agenda.

Director Williams moved and Director Grupp seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried 7 to 0.

IV. Good News Report: Butterfly Garden at Leeds Elementary School

Donna Walsh, second grade teacher at Leeds Elementary School, stated that students raised their own monarchs in their butterfly garden funded by the Sioux City Public Schools Foundation. A power-presentation highlighting the technology used for learning was reviewed and students: Jacob Montgomery, Autumn Neibaum, Julianna Baker, Esmeralda Vasquez, and Brice Pratt explained the four stages of the butterfly cycle: 1) eggs, 2) larva (caterpillar), 3) pupa (chrysalis) and 4) adult butterfly. The students explained how they raised the Monarchs, tagged them and set them free and are now tracking their journey in hopes their offspring will return to their butterfly garden someday.

V. Citizen Input

No Citizen Input.

VI. Consent Action Items

Director Mounts moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve consent action items letter "A" through "B". The motion carried 6 to 0, with President Batcheller abstaining from the Finance Report.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2010, the revised Human Resources Report, and the Finance Report.
- B. Sales Tax Finance Committee Re-appointments – Gordon Winterlin

VII. Special Presentation: Honoring our Legislators

President Batcheller stated that our entire legislative delegation from the Sioux City area proper is going to rollover this year and he is not sure if this has ever happened before. He took a moment to acknowledge and thank all of them specifically those in attendance this evening: Representative Roger Wendt, Representative Christopher Rants, and Senator Steve Warnstadt. He thanked them for their leadership and all that they have done for the Sioux City Community School District.

Dr. Gausman shared that it is a time for us to celebrate all the great things they have done for us and that they will be greatly missed. He provided a brief biography on each one of them and presented them with a small token of our appreciation for all they have done.

VIII. Special Award Recognition: Honoring Mary Dermit, Kim Vermilyea and Donna Wynn

Dr. LuAnn Richardson honored Mary Dermit, Iowa's Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Advisor of the Year. HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the National Department of Education and the Health Sciences Division of the Association of Career and Technical Education. HOSA's mission is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality, health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science technology education students.

Dr. Linda Madison honored Donna Wynn, Iowa's History Teacher of the Year. She stated that Donna is a fifth grade teacher at Clark Elementary School and has been with the Sioux City Community School District ever since graduating from Briar Cliff College.

Jean Peters honored Kim Vermilyea, The Learning Disabilities Association Iowa Teacher of the Year and stated she has taught Special Education for 23 years. Jean provided a brief summary of accomplishments that Kim has achieved over the years.

IX. Action Items

A. Teacher (SCEA) Settlement Ratification

Steve Crary provided a brief summary of the settlement.

Director Grupp moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the voluntary settlement with the Teachers – Sioux City Education Association (SCEA). A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 6 to 0, with Director Johnson abstaining.

James Van Bruggen of the Taxpayers Research Council stated that this comment is for this agenda item and the following agenda items as well. He spoke briefly regarding the settlements and then asked “how far do our Federal, State and Local economies have to fall before we actually see wage freezes for all public sector employees, or are public sector employees guaranteed wage increases no matter what happens economically and financially?”

B. Building Support Staff (SCESPA) Settlement Ratification

Steve Crary provided a brief summary of the settlement.

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the voluntary settlement with the Building Support Staff Group – SCESPA. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 7 to 0.

C. Operations and Maintenance (IUOE Local 234) Settlement Ratification – Steve Crary

Steve Crary provided a brief summary of the settlement.

Director Mounts moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve the voluntary settlement with the Operations and Maintenance Group - IUOE Local 234. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 7 to 0.

D. Eastside Elementary Geothermal Well

President Batcheller stated that notice was provided that a hearing will be held at the Sioux City Community School District’s School Board meeting on June 14, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of receiving public input on an Eastside Elementary Geothermal Well. The hearing will be held in the ESC located at 627 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

He stated that 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.

Mel McKern provided a brief summary of the proposed project.

Director Mounts moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to approve a hearing. The motion carried 7 to 0.

E. Student Code of Conduct

Director Johnson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to adopt the current revisions in the K-12 Student Code of Conduct Handbook for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried 7 to 0.

F. Administrative Compensation Plan

Steve Crary provided a power-point presentation summarizing the Administrative Compensation Plan and recommendation that the board of directors approve a 2.25% increase to include salary ranges, benefits, FICA and IPERS.

Director Meyers moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to approve the recommendations from the Administrative Compensation Committee regarding the Administrative Compensation Plan to be effective for this year's evaluation cycle. A roll call vote was taken on the Administrative Compensation Plan as presented and the motion carried 6 to 1, with Director Warnstadt voting no.

James Van Bruggen of the Taxpayers Research Council shared his comments regarding this plan and stated that this is a great start.

Director Mounts moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to approve a total package increase for Administrators of 2.25%. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 5 to 2, with Directors Johnson and Williams voting no.

G. Second and Final Reading of Board Policies:

- 502.9 Weapons Free Schools
- AR502.9 Weapons Free School
- 521.01 **Delete:** Confidential Student Records Obtained Pursuant to the Extra/Co-Curricular Code of Conduct
- 901.4 Selection of an Architect
- 971.1 Naming School Facilities
- 1081 School-Police Resource Officer
- AR1581 **Delete:** Competent Private Instruction/Home School Assistance Program

Director Williams moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve board policies for second and final reading. The motion carried 7 to 0.

H. First Reading of Board Policies:

- 503.6 Activity Eligibility Requirements
- AR802 Cash or Equivalent in School Buildings
- 803.2 Purchasing
- AR803.2 Purchasing
- 808.1 Care, Maintenance, and Disposal of District Records
- 1005.7 School Raffles, Bingo, or Games of Skill or Chance

Director Mounts moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve board policies for first reading. Director Meyers moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve these policies for second and final reading. The motion carried 7 to 0.

I. Naming of the Joy/Longfellow Replacement School – Dr. Paul Gausman

Director Mounts moved and Director Grupp seconded the motion to approve the name Spalding Park Elementary School for the Joy/Longfellow replacement facility. The motion carried 7 to 0.

J. Naming of the new Central Kitchen and Automotive Facility – Dr. Paul Gausman

Director Johnson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the name The Harry Hopkins Center for our new facility located on Highway 75. The motion carried 7 to 0.

X. Board Member Reports/Future Meetings

Director Johnson provided a brief comment about Project Lead the Way stating that it is one of the fantastic programs that we have in our district. He recently had heard in the news that women are now going to begin serving in the submarines because there are not enough qualified people. Project Lead the Way will provide people the opportunity to learn to do more things and that this is a wonderful program that will help our nation in the future.

President Batcheller stated that he recently attended the Kiwanis Top 5% annual banquet where there were many intelligent, articulate, and motivated young individuals in attendance from our area high schools.

Mr. Batcheller also stated that we are experiencing some issues with ground settlement at Everett Elementary School and that we have structural engineers on the scene assessing the issue. The school is 122 years old and we have not experienced any issues of this sort in the past. He assured everyone that there is no structural danger to our students or staff and we are hoping to get this issue resolved as quickly as possible.

Dr. Gausman added the fact that students were moved out of that one side of the school as an added safety precaution.

President Batcheller stated that future meetings will be held as follows:

- Board Policy and Human Relations Committee – May 13, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., in ESC #326.
- Building Oversight Committee – May 13, 2010, at 4:30 p.m., at the new Central Kitchen/Automotive Facility.
- Education Equity Committee and Potluck – May 18, 2010, at 11:45 a.m., in ESC Board Conference Room.
- Board Finance and Facilities Committee – May 18, 2010, at 12:00 p.m., in ESC #312.
- Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee – May 20, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in ESC Mezzanine "A".
- Communications Committee – May 20, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., in Alison Benson's office.
- Student Achievement Committee – May 20, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., in ESC #326.
- District Advisory Committee – May 20, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., in ESC Board Room.
- Finance Oversight Committee – May 24, 2010, at 8:00 a.m., in ESC #312.

XI. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Paul Gausman

Dr. Gausman thanked our Board of Directors for all they do for us. He stated that school board members are volunteer elected officials that do not get paid for their hard work and dedication to our students and the community. He reiterated the role of a school board member focusing on; vision, structure, accountability and advocacy.

The Sioux City Community School District provided each school board member with a certificate from the Iowa Association of School Boards and a small token of our appreciation.

XII. Discussion/Information

A. *Race to the Top* Second Round Application

Dr. Gausman stated this was an item of significant focus over the weekend and provided the Board of Directors with information and guidance from the IASB, SAI and the UEN. He provided a brief overview of round one and how we got to round two. He also shared a power-point presentation highlighting round two, the pros and the cons if the Sioux City Community School District would choose to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Key Points:

- Iowa's Race to the Top (RTTT) application focuses on four areas.
- The SCCSD could potentially receive \$4.6 million dollars.
- States must submit a 400-page proposal by Friday, May 14, 2010.
- States may bow out later.

He stated that this is a very difficult decision for his recommendation. Keeping his focus on the students of Sioux City and of the community, he recommended that the board sign the MOU with some additional conditions provided on an attached statement.

Director Meyers moved and Director Warnstadt seconded the motion to approve that the Sioux City Community School District sign the *Race to the Top* second round application memorandum of understanding. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 4 to 3, with Directors Batcheller, Johnson and Meyers voting no.

Director Meyers moved and Director Grupp seconded the motion to include a statement with our expectations attached to the MOU. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 5 to 2, with Directors Warnstadt and Williams voting no.

B. Extra-Curricular Code

Marilyn Charging stated that this is also referred to as the Activity Code. Each year this code is reviewed and revised if applicable. This code relates to our Student Code of Conduct.

C. Board Policy – Dr. Paul Gausman

- 709.5 Student Conduct on School Transportation

XIII. Adjourn

Director Mounts moved and Director Grupp seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion carried 7 to 0 and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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