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I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory (6:01 p.m.), Colling, McTaggart, Saint and Warnstadt

Absent: Director Gleiser

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Colling moved and Director Saint seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4 to 0.

IV. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Colling moved and Director Saint seconded the motion to approve all consent action items. The motion carried 4 to 0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2018 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. iPad Purchase for Elementary Classrooms – Dr. Paul Gausman

V. Hearing(s)

- A. Lease Agreement Between the Sioux City Community School District and the Community Action Agency of Siouxland for Headstart Preschool Classrooms – Brian Burnight

Vice President McTaggart 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, to receive public input on the five-year lease agreement between the Sioux City Community School District and the Community Action Agency of Siouxland for Headstart Preschool Classrooms at Irving Preschool.

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

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the five-year lease agreement between the Sioux City Community School District and the Community Action Agency of Siouxland for Headstart Preschool Classrooms at Irving Preschool. The motion carried 5 to 0.

VI. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Saint:

- On behalf of Director Gleiser, he expressed his apology for being unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Director Warnstadt:

- She attended the Student Achievement Committee meeting and those items are on tonight's agenda.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She apologized for being late due to a family emergency.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Student Achievement Committee – Noon, August 7, 2018, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., August 7, 2018, ESC Board Room.
- Special / Regular Board Meeting – 5:15 p.m., August 13, 2018, ESC Board Room.
- Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., August 27, 2018, ESC Board Room.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gausman:

- He thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Urban Superintendents Association of America (USAA) annual conference.
- He introduced and welcomed two new members of his Administrative Cabinet; John Pritchard, Director of Technology, and Heidi Anthony, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.
- He is proud of the students from North High and West High School Student Councils who were awarded the Meritorious Distinction Award from the Iowa Association of Student Councils, and to East High School students for having been awarded the Iowa Association of Student Councils Honor Council Award. We were the only school district in the state who had three schools who received awards.

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

A. Board Vacancy by Appointment / Oath of Office

Maureen Heffernan, Attorney, reiterated the process for which the Board already agreed upon during the last meeting. The Board will limit the comments to the three individuals who applied to be appointed to the vacancy. That individual will be appointed to serve until the next regular school election in November, 2019. The Board must have a majority of those present in voting to appoint a new member.

Vice President McTaggart stated the Board will take comments from the three individuals who submitted a letter of interest to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of the Board President on June 19, 2018 and appoint one of those individuals to fill the vacancy, with any such appointee to serve until a successor is elected and qualified at the next regular school election in November of 2019 or at any intervening special election for the school district as required by state law. Each individual will be allowed five minutes to address the Board.

Miyuki Nelson, 1935 Plum Creek Road - She is an active parent who would like to pay back her time and energy to the District for their investment in her education. She arrived in the District as a free and reduced lunch child who could not speak English. She has learned more about the District through her volunteer work in the classroom and at the state level and would like to continue to help students *believe...achieve...succeed*. She is a member of the District Advisory Committee and the Equity Committee, and is fortunate for the opportunity to work with the administration, parents and legislators on a number of school issues.

Monique Scarlett, 3718 Jackson Street – She thanked the Board for the opportunity and to Board members who took time to share the District’s accomplishments and goals by phone. She has listened and learned, and is ready to be a part of this Board. She and her children are all successful graduates of the District. She has served on a number of committees and boards helping other children *believe...achieve...succeed*. Her professional banking career supports her expertise in financial budgets, investments and future changes that will impact salaries and benefits for teachers. She is an advocate for public schools and is committed to run for election in 2019.

John Meyers, 4404 Natalia Way – He would bring education and experience to the Board. He has a Master’s of Public Administration and additional advanced financial management training. He served as City Finance Director for 29 years. After retiring from the City of Sioux City, he has served a total of 8 years on the School Board. His learning curve would be short, but he will not run for another term in 2019.

Director Warnstadt nominated John Meyers and Director Saint seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion failed 2 to 3 with Directors Colling, Saint and Alarcon-Flory voting no.

Director Saint moved to appoint Miyuki Nelson to fill the vacancy, and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 5 to 0.

Vice President McTaggart administered the *Oath of Office* to newly appointed Board member Miyuki Nelson.

~~B. Resolution Authorizing Call for Special Election (required only if the Board fails to fill the vacancy by appointment) — Vice President McTaggart~~

C. Election of Board President / Oath of Office

Vice President McTaggart called for nominations for the office of Board President.

Director Alarcon-Flory nominated Jeremy Saint for Board President and Director Warnstadt seconded the nomination. After a roll call vote, the motion carried 6 to 0.

Vice President McTaggart administered the *Oath of Office* to Board President Saint.

President Saint – He appreciates the opportunity to serve and the confidence from fellow Board members. He asked everyone to bear with him as he works through his parliamentary procedures to follow the law and rules of the Board.

D. Talented and Gifted Update

Kim Neal, Director of Learning Supports, and Dr. David Blaiklock, K12 *Insight*, shared the results from focus groups that were held on the elementary and middle schools Talented and Gifted program.

Larisa Chmielewski, 3232 Jackson St., attended the focus group. She asked if all information from those meetings had been shared. She shared some concerns regarding differentiation and enrichment time. She shared interest in participating on an advocacy group to help come up with solutions.

Michael Bushby, 2331 Seneca Way, attended the focus group. After doing some research, he learned that the cluster grouping model works well when implemented effectively. He had concerns with how the model was implemented. He has asked repeatedly how he can support the teachers. He asked questions related to the presentation, noting that he is interested in making this the best it can be.

Director McTaggart moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to acknowledge the action steps that will be taken in response to the feedback on Elementary and Middle School TAG changes. The motion carried 5 to 0.

E. 2018-2019 Legislative Action Priorities

Director Warnstadt moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to approve the District's 2018-2019 Legislative Action Priorities.

Dr. Gausman made the recommendation to remove #4 and offered to craft any additional priorities the Board chooses.

After Board discussion, President Saint reiterated the Board's request to remove *Priority #4* and add *Early Childhood Education* and *English Language Learners* for approval at the August 13 meeting.

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director McTaggart seconded the motion to table the list of priorities until the next School Board meeting. The motion carried 5 to 0.

- 1) Extension of the Penny Sales Tax
- 2) Student Equity: State and District Cost Per Pupil
- 3) Adequate Funding Through State Supplemental Assistance
- 4) **REMOVE: Aligned Assessments of Student Progress**
- 4) Educational Savings Accounts
- 5) Iowa Public Employee Retirement System (IPERS)
- 6) **Early Childhood Education**
- 7) **English Language Learners**

IX. Citizen Input

None.

X. Adjourn

Director McTaggart moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 6 to 0, and the regular meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Jeremy Saint, President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors