The Board Work Session was called to order by President Krysl at 3:30 p.m.

**Board Directors Present:** Perla Alarcon-Flory, David Gleiser, Mike Krysl, Dr. Mike McTaggart, John Meyers, and Jackie Warnstadt

**Board Directors Absent:** Paul Gorski

**Cabinet Members Present:** Dr. Paul Gausman, Dr. Kim Buryanek, Dr. Rita Vannatta, Jim Vanderloo, Brian Burnight, Alison Benson, Jen Gomez, Brian Fahrenholz, Kim Neal, Kathy Bottaro, and April Tidwell

**Cabinet Members Absent:** None

Dr. Paul Gausman noted the following as also being present in the Board Room:

**Visitors:** Matt Basye (FEH), Bryan Wells (DGR), Sherri Jones, Patty Pageler and Troy Thomas (Finance Department), Members of the Building Oversight Committee and Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee, Richard Todd, Scott Cole and Ryan Dumkrieger (High School Principals), Kari Kellen, Sioux City Public Schools Foundation, Larry Sigel (ISFIS), and Board Secretary, Cyndi Lloyd

Dr. Gausman stated the goal of the work session is to determine where to build the Hunt Elementary Replacement School, potential property acquisition for our Career Academy and L.I.F.E. Academy, and next steps on Bryant Elementary School.

He offered copies of the books that were available to those sitting at the table if anyone would like either an electronic copy or a hard copy.

Dr. Gausman shared data and information in PowerPoint form regarding the following:

**Future Facilities:**

1. Sales Tax Funding FY10 – Present
2. 2% Sales Tax Funding Growth – Today through 2030
3. 1996 Elementary Construction Cost Estimates
4. 1998 – There were 34 buildings with an average year of school - 1928
5. 2002 Planning Committee recommendations and priorities for Eastside, Northside and Westside
One-Cent Sales Tax:

1. Original order of projects and their costs
   A. Year built to current status

Bryant Elementary School Project:

1. Brian Fahrendholz provided an update on the progress of Bryant Elementary School
   A. Bid Package 1 – Site and street work to be completed in August, 2017
   B. Bid Package 2 – Geothermal well substantially completed
   C. Bid Package 3 – Reviewing and designing specific areas of building to reduce cost but retain integrity. Bid date of June 6, 2017 and presentation to School Board June 12, 2017
   D. Anticipated open date of August, 2020

Study of Hunt Elementary Replacement School:

1. Matt Basye shared the proposed blueprint of the new Hunt Elementary Replacement School
2. Bryan Wells shared proposed plans to partner with the City of Sioux City for street work
   A. 11 properties are needed to complete this project; 8 are homes or property
   B. $1M assessed value in 2015 - 19th to 21st
   C. 2 homes and the rest are multi-family dwellings
3. Option 1 - Replace on expanded Hunt site / $21,459,000
   A. Recommended option
4. Option 2 – Downtown Campus - $15,743,600 - $16,243,600
   A. Studied but not recommended
   B. Would require reworking boundary areas
   C. Delta Call Center – partially finished area would require renovation / unfinished space also available
   D. Riviera Theatre – renovation and challenges with green space, playground, skywalk, etc.
   E. Matt Basye shared the outcome from studying the Delta Center and Riviera Theatre space
      a. Delta would house classrooms; Theatre would house a gym and playground space
      b. Blueprints were shared showing space usage
      c. Challenges – Skywalk access, ADA accessibility, etc.
      d. Campus style downtown utilizing the current parking ramp for staff parking and parent pickup / drop-off
5. Option 3 – Adding Additions to Current Buildings and Not Replace Hunt Elementary School
   A. Irving, Leeds, Loess Hills, and/or Unity
      a. Studied but not recommended
      b. Bus costs would not go up, but more students would be walking to school
Career Academies and L.I.F.E. Academy:

1. Continued growth in student enrollment
2. Sioux City Community School District is recognized in Iowa as a leader in Career Academy programs
3. Passage of House File 2392 “Career and Technical Education”
   A. Partner with neighboring schools for students to attend our Career Academies
   B. Regardless of HF2392 – we are beyond capacity
4. Facility usage will not meet our future needs
   A. If future needs are not met, the District will deny over 200 families access to capstone courses in year four
5. A new location for the L.I.F.E. Academy is a must – WITCC is no longer an option
   A. Partnered with WITCC since 2009 at no cost to the District
   B. Not a choice but an expectation
   C. Laundry, kitchen facilities, needs access, etc.
6. Recommendations:
   A. Total Career & LIFE Academies needs for 2018 – 3 classrooms for L.I.F.E. Academy and 4 classrooms for Career Academies
   B. 2019 and beyond – looking at needing at least 12 additional classrooms
7. Utilize Former Lincoln Elementary School
   A. Cost to renovate and make Lincoln Elementary School compliant - $4.5M ($158 per sq. ft.)
8. Recommended Additions at Educational Service Center (ESC):
   A. 1 additional Business & Marketing Academy classroom/lab
   B. Move capstone courses in certain pathways of Family & Consumer Science Academy and Industrial Technology, Engineering & PLTW
   C. 1 additional Health Science classroom
   D. 2 additional Technology, Engineering & PLTW classrooms
   E. 3 additional L.I.F.E. Academy classrooms
9. Dr. Gausman compared the original Sales Tax Bond Capacity Plan to a new Bond Capacity Plan from 2018 to 2030
   A. Original Plan - $27.2M at the end of 2030
   B. New Plan - $24.5M at the end of 2030
10. Recommendations:
    A. Move forward with Hunt Elementary Replacement School at current Hunt site
    B. Begin to work with the City of Sioux City to purchase Delta Center
    C. Move up the installation of air-conditioning for Riverside and Sunnyside Elementary Schools to 2019
        a. All school facilities to have air-conditioning by 2023
Dr. Gausman ended by quoting a statement made by the Sioux City Community School District’s Facilities Committee Report to the Community in 1998:

“The children of Sioux City, our children, will graduate from the Sioux City Community School District and go out into the world to compete for jobs and advancement with children around the country. If other children are better prepared and have more exposure to the educational items that the job market and secondary educational systems demand, then we deny our children the opportunity for them to achieve their potential. We stand the risk of casting our children into a role of second best or also-ran.”

**Board Member Discussion and/or Comments:**

- **Option 1 - yes**
- **Option 2 – Hunt Elementary Replacement School:**
  - No interest in Option 2 or 3
  - Add a 3rd story for more classrooms and future growth
    - Roughly $2-$3M more for this option
    - Will have to expand the elevator to a 3rd floor
    - Will require a 4th bid package – 3 bid packages in past projects
    - Will have approximately 1 year to make this decision
  - We should do as much as we can now to avoid the costs of inflation
  - The addition would allow for 600 students
  - Make sure we have the space for growth & stay within budget
- **Career Academies & L.I.F.E. Academy:**
  - Plan to build out at ESC and at Harry Hopkins Center
  - If we build it, how will we staff it?
    - Jim Vanderloo explained the plan to achieve this
      - Specialized rooms for particular courses
      - Reduce staffing at the high schools
    - We need to take this back to the public for comment
  - HF2392 turned into law for regional Career Academies so that all kids have the opportunity to access them
  - No funding will be put towards this at this time
  - We already have students enrolled from Heelan, Lawton and Akron
    - We receive money for these students
  - We could partner with the Foundation for these projects
  - The Board, by consensus, gave Dr. Gausman permission to begin conversations with the City of Sioux City regarding the Delta Center, and asked that they bring the data back to the Board when there is something to present
  - Develop a master plan rather than continually coming back to the Board for more
  - Not asking you to commit to anything today; but to look at all the options
  - If we did not have Sales Tax funds, we would have to look at other options
    - What would those other options be?
• There are 4,000 students already registered for next year's courses.
  o We do not know how many students will register for these courses until it is time for them to actually register
  o If this does not go through, we have to allow them time to register for other classes
    ▪ This will affect our staffing
• Timing is everything at this point.
• Should we invite other districts to “buy” additional seats in our Career Academy up and above what they already pay to attend?
• Perception from community members is that we are encouraging students to learn a trade and then go out into the community and get a job rather than focusing on attending college
• We need 5-7 rooms for next year.
• Kari Kellen, Foundation Director, shared the success of the program, hesitation to assist privately, business owners see a need for the Career Academies as it impacts their current employees. The Foundation is proud to assist with and help to develop plans, understanding what the budget and timeline is makes them a better partner.
• Jim Vanderloo stated that capstone teachers are specialized teachers with specialized training. We do not have an array of teachers who can teach these specialized classes
• Director Alarcon-Flory agreed to looking into the Delta property
• Director Gleiser supports the Career Academies but agreed with Director Warnstadt to look into space within the District to get us through next year
• Dr. Gausman stated we will find a way to get through next year
  o Our greatest need is for years beyond next year
  o The Delta Center is a great opportunity
    ▪ Will require a closed session of the Board to discuss property acquisition
  o Dr. Gausman gained Board support to study the Delta Center and bring it back to the Board
• Director Meyers stated it is important to inform the public that we are supporting students who want to go to college and not just those who wish to go right into the work place
• The Board, by consensus, agreed to push for the installation of air-conditioning at Riverside and Sunnyside in 2019
• President Krysl noted there is no final approval on items discussed today. All items will be brought forward to the full Board for community input
• Director Meyers stated that our 3 high schools are no longer considered “new” and that we need to find ways to get work done on those schools in the future
  o Find energy improvements that our high schools need

The Board Work Session ended at 5:24 p.m.