

REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2005

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in Regular Session on Monday, February 14, 2005 pursuant to law and the rules of said Board. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said district. President Patt Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Richard Clewell, Nikki DeFauw, Alan Guard, Ralph Johanson, Larry Roberson, and Tim Tupper. Student Board Members present were Whitney Linville (West High); Sarah Neece (North High), and Lindsay Marshall (Kimberly Center).

6:30 PM RECEPTION IN MEMORY OF MR. STANLEY MOORE

From 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM there was a brief reception honoring the memory of Mr. Stanley Moore and his contributions to student achievement in the Davenport Community School District. The reception was in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Administration Service Center and was open to the public.

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. Stanley Moore Appreciation – *Mr. Wayne Allen, 100 Black Men of the Q.C.*

Vice President **Larry Roberson** introduced **Wayne Allen**, President of the 100 Black Men Organization. Mr. Allen appreciated the opportunity for the 100 Black Men's organization to recognize the outstanding contributions made by **Stanley Moore** to student achievement in the Davenport Community School District. Mr. Allen introduced other members of the organization who were present: **Larry Roberson, Jim Andrews, T. K. Anderson, Tom Meyers, Rev. Melvin Grimes, Rev. Arthur Young, Vince George, Cliff Artis, Roscoe Smiley, Joseph Obleton, and William Wood.**

Mr. Allen explained how Mr. Moore served as a mentor to African American students at Wood through a program he helped pilot in 2000 until his death in August 2004. His dedication to youth and his accomplishments at Wood Intermediate were well respected by staff, students, and parents alike. On behalf of 100 Black Men, they presented a plaque of appreciation to his wife, **Shirley Moore**, in recognition of the many years of hard work and dedication her husband so freely gave to this effort that is now named in his honor.

Mr. Roberson said as part of this organization, he saw how Mr. Moore worked with a passion for education all the way to the end of his life. He said Stanley would ask how can we change and enrich the lives of our students. The memory and hopes of Stanley Moore will live on. Mr. Roberson thanked Mrs. Moore for sharing her husband with all of them, and he wished her well.

B. **Kimberly Center – Dr. Paul Johnson, Administrator**

Dr. Paul E. Johnson, Kimberly Center Principal, opened the presentation with special remarks about how the Kimberly Center was proud to honor the many activities and community projects accomplished by their Student Council. Dr. Johnson recognized the program administrators at the Kimberly Center—Mike Scannell and Cathy Bosco. He also recognized other staff members who attended and work at the Kimberly Center. Next he introduced teacher **Becki Menard** who provided a Powerpoint presentation highlighting various ways the Council members extended a helping hand to their school and community. Activities feature events that were done for recycling, Reading Buddies, Ridgecrest recreation visits, a beautification program, and the school store project, along with other happenings.

Dr. Johnson also invited teachers **Joanne McAleer** and **Allison Jones** to be recognized for their work as the Student Council co-sponsors. They welcomed and introduced a number of students from the Kimberly Center who attended the meeting: **Kara Kisner, Tara Lantau, Kayla Evans, Shane Nicholson, and Lindsay Marshall**, who was serving as a Student Board Member from Kimberly Center.

President Zamora asked Dr. Johnson to stay at the podium so on behalf of the Board they could recognize his 42 years of service to the students, staff, and school district. She said he will be missed and everyone hopes he will enjoy his retirement. Dr. Schuerman expressed his thanks and wished him the best of everything.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, February 15, 6:00 PM, PTA Founders Day Dinner at North High
- B. Thursday, February 17, 3:30 PM, District's Initial Proposal for 2005-2006 to Maintenance Employees, Operation Center Conference Room
- C. Saturday, February 19 (starting at 7 AM) Great River Show Choir Invitational; Adler Theatre in downtown Davenport; evening performance starts at 7:30 PM
- D. Monday, February 21 -- Presidents' Day Holiday; No School
- E. Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 PM, "State of the Schools" & Lobby Efforts at Walcott
- F. Thursday, February 24, 6:30 PM, "State of the Schools" & Lobby Efforts at Harrison
- G. Monday, February 28, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room
- H. Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 PM, "State of the Schools" & Lobby Efforts at Smart
- I. Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 PM, "State of the Schools" & Lobby Efforts at Sudlow
- J. Thursday, March 3, 6:30 PM, "State of the Schools" & Lobby Efforts at Wood
- K. Monday, March 7, 5:30 PM Committee of the Whole, Jim Hester Board Room
- L. Tuesday, March 8, Lobby Day in Des Moines by the Davenport School District

M. OPEN FORUM FOR COMMUNITY INPUT

1. Nancy Collins, 14580 Fern, Davenport said she has been a drivers education teacher for 21 years and wanted to make the Board aware of the difference between the District's teaching and the proposal from the AEA for driving classes. She presented a comparison of the two programs in advance to the Board and brought up concerns she had about governing the program, supporting special education needs, and the amount of time students actually spend driving. She hoped the Board would keep this program "in house".
2. Susan Lambert, 2236 East 46th Street, Davenport, expressed her concerns as a parent about changing the driver's education program. Her son was physically disabled and in a wheelchair. She had concerns about the accountability for his programming needs with the AEA. She said her son lost months of service while the District and AEA talked about who had the responsibility for helping him. Their family worked with our program and they have hand controls for the car. The District staff worked with them and kept her informed about everything going on with her son and the driving program. We have such exceptional teachers and she hoped we would keep the program in our District.
3. Joe Lambert, 2236 East 46th Street, Davenport, added to the statements made by his wife and said "We will get what we pay for." He said how the Board spends tax dollars was important to him and he had concerns about the 504 compliance using the program through the AEA. The District has been wonderful with this program and he felt we have a great program we shouldn't risk losing.
4. Trina Stewart, 3617 West 43rd #50, Davenport, introduced herself as a student of Mrs. Collins. Trina said she never had been behind the wheel of a car before and she was given the attention she needed to gain her confidence. She was scared of getting behind the wheel and at the AEA the kids are driving without the training they need first. She felt this was a good course in the District and she hoped we would keep it at the school. She thought it would be best if you heard this from a student's point of view.
5. Bill Churchill, 4205 Marquette Street, Davenport, has been teaching for 34 years and taught driver's education classes. He was aware of the proposal with the AEA and what they offer in their programs. The District program has a long history of good students and the Board knows about the quality of the course. But now it comes down to the money being spent and saying we could save \$50,000 with the AEA program. Considering the District budget, that was a very small amount of savings for getting rid of a quality program. Mr. Churchill talked about District instructors and their interaction with students. The AEA instructors are weekend certified people and part-time instructors who supplement their incomes with these classes. Their schedule doesn't work into the normal school day so classes are offered before or after school and on weekends. We now charge \$250 and the proposal with the AEA will be for \$305 per student. Why don't we just increase our charge by \$55 and keep the program here? He hoped the Board would reconsider this recommendation.

III. POSTPONED ITEMS FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2005 BOARD MEETING

A. Secretary's Monthly Financial Report (November)

On January 24, 2005 it was moved by Tupper and seconded by Clewell to postpone the approval of the November Financial Report until the next Regular Board Meeting. At this time the item will be placed back on the table for action by the Board.

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board accept the recommendation for the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending November 30, 2004 be approved as presented. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Guard, Roberson, Tupper, DeFauw, Johanson, Clewell, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Modifications in Capping Enrollment Procedures

On January 24 it was moved by Roberson and seconded by Tupper to postpone the approval of recommendation for modifications in capping enrollment until the next Regular Board Meeting. At this time the item will be placed back on the table for action by the Board.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for approval of the modifications being made to the procedures for capping enrollment at buildings which was previously presented and reviewed by the Board. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Director Guard talked about a memo they received on capping, but he also hoped it would include the idea about grandfathering in people and voluntary movement. He would like to encourage families who are moved because of boundary changes to visit the new schools and get to know the people there. He had concerns about perceptions people had about one school being better over another. We need to be resourceful and work with families to understand how we are efficiently using all our buildings and show that our schools are equal.

Director Tupper thought the discussion was good but he felt it still sent the wrong message to students who are most vulnerable. He thought the transient students would be affected most. He appreciated the staff trying to make this better. Director Roberson talked about supporting neighborhood schools and he would like to opportunities granted to those who request going to the school nearest their home. Director Clewell talked about alternatives but said we can't move the schools to where the students now live; we have to move the students to the schools. The Policy Committee was working on a new boundary policy that may address these issues in the future. He appreciated the work of the administration for holding many discussions on the capping issue which will help for a long time.

Dr. Schuerman added the staff will look at enrollment figures in the fall and the possibility of boundary changes may come up again. There may be changes needed for only two or three schools and we are interested in some limitations to boundary changes. President Zamora asked for clarification on what school a student would attend who moves several times during the year. Mrs. Reynolds said they have procedures to deal with transient students who move three or more times a year to keep them in one building.

ACTION: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Roberson, Clewell, DeFauw, Johanson, Guard, and Zamora. Nay, Tupper. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jebsen, Myron	Blue Grass	Music - Vocal	End of 2004-2005 school year	32 yrs 10 mos
Johnson, Mauri	Wood	Social Studies	End of 2004-2005 school year	17 yrs 10 mos
Keel, Joan	Jackson	Grade 3	End of 2004-2005 school year	34 yrs 10 mos
Lewis, Janice	West	Counselor	End of 2004-2005 school year	34 yrs 10 mos
Livingston, Deborah	Central	Math	End of 2004-2005 school year	32 yrs 10 mos
McAlear, Mary	Washington	Grade 2	End of 2004-2005 school year	24 yrs 10 mos
Miller, Sharon	West	Language Arts	End of 2004-2005 school year	31 yrs 10 mos
Paul, Helen	Buffalo	Grade 5	End of 2004-2005 school year	32 yrs 10 mos
Rios, Diane	North	Spanish	End of 2004-2005 school year	25 yrs 10 mos
Schantz, Roger	North	Industrial Tech	End of 2004-2005 school year	31 yrs 10 mos
Schantz, Dean	Sudlow	Counselor	End of 2004-2005 school year	34 yrs 10 mos
Shaffer, Barbara	Buffalo	Grade 1	End of 2004-2005 school year	16 yrs 5 mos
Stark, Susanne	West	Math	End of 2004-2005 school year	32 yrs 10 mos
Swope, Joan	LOA	Sp Ed/LD	End of 2004-2005 school year	31 yrs 10 mos
Van Scoy, Susan	Blue Grass	Grade 2	End of 2004-2005 school year	31 yrs 10 mos
Williams, Elna	Central	Media Specialist	End of 2004-2005 school year	32 yrs 10 mos
Zavitz, Gerald	Wood	Social Studies	End of 2004-2005 school year	33 yrs 10 mos

RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Norris, Merlynd
Industrial Technology
Central High

Effective: January 18, 2005
Years of Service: 1 mo

Schloz, Cara
Preschool
Children's Village West

Effective: January 18, 2005
Years of Service: 5 mos

Weddum, Kathy
Math
Sudlow Intermediate

Effective: End of the 2004-2005 school year
Years of Service: 32 yrs 10 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Mroz, Margaret
LOA

Extension of Leave of Absence without Pay
Effective: August 19, 2004 – Beginning of
2005-2006 school year

Myers, Peggy
Grade 3
Lincoln Elementary

FMLA/Leave of Absence with Pay
Effective: October 22, 2004 – May 2, 2005

Price, Kevin
LOA

Extension of Leave without Pay
Effective: August 25, 2005 – Beginning of
2006-2007 school year

Sinksen, Renee Language Arts Wood Intermediate	Leave of Absence with Pay Effective: November 8, 2004 – January 14, 2005
Warren, Barbara Kindergarten Eisenhower Elementary	Leave of Absence with Pay Effective: December 2, 2004 – January 14, 2005
Williams, Cory Physical Education West High	FMLA/Leave of Absence with Pay Effective: September 28, 2004 – November 12, 2004

RESIGNATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Andersen, Lee Head Sophomore Volleyball Coach Central High	9% \$2,213.00
Baresel, Paul Head Boys' Cross Country Coach Central High	7% \$1,721.00
Bass, Marcus 7 th Grade Boys' Basketball, 2 nd Team Wood Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Bowrey, Lance Assistant 9 th Grade Football Coach West High	8% \$1,967.00
Carpenter, Christine Vocal Music Jefferson/Edison	5% \$1,230.00 (end of 2004-2005 school year)
Collins, Gloria Vocal Music Wood Intermediate	5% \$1,230.00 (end of 2004-2005 school year)
Duke, Lawrence Department Head West High	6% \$1,475.00 (end of 2004-2005 school year)
Gott, Sara Head Freshman Volleyball Coach Central High	8% \$1,967.00
Guffey, Darlene Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate	6% \$737.50 (end of 2004-2005 school year)
Hanna, Shawn	10%

Head Sophomore Baseball Coach North High	\$2,459.00
Heller, Brian Assistant Intermediate CoEd Swimming Coach Central High	4% \$984.00
Huggins, Larry Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate	6% \$737.50 (end of 2004-2005 school year)
Jebsen, Myron Vocal Music Blue Grass Elementary	5% \$1,230.00 (end of 2004-2005 school year)
Paul, Helen Teacher-in-Charge (.5) Buffalo Elementary	15% \$1,844.50 (end of 2004-2005 school year)
Walker, Rebecca Intermediate Co-Ed Track Assistant Young Intermediate	5% \$1,230.00
Zavitz, Gerald Department Head Wood Intermediate	6% \$1,475.00 (end of 2004-2005 school year)
APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS	
Andersen, Lee Head Varsity Volleyball Coach Central High	12% TBD (2005-06 Season)
Bass, Marcus 8 th Grade Wrestling, Additional, If Needed Wood Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Brunkan, Timothy Intermediate Co-Ed Track Assistant Williams Intermediate	5% \$1,230.00
Curtis, Jason Intramurals Blue Grass Elementary	6% \$1,475.00 prorated to \$757.43 for the 2 nd semester (Effective 1/18/05, 95 days) of the 2004-05 school year

Heller, Brian Head Intermediate CoEd Swimming Coach Central High	6% \$1,475.00
Kautz, Teryl Intramurals McKinley Elementary	6% \$1,475.00
Leal, Marty Assistant Boys' Track Coach West High	10% \$2,459.00
McDermott, Brian 7 th Grade Boys' Basketball, 2 nd Team Wood Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Parks, Willie 8 th Grade Boys' Basketball Assistant Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Propp, Lori Assistant Cheerleading Coach (38%) North High	10% \$934.42
Ripslinger, John 7 th Grade Girls' Basketball, 2 nd Team Walcott Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Weaver, Jessica Intermediate Co-Ed Track Assistant Young Intermediate	5% \$1,230.00

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Robertson, Lisa Grade 1 McKinley Elementary	Effective: January 13, 2005 Salary: \$41,646.00
Sinksen, Renee Language Arts Wood Intermediate	Effective: January 18, 2005 Salary: \$32,812.00
Warren, Barbara Kindergarten Eisenhower Elementary	Effective: January 18, 2005 Salary: \$41,646.00

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Brooks, Danielle
Para Educator
Washington Elementary
Effective: January 26, 2005
Years of Service: 8 mos

Kroeger, Laurie
Para Educator
Wood Intermediate
Effective: February 1, 2005
Years of Service: 3 yrs

Petre, Chasitty
Para Educator
Washington Elementary
Effective: January 31, 2005
Years of Service: 5 mos

Sayles, Sheri
Para Educator
Jackson Elementary
Effective: February 11, 2005
Years of Service: 5 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Hunter, Anita
Food Service Worker
Adams Elementary
Leave of Absence without Pay
Effective: January 19, 2005 – March 1, 2005

Reyes, Phillip
Campus Security
Kimberly Center
(Date correction 2/15/05 from Human Resources)
Leave of Absence without Pay
Effective: November 19, 2004 ~~– June 6, 2005~~
to the beginning of the 2005 – 2006 school year

Staerk, Mary
Food Service Worker
West High
Leave of Absence without Pay
Effective: February 2, 2005 – August 22, 2005

EARLY RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Christiansen, E. Joan
Administrative Assistant
ASC
Effective: June 30, 2005
Years of Service: 30 yrs 11 mos

Hartz, Judith
Para Educator
Sudlow Intermediate
Effective: End of 2004-2005 School Year
Years of Service: 24 yrs 5 mos

Roseman, Nancy
Cook-in-Charge
Eisenhower Elementary
Effective: End of 2004-2005 School Year
Years of Service: 19 yrs 3 mos

Sanders, Sheryl Para Educator McKinley Elementary	Effective: End of 2004-2005 School Year Years of Service: 19 yrs 9 mos
Slack, Linda Para Educator West High	Effective: End of 2004-2005 School Year Years of Service: 22 yrs 10 mos
Steen, Jean Baker II Bakery	Effective: End of 2004-2005 School Year Years of Service: 28 yrs 8 mos
Tietjen, Carol Clerk II 10 ½ Month West High	Effective: End of 2004-2005 School Year Years of Service: 18 yrs 10 mos
Westerhof, Pauline Asst. Daycare Coordinator KCAE – Daycare	Effective: June 30, 2005 Years of Service: 15 yrs 6 mos

RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Mangels, Suellyn Para Educator Washington Elementary	Effective: January 19, 2005 Salary: \$7.05 Hours: 7.0 hours/day
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APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Arnold, Ryan Campus Security West High	Effective: January 18, 2005 Salary: \$10.71 Hours: 8 hours/day
Bryant, Erin Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: January 31, 2005 Salary: \$8.55 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Carstens, Amanda Para Educator Children's Village Hayes	Effective: February 7, 2005 Salary: \$8.55 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Carstens, Katherine Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: January 31, 2005 Salary: \$8.55 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Catalano, Kim Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: February 7, 2005 Salary: \$8.55 Hours: 5.0 hours/day

Coleman, Kim Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: February 14, 2005 Salary: \$8.55 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Cooperman, Todd Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: January 31, 2005 Salary: \$8.55 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Mazzarollo, Ricki Para Educator Lincoln Elementary	Effective: January 24, 2005 Salary: \$7:05 Hours: 6.0 hours/day
Mulcahey, Linda Para Educator Children's Village Hayes	Effective: February 15, 2005 Salary: \$8.55 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Scott, Sharon Para Educator Harrison Elementary	Effective: January 24, 2005 Salary: \$7.05 Hours: 6.5 hours/day
Seiler, Corissa Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: February 7, 2005 Salary: \$8.55 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Tank, Judith Custodian North High	Effective: January 27, 2005 Salary: \$9.87 Hours: 8 hours/day

*Not a Teacher **Guest Teacher ***Not a Replacement

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Director Guard made an observation noting the diversity in our hiring. But he had concerns from an article in the *Quad City Times* about not recruiting successful female coaches. He would like to see more effort in the recruiting work and to have more leadership roles offered to women coaches. Director Clewell noted all the early retirements on the Consent Agenda and the lifetime careers of these individuals who have worked with children. We have a thousand years of excellence and it is a profound loss as these people leave us. He hoped they would continue to help our schools in the future in new ways. Director Tupper echoed the thoughts and thanked the retirees for their commitment over the years.

ACTION: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Roberson, Tupper, Johanson, Clewell, Guard, DeFauw, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Schuerman said this was both a sad and happy occasion for people who were retiring. The administration would like to express appreciation for all your efforts for students on behalf of the District and the community. He hoped people would come back to visit our schools and help us. President Zamora also wished all the retirees best wishes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was recommended by the Administration for adoption of the bills.

MOTION: Director Guard moved that be it resolved that all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and Board Treasurer, the same be and they are hereby audited and allowed as just claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts. Further Resolved, that the payment of claims and salaries be approved as presented, with the exception of one voided Check #163211 in the amount of \$980.70. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Guard, Clewell, DeFauw, Tupper, Johanson, Roberson, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

VI. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. **Bid #500—Asphalt Overlay of Parking Areas at Monroe & Smart/Public Hearing**

The administration recommended the low Bid #500 from Tri City Blacktop in the amount of \$21,964 for asphalt overlay of the existing parking areas at Monroe Elementary and Smart Intermediate Schools.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board accept low Bid #500 from Tri City Blacktop in the amount of \$21,964 for asphalt overlay of the existing parking areas at Monroe Elementary and Smart Intermediate Schools. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #500 for asphalt overlay. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Clewell, DeFauw, Guard, Roberson, Tupper, Johanson, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously.

B. **Bid #501—Partial Roof Replacement at West High/Public Hearing**

The administration recommended low Bid #501 from RA Oldeen Inc. in the amount of \$48,049 for partial roof replacement at West High School.

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the Board does not accept the administration's recommendation for Bid #501 but we accept the bid from Economy Roofing in the amount of \$49,855 that gives preference to bids from the State of Iowa. Director Guard seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #501 on partial roof replacement at West. Mr. Rory Washburn, 4485 Cheyenne Avenue, Davenport, spoke as the Director of the Tri-State Building Construction Trades Council. He talked about Iowa Labor law and hiring companies that support local families in our community. He understood our financial constraints but felt since there was a small difference between bids, the Board had the flexibility to hire a local contractor. There were no other requests to speak. Therefore the public hearing was declared closed.

ACTION: The vote on the motion to accept the bid from Economy Roofing was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Tupper, Guard, Johanson, Clewell, Roberson, DeFauw, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bid #502—Auditorium Seating Replacement At West High/Public Hearing

The administration recommended the low Alternate #1 Bid #502 from Iowa Direct Equipment in the amount of \$131,370 for auditorium seating replacement at West High.

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for the low Alternate Bid #502 for the auditorium seating replacement at West High from Iowa Direct Equipment in the amount of \$131,370. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #502 for auditorium seating replacement at West. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

Director Guard asked how much of the funding was covered from the SCRA grant. Mr. Good stated the Scott County Regional Authority was giving this project \$60,000. Director Guard recognized the SCRA for keeping us so comfortable in our auditorium at West.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Guard, Tupper, Roberson, Clewell, DeFauw, Johanson, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Bid #503—Repair & Resurfacing of Tracts at North and West High/Public Hearing

The administration recommended the low Bid #503 from Athletic Field Services in the amount of \$56,665 for repair and resurfacing of tracts at North High and West High.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board accept low Bid #503 from Athletic Field Services in the amount of \$56,665 for the repair and resurfacing of tracts at North and West High. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #503 for the repair and resurfacing of the tracts at North and West. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was therefore declared closed.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Roberson, DeFauw, Tupper, Guard, Clewell, Johanson, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Special Education Overview

Dr. Schuerman said there were a number of financial discussions with the Board at previous meetings. We had a deficit in the special education budget and this was relative to the services we offer students and legal ramifications.

Betty Long presented a report unraveling the mystery of special education expenditures and revenues. She talked about program needs of students, service levels, and weighting. The discussion covered various support services the District offers to students. External forces that impacted the budget were also reviewed.

Mrs. Tangen shared data on revenues available to support the needs of our students that come from the State, AEA, Headstart, Federal programs, Medicaid, and tuition. The revenues and expenditures showed comparisons from 1998-99 to 2003-04. Mrs. Tangen noted figures listed on the Financial Report from December 31, 2004. There was discussion on comparative information with the Urban Education Network districts showing deficits across the state. The Board viewed the deficit as it equates to a per pupil basis and how we compare to other districts. They discussed program costs and weighting students to provide adequate revenues covering expenditures. Another issue was staffing of teachers and para-educators. In summary it was noted services are driving the underfunded mandates of special education. Additional graphs and data were provided for the Board. Some follow-up work would be done with the comparison data from UEN.

Mrs. Long answered questions from the Board about providing least restrictive environments for students based on their needs and capabilities. She talked about a committee that was looking at development of consistent criteria for students and developing a formula. Dr. Schuerman said they have shared this material with principals, and additional meetings will be held to look at criteria and staffing. Director Roberson wanted to make sure the needs of our students were being met. Dr. Schuerman said the District will continue to meet student needs and legal requirements.

Director Tupper was pleased with the work being done and appreciated coming to the Board early with problems. He had questions on monitoring the budget as the Board has to make their decisions in the spring. Mrs. Tangen said we have the budget in place and we can't overspend the budget; however, we know the numbers are fluid. Betty and Marsha shared information and answered questions on the topic of special education funding and services. President Zamora asked if we should budget more so we can anticipate the need as it comes along. Mrs. Long said it takes two months for the State to look over numbers certified in October and to report back. Mrs. Long clarified how money was spent at Children's Village West on Special Education teachers and utilities. Director Tupper noted this eliminated the contingency we had in special education. The Board discussed staffing para-educators, weighting, and lobbying with legislators to properly fund special education to meet our costs.

B. Drivers Education Program

Jim Andrews helped to present an overview of the Driver Education Program and a proposal from the AEA to manage this course. He said this was an emotional issue for people but the program was reviewed by the administration and a recommendation was shown from the AEA to deliver services for our driver education classes. Anne Budde from the AEA was available to answer questions from the Board. Mr. Andrews said this information was shared with the driver education teachers and that was why they came to the Open Forum tonight.

Mrs. Budde said there was a contract that outlines the services provided. Mr. Andrews said there are two driver education retirements this year so the impact will be on two teachers who will be transferred to other courses. Director Tupper voiced concerns about the quality of the AEA program, the impact on students because of their extra activities after school, and not providing the classes during the day. Mrs. Budde shared there were 30 hours of classroom instruction for students and six hours of actual driving. They are working with 13 other school districts and provide many opportunities before and after school, on weekends, and in the summer. This allows students to take an additional class during the school year in place of the driver training.

Director Tupper liked the flexibility of our district program and Director Zamora didn't see a benefit because the students have so many after-school activities and jobs. She wondered if we charged \$305 if that would make this self-supporting. The AEA is charging more, the instruction isn't during the day, and we will have to pay more for the free and reduced lunch students to take the course. Mrs. Budde mentioned there were also private schools teaching drivers education and the Board has to make the final decision. Muscatine has just started with the AEA and there are other districts using their services. The AEA staff works with students who have special needs and the classes are smaller. Families usually use their own adapted cars for children with special needs. The AEA instructors are certified by the Department of Education and have endorsements. They work with parents and parents are happy with the flexibility offered to students.

Dr. Schuerman talked with other area superintendents and they evaluated the AEA driver education as being well managed, parent supported, and a good program. Student board member Whitney Linville asked what would happen to the new simulators at North High. Mrs. Budde explained the use of simulators for training is going away and this equipment is provided by the AEA at North. We are going toward having more actual driving time now. Director Guard asked why we can't continue our program and just have AEA do classes before or after school. There are also private companies to meet the needs of students for parents to use. Director Johanson asked if the parents or students had been polled to find out why they select private instruction. Mrs. Budde said many of the higher achieving students take drivers education in summer school so they can take additional course work during the day at the high schools. Director Clewell felt there were a number of issues and wondered if the cost per student from the AEA has been stable over time. Mrs. Budde said there was a \$10 increase from last year. They offer more classes and smaller sizes. Many of the teachers from Davenport work for the AEA on a part-time basis. We have up to 28 in a class but only two students driving in a car at one time.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS OR BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

1. There were no additional administrative reports at this time.
2. Director Guard requested a presentation on the impact of full-time art programs at the seven elementary schools that received the additional instructional time. He would like to hear from teachers, administrators, parents, and students.

IX. BOARD REPORTS

1. President Zamora announced there would be a recognition event for Bernie Saggau on Sunday, March 20 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, honoring his 41 years of service to the IAHS Athletic Association. He was the Executive Director from 1967-2004.
2. President Zamora mentioned the death of a former employee, Ruth Bargmann, who was an administrative secretary for 43 years. The District offers condolences to her friends.
3. Director Guard congratulated the Show Choir at Central for taking second place at the meet this week.
4. Director Clewell updated the Board on what we are doing with lobby day. We have an ad hoc committee pulling this together and the goal for March 8 is to have a school bus take people to Des Moines to talk to legislators about class size, technology, professional development and other topics. We will be conducting several "State of Our Schools" meetings where people can talk about the Comprehensive School Improvement Plans and what we will do for lobbying efforts. We hope to engage the public in what we are about and the more people that can articulate the message the better it will be for our District. We appreciate the Board's support and we will be publicizing these meetings next week. We hope many people will come join us for the meetings and on lobby day on Tuesday, March 8.
5. President Zamora thanked board members for the great deal of time they have spent on the superintendent search process. We are still working on the process at this point.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Guard seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded by consensus as all ayes.

President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary