

7:05 PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the counties of Scott and Muscatine met in open session for their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010 pursuant to law. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room, at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. Vice President Richard Clewell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The following board members were present: Vice President Richard Clewell, Directors Larry Roberson, Tim Tupper, Ralph Johanson, Nikki De Fauw and Ken Krumwiede. Other administrators were present for the meeting.

Director Krumwiede read the vision statement.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. March 1 @ 5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- B. March 3 @ 3:45 PM Legislative Advocacy Meeting, Administration Service Center, Conference Room B
- C. March 8 @ 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- E. Open Forum for Community Input-No one came forward to speak

II. CONSENT AGENDA

To conserve time and focus attention on non-routine matters on the agenda, the Board considered a number of items grouped together as a Consent Agenda, all items to be approved in one motion.

A. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Regular and Intervening Meetings

The minutes from the following meetings were presented for approval as follows: February 8, 2010 (Regular Meeting)

B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves, Etc.

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Ward, Brittany	Degree: B.A. – Step 1
Language Arts/Literature Workshop	Salary: \$27,600.00 prorated to \$10,741.62 for 72/185
Smart Intermediate	days

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Arguello, Kelly	Effective: February 10, 2010
Food Service Cashier II	Salary: \$8.97/hr
Eisenhower Elementary	Hours: 4.25 hrs/day

Arnold, Wendy	Effective: February 8, 2010
Food Service Cashier I	Salary: \$8.81/hr
Central High	Hours: 3.5 hrs/day

Jones, Laronica Para Educator Buchanan Elementary	Effective: February 16, 2010 Salary: \$8.94/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day
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RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Keller, Nancy Special Education North High	Effective: End of 2009-10 school year Years of Service: 28 yrs 7mos
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Shannon, Nancy Special Education North High	Effective: End of 2009-10 school year Years of Service: 27 yrs 10 mos
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Cook, Janelle Special Education Walcott Elementary	Effective: February 1, 2010 Years of Service: 6 yrs 6 mos
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Nelson, Joni Science/Tech Ed Smart Intermediate	Effective: February 12, 2010 Years of Service: 12 days
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Akers, Jill Department Head Central High	6% \$1,617.00
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Carrillo, Jessica Title I Family Involvement Liaison Children's Villages	Effective: February 10, 2010 Years of Service: 2 mos
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Hawkins, Joni Para Educator Children's Village Hayes	Effective: February 12, 2010 Years of Service: 15 days
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Thomas, Debra Food Service Van Driver Operations Center	Effective: March 5, 2010 Years of Service: 10 yrs 4 mos
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Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Roberson, Tupper, Johanson, De Fauw, and Clewell. The motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was recommended by the administration for adoption of the bills from the bill listing period: February 5, 2010 through February 17, 2010.

Motion: Director De Fauw moved the approval of the resolution: Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary/Treasurer, reviewed by the administration and board members, and they are hereby audited and allowed as just claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts. Further resolved, the payment of claims and salaries be approved as presented with one voided check:
#269715 payable to QC United in the amount of \$2,200.00-needs to be separated into two checks. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: De Fauw, Roberson, Tupper, Krumwiede, Johanson, and Clewell. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Bid #603--Pizza

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve Bid #603 received from Papa John's for 14" pizzas for secondary schools in the amount of \$77,220.00. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Tupper, Roberson, De Fauw, Johanson, and Clewell. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Bid #604--Blue Grass HVAC

Motion: Director Roberson moved the Board approve Bid #604 received from Hometown Plumbing & Heating for Blue Grass School Climate Control Renovations in the amount of \$2,102,090.00. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Johanson asked why there were so few responders to the bid. Scott Martin replied that 9 bid packages were sent out and only 3 responded with bids, he is unaware of the reasons why other vendors may not have responded. Director Tupper asked why we are about 10% above the original budgeted amount. Mr. Martin replied that approximately \$150,000 is for bringing items up to code as required during the renovation of existing spaces. Approximately \$100,000 is due to the late bid date and rising costs of materials after the first of the year. Director Tupper noted that going forward it would be to our advantage to open bids before the first of the year for cost savings. Mr. Martin concurred. Approximately \$90,000 was value engineered to bring an estimated amount of \$2,002,090. Director Johanson asked about bringing the mentioned items to code. Mr. Martin explained that although the building was built to code at the time, as it is renovated it must be updated to current code

standards. Director De Fauw asked about removing the 7 loops in the value engineered amounts and whether it would be more effective to do that work now. The engineer agreed that it would be more effective now, but in an effort to be aware of costs it is something that they could cut. An estimated cost for adding these items back in is \$34,800. Director Roberson asked how long the process is so we do not incur price increases during the bid process. Mr. Martin stated that the bids normally will be held at that price for 30-60 days. Director Johanson pointed out that the original motion had the entire budgeted amount going to Hometown Plumbing. In actuality, \$147,810 is for the design fee and would not be included in that amount. The amount being paid to Hometown Plumbing with the additional items added back into the cost would be \$1,889,080.

Amended Motion: Director De Fauw moved to amend the original motion to give the administration permission to value engineer the cost of the project and include the additional geothermal loops for future expansion and electrical infrastructure to provide for an emergency generator connection in the project, but not include the new ceilings and lights in the classroom addition. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Vote to amend the original motion: De Fauw, Tupper, Krumwiede, Roberson, Johanson, Clewell. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote on the amended motion: Roberson, Tupper, Krumwiede, De Fauw, Johanson, Clewell. The motion carried unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Senior Year Plus

Presented by Juli Staszewski, Betty Griffin, Kim Gasaway, and Kathy Learn. During the 2008 legislative session House File 2679 “Senior Year Plus” was enacted to take effect as of July 1, 2008. The intent is to ensure all students increased and equal access to courses that have the potential to generate college credit while in high school. In order to enroll in any of these courses, a student must meet certain criteria. An “alternative but equivalent” qualifying measure may be established if a student is non-proficient in reading, math and science as measured by the ITBS/ITED. If a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the ITED, the administration recommends using the ACT Plan as an alternative assessment in order to take a course. If a student does not show proficiency on either the ITED or the ACT Plan, a principal may also make a recommendation. Director Roberson asked how soon we get students involved in preparing for those types of tests. Juli stated that we begin in 8th grade. Director Tupper asked how the efficiency of ITBS relates to the ACT Plan. This will be an area that will be assessed. Director Tupper asked what percent of our students are currently proficient in the ITED areas. Juli said that data is available and she will get it to the board. Director Tupper asked how close a student is to receiving an Associate Degree with this program. Juli stated that something like a Career Academy could be helpful with something like this. We do not currently have all classes available to achieve earning a degree. Director Tupper asked for the information on what courses we

would need to achieve an AA degree. Director Krumwiede noted that the information shows West High is using the ASVAB. Juli reported that they already had this in place this year and they will then change to the same plan as the other schools. Director Clewell asked if there is a maximum number of AP courses that can be offered. Juli reported there is not. Director Roberson stated he would like to see the district move towards offering an AA degree. Student board member, Flint Ridenhour, asked how the enrollment numbers in the handout are figured. Juli answered it is the actual number of enrolled students per class. He asked if a teacher recommendation would be asked for by the principal. Juli replied that a teacher recommendation will be part of the criteria for the principals to consider. Director Johanson asked about the effective date of July 2008. Juli stated that the board saw a similar document fairly quickly after the original law passed. The new regulations are prompting the new information and recommendations.

B. AP Courses-Data collected from 2005-2009 concerning AP courses was provided.

C. Joint Enrollment- A listing of all Joint Enrollment courses offered for 2010-2011 was provided.

D. Summer Activities

Presented by John Border, Shaney Ford, Rachael Mullins, and Sherry Wilson. A presentation was made concerning the Summer 2010 programs. A new approach was developed to meet the requirements of the new funding resources. These programs provide extended learning opportunities. There will be 3 sites with 120 students each. A traditional Stepping Stones Program will also be offered at 2 sites. There is a Traditional Model as well as a Reading Track Model which emphasizes reading skills. Students are identified for the Reading Track Program by using information from their building reading teams. Transportation will not be provided for these programs. The cost per pupil is \$285 with a token registration fee of \$10 per family. Grant dollars will fund all Buchanan, Lincoln and Monroe students. Title I RFP funds will fund all other students from Title I schools. Students from non-Title, non-grant schools have various forms of funding available such as scholarships, DHS Childcare Assistance, Community Action Scholarship, United Way, and other opportunities as defined in the presentation. Director Krumwiede reflected on the success of the previous program, The Reading Academy. His concern is that by not providing transportation we will lose participation from students that truly need it. Ethel Reynolds agreed that transportation is a concern and they will continue to look for funding for transportation and the program will be carefully evaluated after this first year. Director Tupper asked if providing transportation increased the attendance rate of at risk students. About 95% of last year's students were transported by bus. The cost was approximately \$20,000 for 19 days last year. Ms. Reynolds stated that they could not find those funds for this year. Director De Fauw asked if it would be possible to divert scholarship dollars for

transportation purposes. Rachael Mullins stated that it would not be enough to fund the transportation needed. Director De Fauw asked if there would be community organization sources to help with transportation. Ms. Mullins stated they are working with groups to provide families with information on public transportation options. Director Roberson asked that the board be informed of the tracking of this program.

E. Drop-Out Data

Presented by Dawn Anderson-Rascher. The official count for drop-outs in our district is 454 students for 2008-2009. There has been a change made by the state in the procedure to count drop-out information. Due to this change our number has increased this year when compared to last year. Students that dropped out of DCSD, enrolled in EICCD, and then dropped out of EICCD are now considered drop-outs. Students who receive their GED are considered drop-outs. Some students count was deferred one-year because of the new reporting system. The data will be released in a few weeks. Director Tupper asked how we are going to share the information about the change in the information. Ms. Anderson stated that this presentation is the first step of informing the public. Director Tupper asked if our program (EICCD) for bringing students back is common in other areas. It has been in existence in our system for many years. Director Tupper asked the principals that if we were to establish a goal of graduating 95% of our students from high school, what we would need to do to accomplish that.

F. Policy Review

Director De Fauw reported that there has been progress on the groups meeting on the rules/regulations for several policies. These should be presented to the board in the near future.

307.02 Naming of Facilities-revision presented

Discussion: Director Krumwiede asked about the meaning of “significant contribution”. Director De Fauw stated that the refinement of this phrase will come from the rules/regulations for this policy. The intent is to show that naming of a facility should not be taken lightly. It was suggested that the section “Name Signs on School Buildings” be reinstated in the policy.

903.12 Minutes of Meetings-minor revision presented

Discussion: Director Tupper suggested adding publishing the minutes to the district website since that is already our practice.

903.14 Letters to the Board-no revision suggested-no discussion

903.15 Participation by the Public at Board Meetings-minor revision presented-no discussion

903.16 Vacancies and Resignations-no revision suggested-no discussion

903.17 Maintenance of Superintendent's Contract-no revision suggested-no discussion

904.01 Elections-minor revision suggested-no discussion

101.01 Board-Community Relations-deletion recommended-no discussion

101.02 Information Dissemination (Releases to News Media)-change of name to Media Communications-revision presented

Discussion: Director Clewell stated that the culture of the board is to communicate with the public and be open and transparent and that the policy simply shows a chain of authority.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

Superintendent Almanza reported on a letter from a parent about her experience in enrolling her students in Davenport schools. She is very supportive of the schools she chose in her enrollment area and is appreciative of the nurturing environment of our teachers and staff.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

Student board member, Flint Ridenhour, reported on the trip to the state capitol in Des Moines. He explained that the students were able to meet with several legislators and it was a very meaningful experience. The students were able to go to the Senate floor and meet one-on-one with legislators. Director Krumwiede commented on how impressive the students were and that it was a wonderful experience. He thanked Director Clewell and Ms. Carver for their work on organizing the trip.

Director Krumwiede reported on the passing of Dale Paustian. He was a resident of Walcott and was active in the Davenport schools and served on the Board. He will be missed by many friends in the DCSD.

Director Clewell announced The Stars Program is under way which is a special needs program for a cheerleading group at Central High School.

Director Clewell announced DCSD young artists' works were featured at the Figge last week and it was a wonderful event.

Director Clewell announced Representative Roger Wendt, Chair of the House Education Committee, is resigning from the House due to illness. He has been a great advocate and he will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the Board adjourn. Director Tupper seconded the motion. By consensus all board members agreed. Vice President Clewell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary/Treasurer