

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 8, 2006

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in Exempt Session for Negotiations at 6:00, followed by the Regular Meeting on Monday, May 8, 2006 pursuant to law and the rules of said Board. The Regular Meeting was held in the Media Center at Adams School, 3029 North Division, Davenport, Iowa, in said district. The Board President called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Nikki DeFauw, Ralph Johanson, Larry Roberson, and Tim Tupper. Board Member Elect Katie Hanson was also present for the meeting. Absent: Director Richard Clewell. Student Board members present were Hannah Campbell from Central; John Kalantari from North; and Mairin Burke from West High.

### EXEMPT SESSION

#### **EXEMPT SESSION: Negotiation Strategy (Closed)**

**(6:00 PM)**

Starting at 6:00 PM, the Board held an Exempt Session to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer for employees covered by a bargaining agreement, as provided in Chapter 20.17(3), Code of Iowa. The Exempt Session ended at 7:05 PM. Board members were then seated at the table for the start of the Regular Meeting.

7:10 PM

### REGULAR MEETING

RECOGNITION OF ALAN GUARD: President Zamora noted one item of recognition would be done out of order due to a schedule conflict of our former board member Alan Guard. With pleasure and regret the Board presented a plaque to Mr. Guard thanking him for his service to the district and for the time he spent as a board member. Everyone wished him the best and he was also presented with a golden pass.

Mr. Guard said he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the school board, stating this was the best thing he ever did. He spoke of the importance of being on a school board but noted the position was not any more important than the role of our employees, students, parents, and other community members. He thought everyone should thank Mrs. Hanson for being willing to fill the appointment as a board member until the next election. It is a huge responsibility and she will share many good ideas with the Board. Mr. Guard thanked everyone for the honor of serving.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

#### I. RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Oath of Office Vice President

The Board President administered the oath of office to Vice President Larry Roberson, who the Board voted to fill this office at the April 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

##### B. Appointment of New Board Member

The Board took action on the appointment of Katie Hanson.

**MOTION:** Director DeFauw moved the Board appoint Katie Hanson to fill a vacancy on the Board recreated by the resignation of Alan Guard. The appointment will be effective from this date until the organizational meeting in September 2006. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

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

### C. **Oath of Office Board Director**

President Zamora administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board Director Katie Hanson, who will fill this vacancy on the Board until the organizational meeting in September 2006. President Zamora said board members looked forward to working with Mrs. Hanson. She has experience, is knowledgeable about board matters, and will be a good addition to the Board.

## RECOGNITIONS

### II. RECOGNITIONS

#### A. **BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZED -- \* *Dr. Schuerman, Superintendent***

Dr. Schuerman explained how volunteer school board members serve thousands of hours each year working to ensure every Iowa student receives a solid education. School Board Recognition Week, May 14-20, 2006, would be an opportunity to say thanks to the more than 2,000 men and women who govern Iowa's public education system. This year's theme, "Seeking Success for All Students," recognizes that school board members are community leaders working to lead students to higher levels of achievement. The District extends their appreciation to our board members on behalf of students, faculty, support staff, parents, and community members who benefit because of their dedication and focus on education. He recognized the members and presented certificates from the Iowa Association of School Boards.

**Board Members:** President Patt Zamora; Vice President Larry Roberson; Directors Richard Clewell, Nikki DeFauw, Ralph Johanson, and Tim Tupper.

**Appointed Board Member:** Katie Hanson (May 8, 2006)

**Outgoing Board Member:** Alan Guard (April 24, 2006)

#### B. **STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS -- \* *Dr. Schuerman, Superintendent***

Dr. Schuerman talked about the student board members who represented our high schools and all the students in the Davenport School District. We recognize the time the student board members spent attending our board meetings and as they looked for ways to provide input to the Board of Directors. The students offered new perspectives, thoughtful ideas, and insightful comments during discussions on a variety of topics including board policies, boundary changes, and curriculum. We

appreciate their service to the students in our district and acknowledge their valuable contribution to education. The student who were recognized tonight and were present were: **Hannah Campbell, Central High; John Kalantari, North High;** and **Mairin Burke, West High.** Other students who served but were unable to attend the meeting were: **Heather Waitman** and **Bryce Ricketts, West High;** and **Maddy Easton, Central High.** President Zamora added the students have been unusually willing to share their ideas and she enjoyed their openness.

**C. BUFFALO ELEMENTARY \* *Jodi Hoogland, Principal***

Mrs. Hoogland presented information about Buffalo's Instructional Focus Lesson time. During the first 20 minutes of every day we have focus lessons. She stated these lessons give students additional time to learn the skills and strategies they need to become better readers. Kindergarten and grade one classes have been working on phonemic awareness and phonics. We found in addition to extra time, some students need a different modality to learn the skills. Our music and P.E. teachers have used their expertise to provide movement and music to help students. Other grades work on main ideas, making inferences, and additional skills. Students who need more fluency practice are working in the computer lab with a program called Read Naturally. Mrs. Hoogland told the Board she even had the opportunity to teach three students to work on fluency using this program. The staff believes this has been a very effective way to improve our scores. Next year we are extending the 20 minutes to 30 minutes, we are planning to use this period for interventions, and we will include enrichment for those not needing interventions.

**D. FILLMORE ELEMENTARY \* *Deb Miller Principal & Jean Powers***

**Jean Powers**, the facilitator at Fillmore, and Principal **Deb Miller** talked about the journey our students have taken as a Reading First building. They shared some of the strategies and activities staff members have been utilizing in their classrooms along with some of the learning outcomes the children have achieved so far this year. Mrs. Miller talked about staff development opportunities, planning strategies, and demonstrating lessons as part of their plan. The students study vocabulary in new ways so they have an complete knowledge of the words and how to use them. They teach vocabulary in the context of the lessons. Mrs. Miller explained how the Iowa Professional Development model was used and how the Workshop to Workplace structure was followed in the staff development. Jean Powers provided some special handouts and two large photos of students from Fillmore so the Board could see the students in action as they studied words and science.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, May 16, 3:45 PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee, Administration Service Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor East Conference Room
- B. Wednesday, May 17, 3:45 PM, Board Policy Committee, Administration Service Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor East Conference Room
- C. Monday, May 22, 4:30 to 6:30, Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Schuerman at

Williams Intermediate School in the Media Center

- D. Monday, May 22, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting at Adams Elementary in the Media Center
- E. Thursday, May 25, 3:45 PM, Employee Service Awards, North High School
- F. Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day Holiday (No School today)
- G. Thursday, June 1, 7:00 PM, Kimberly Center Graduation @ North High
- H. Open Forum – There were five speakers.
  - 1. Jeannie Pettis, 326 West Hayes, Davenport, shared her concerns about the loss of some programs at the Children’s Village West and how the federal budget cuts were affecting her daughter who is hearing impaired. She delivered a letter to board members and talked about how crucial language development was to children. Prior to her daughter’s experience she was in private school, but she made huge improvements once she was enrolled at the Children’s Village site. She wanted the Board to know what a wonderful job the district was doing with this program, and they want to continue to be a part of the preschool. She would like to see the hearing impaired instructor reinstated and not eliminated.
  - 2. Emma Augustine, 1909 N. Elsie Avenue, Davenport, told the Board the block schedule was great and has improved learning at West. She would like to see an open campus atmosphere with credit given to students for their GPA and good attendance records. Of course, there would need to be parental approval and authorization from the administration, but she thought this would be better and what students wanted at West High.
  - 3. Brock Nelson, 13270 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Blue Grass, shared his concerns and thoughts about teachers expressing their own political biases in the classroom. He thought teachers needed to be objective and present all the facts, not just one side of issues. Some of the teachers tell students things are facts and other opinions are unacceptable. They say their belief is right and students have to agree with their viewpoint. Students cannot express a different opinion on issues. The Board has a responsibility to come up with a system to keep these teachers in check and tell them they cannot force their opinions on the students. Brock would like to have the Board protect education and student freedoms.
  - 4. Elizabeth Axel, 307 Forest Road, Davenport, talked about the decision to cut the media specialist at ten elementary schools from full-time to part-time and the potential negative affect this will have on educational quality in our schools. She sent letters to the Board about this matter and was concerned about the decision made to cut the staff. The media center and staff are vital to the students in the building. At McKinley the students are enhanced by the media specialist as they learn new technology. The media specialists provide training for the staff on computers. This training filters down into the classroom so students have more opportunities. She didn’t think a part-time media specialist could fill that role. We have just put money into our media centers, and now we take away the media specialist who is running the center. This doesn’t make sense.
  - 5. Nick Augustine, 1909 N. Elsie Avenue, Davenport, talked about open campus for certain schools such as West High. He noted there are special learning opportunities such as the business academy and classes kept together so they get to know each other better. That relationship helps with their grades. It would be a good idea to have open campus for the good students and if the administration thinks that could be done, it would be a good idea to consider.

**CONSENT AGENDA**



Hendren, Jama Special Education – SCI Central High	Effective: June 8, 2006 Years of Service: 5 yrs 5 mos
Meaney, Brian Social Studies Smart Intermediate	Effective: June 8, 2006 Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos
Monnard, Carol PreSchool Childrens' Village West	Effective: June 30, 2006 Years of Service: 14 yrs
Plavak, Jodell Special Education – BD Lincoln Academy	Effective: June 8, 2006 Years of Service: 10 mos
<b>Stroehle, James</b> <b>Math</b> <b>Central High</b>	<b>Effective: June 8, 2006</b> <b>Years of Service: 11 yrs. 10 mos</b>

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Ford, Ashley Talented and Gifted Fillmore/Buffalo Elementary	Extended Leave of Absence without Pay Effective: 2006-2007 School Year
McClellan, Dianne School Nurse Central High	Effective: August 24, 2005 – November 28, 2005
Veto, Tracie Language Arts Smart Intermediate	Effective: March 20, 2006 – June 8, 2006
Weaver, Jessica Social Studies Young Intermediate	Extended Leave of Absence without Pay Effective: 2006-2007 School Year

## RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Amendt, Julie Department Head Central High	6% \$1,499.00
Flesher, Jane Schools of Excellence Facilitator ASC/Sudlow	15% \$3,749.00
Hatfield, Terry 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Young Intermediate	8% \$1,999.00
McClellan, Robert Wrestling, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade West High	8% \$1,999.00

Malone, Linda School of Excellence Facilitator McKinley Elementary/Wood Intermediate	15% \$3,749.00
Meaney, Brian Basketball Girls' Sophomore Assistant West High	10% \$2,499.00
<b>Powers, Jean</b> <b>Schools of Excellence Facilitator</b> <b>Filmore/Blue Grass Elementary</b>	<b>15%</b> <b>\$3,749.00</b>
Washam, Ronald Varsity Boys' Golf (.5) Central High	7% \$874.50
Weaver, Jessica Intermediate Co-Ed Track Assistant Young Intermediate	5% \$1,250.00
Weaver, Jessica 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Young Intermediate	8% \$1,999.00
Winckler, Cindy Schools of Excellence Facilitator Lincoln/KCAE	15% \$3,749.00
<b>Wisely, Vicky</b> <b>Schools of Excellence Facilitator (.5)</b> <b>Buffalo Elementary</b>	<b>15%</b> <b>\$1,874.50</b>
APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS	
Kurtz, Matthew Assistant Varsity Boys' Track (65%) West High	10% \$1,624.35
Leal, Marty Track Boys – Cross Country West High	7% To Be Determined
Schmidt, Lisa Pom Pon Sponsor West High	7% To Be Determined
RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED	
Schroeder, Alyssa Kindergarten Jefferson/Edison	Effective: April 11, 2006 Salary: \$35,896.00

## RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Burroughs, Wendy  
Food Service Worker  
McKinley Elementary

Effective: April 19, 2006  
Years of Service: 5 mos

Williams, Scarlett  
Para Educator  
Buchanan Elementary

Effective: March 23, 2006  
Years of Service: 2 yrs 1 mo

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Madison, Tracy  
Para Educator  
Central High

Leave of Absence without Pay  
Effective: April 25, 2006 – June 8, 2006

McGhee, Janie  
Para Educator  
Central High

Leave of Absence without Pay  
Effective: April 18, 2006 - May 5, 2006

## RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Goff, Janet L  
Para Educator  
Madison Elementary

Effective: June 15, 2006  
Years of Service: 17 yrs 9 mos

\* Not a Teacher

\*\* Guest Teacher

\*\*\* Not a Replacement

**MOTION:** Director Johanson moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda including the items listed in the addendum for early retirement, certified resignations and terminations, plus supplemental contract resignations, with the correction in the April 24 minutes and removing the minutes from the May 1 Committee of the Whole meeting. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

SEPARATE PERSONNAL ACTION ITEM REGARDING  
RECEIPT AND FILING OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
TERMINATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Dr. Schuerman asked to present an additional personnel item at this time that must be considered separately from the Consent Agenda. The Board Secretary passed out three recommendations for termination of supplemental contracts made by the Superintendent. Board members each were presented with the letters and recommendations.

**MOTION:** Director DeFauw moved the Board accept and file a receipt for the recommendations for termination of three supplemental contracts but no action will be taken on the recommendations at this time. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

### V. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved: "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 four voided checks: #182332 Hy Vee for \$1,286 (wrong vendor); #182333 Hyatt Regency for \$114.81 (wrong vendor); #182359 Jill LaFrenz for \$80 (wrong amount); and #182496 William Sherwood for \$100 (wrong amount)." Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

## OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### VI. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

#### A. DISTRICT REGULAR CALENDAR FOR 2006-2007

The administration recommended approval of the Regular District Calendar for the next school year term 2006-2007 as presented.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for the Regular District Calendar for the next school year term 2006-2007 as presented. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Tupper, DeFauw, Roberson, Johanson, Hanson, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the calendar will be included with the minutes of record.)

#### B. TAX ANTICIPATORY WARRANT RESOLUTION FIXING DATE

The administration seeks authority to solicit proposals from lending institutions for a Tax Anticipatory Warrant for a maximum amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the 2006 fiscal year. The need for such a warrant will be substantiated in a projected cash flow deficit that will occur due to a lag in the receipt of revenues.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved approval of the following resolution:

“RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE  
PROPOSITION OF THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000  
ANTICIPATORY WARRANTS AND PROVIDING FOR  
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF”

WHEREAS, the School District has determined its maximum anticipated cumulative cash flow deficit as shown on Schedule A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that funds, including amounts from state aid and other state appropriated moneys, ad valorem property tax receipts, and miscellaneous revenue, as shown on Schedules A and B attached hereto, will be received or will accrue to the General Fund of the School District during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the School District should issue Anticipatory Warrants, as authorized by Section 74.1(2) of the Code of Iowa, as amended, for the purpose as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, before the Anticipatory Warrants may be issued, it is necessary to comply with Section 73A.12 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, and to publish a notice of the proposal to issue the Anticipatory Warrants, of the time and place of the meeting at which the Board proposes to take action for the issuance of the Anticipatory Warrants and to receive written objections or petitions from any resident or property owner of the School District to such action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board of Directors will meet at Adams Elementary School, 3029 North Division Street, Davenport, Iowa, at 7:00 o'clock PM, on the 22nd day of May, 2006, for the purpose of taking action on the matter of the issuance of \$5,000,000 Anticipatory Warrants to be repaid from the future receipt of taxes and other budgeted receipts of the General Fund of the School District for the fiscal year 2006/2007.

Section 2. The Secretary is authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the School District with the sale of the Anticipatory Warrants, to select a date for the sale thereof, to cause to be prepared such sale information as may appear appropriate, and distribute the same on behalf of the School District and this Board and otherwise to take all action necessary to permit the sale of the Anticipatory Warrants on a basis favorable to the School District and acceptable to the Board.

Section 3. That the Secretary is hereby directed to cause at least one publication to be made of a notice of said meeting in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly, and having general circulation in The School District, the publication to be not less than ten clear days before the date of said public meeting on the issuance of the Warrants.

Section 4. The notice of the proposed action to issue the Anticipatory Warrants shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DAVENPORT  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF SCOTT AND

MUSCATINE, STATE OF IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ANTICIPATORY WARRANTS AND HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANTICIPATORY WARRANTS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District, in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa will hold a public hearing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2006, at 7:00 PM, at Adams Elementary School, 3029 North Division Street, Davenport, Iowa, at which meeting the Board proposes to take final action upon the issuance of not to exceed \$5,000,000 Anticipatory Warrants to be repaid from the future receipt of taxes and other budgeted receipts of the General Fund of the School District for fiscal year 2006-2007.

The proceeds of the Anticipatory Warrants shall be applied to the cash flow needs of the School District during the fiscal year.

Any person interested may appear at said meeting and be heard or may file a petition prior to said hearing as to objections to the issuance of the Anticipatory Warrants, the amount, or terms thereof or to present evidence with respect to any matters related thereto.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Directors of the School District pursuant to Chapter 73A Code of Iowa this 8th day of May, 2006.

Director Johanson seconded the motion.

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

**C. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO ISJIT TRUST AGREEMENT**

This matter regarding the ISJIT resolution was explained by Claudia Wood at the last Committee of the Whole. Each participant is entitled to one vote at the May 22 meeting of ISJIT; however, it is not necessary to attend the meeting if the school district returns a proxy card. A member of our school board can be authorized to sign the proxy voting card for the Davenport Community School District. If the Board does not complete a proxy card, then our vote will be treated against the proposal.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2006-01: "With regard to Proposal No. 1, it is recommended that the Davenport School Board vote in favor of the approval of the Amendment to the Amended Joint Powers and Declaration of Trust to include other political subdivisions as Participants. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1: That the President of the School Board is hereby authorized to execute the Proxy Statement Approving Amendment to Amended Joint Powers Agreement and Declaration of Trust for the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust."

Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

#### **D. TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

The administration made a recommendation to approve textbook adoptions previously presented.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation recommends for textbook adoption requested for AP English in the amount of \$31,944; Corrective Reading Courses in the amount of \$48,818.25; and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics in the amount of \$121,968. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

Director Tupper asked when the items would be purchased and implemented into the programs. Mrs. Juli Staszewski explained the books would be for next year and would be ordered now so they will be received in time to be used in the fall classes.

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

#### **F. ADMINISTRATORS CONTRACTS FOR 2006-2007**

There was a recommendation from the Superintendent regarding approval of the administrators' contracts for the 2006-2007 school year.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the administrators' contracts for the 2006-2007 school year. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

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

(A copy of the basis outline of the contract will be included in the minutes of record showing a total package of 3.5%)

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Student board members were presented with an opportunity to talk to about their school experiences during the 2005-2006 year and share areas of interest. First to speak was John Kalantari from North High who talked about the great experience he had being a student board member. He learned different ways to handle problems and situations that come up at schools. He is using some of the things he learned in Key Club and Student Senate. It was interesting to hear from other students, teachers, and parents when they talked to the Board. When the boundaries were discussed, there were issues brought up about promoting North High to the Sudlow and other feeder schools. So they are trying to get some of the organizations from North to talk with younger students so they learn what North has to offer with ROTC, Show Choir, and other groups. We are starting to work at this more and hope there will be additional students who want to attend North next year because they have heard from us. It was interesting to hear the debates and discussions about student choice and John said he really appreciated the chance to attend the meetings and participate.

The next student board member to speak was Hannah Campbell from Central High. Hannah said this was a great opportunity for students to get together in some other way than across the athletic field. We have learned to support each other and we all learned from the experience. She said it wasn't so much what she said during the meetings, but that she had the opportunity to be heard. Hannah could see how important it was for board members to hear the students' perspectives and respect them. She worked with the boundary issues and on the wellness policy looking at food items and fund raisers. This showed students how we needed to be a part of the education process. We even got to talk about things like bullying behavior to selling candy bars. There are so many issues the Board has to deal with and work out. Hannah appreciated the opportunity to be a part of this experience.

The last student was Mairin Burke who represented West High. Marin talked about her school life from K-12 grade and she was looking forward to graduation. She said it was hard to believe how fast these years went by. Mairin said there were many memories but the best ones will be of special teachers, her first day of junior high, and high school. Those are the experiences she will treasure and she wanted to thank her teachers for giving her such a wonderful environment to grow and learn. Mairin expressed her deep appreciation for all these educational opportunities and thanked the Board for this opportunity to be heard.

Board members took time to respond to the students and recognized their efforts. Director Roberson thanked the students for showing up at meetings and stepping up to the challenge of talking in front of an audience of people on a number of issues. The Board knows they can't fix everything for everyone, but they try to do the best for the whole group of people. Sometimes individuals are upset when we can't do it their way and they expect the board members to fix things for them. We work together on this process. He hoped the students will come back at

some point and also consider serving as board members again. Director Johanson talked about the importance of public education and how the students are the future for our world. He valued the comments from the students and hoped they would continue with their commitment down the road. Director Johanson said these students participate in all sorts of activities and he felt the Board benefited from listening to their comments. He believed the district has benefited from them being in school and helping the community.

Director Tupper echoed the feelings of the Board and said the students' contributions have really benefited them. This has been a very hectic year and it was nice to hear the perspective of the students on issues. The students simplified things and board members looked forward to working with them. Director DeFauw thanked the students and appreciated them taking this role seriously. She said their opinions made a difference to her on many serious concerns as issues were being resolved. President Zamora said she truly enjoyed having the students join the board and they were a fun group. She mentioned that a previous student board member later ran for the school board and won the election. She hoped these students would consider that also.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

### VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

President Zamora announced there were two staff members who has passed away recently—Elaine Orris Williams from Fillmore and Kimery Sanders from Jackson. Condolences were sent to their families and friends at this difficult time. Dr. Schuerman explained Dr. O'Melia's mother had passed away and she couldn't attend the meeting tonight. He expressed sympathy to her and the family. Dr. Schuerman said Mr. Almanza and his wife would visit Davenport this week and are looking for a home. If anyone wanted time to meet with him, they should give Dr. Schuerman a call. President Zamora reminded board members of a social gathering this weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Almanza to welcome them to Davenport. They will be moving here in July. Director Roberson thanked the young people who attended the meeting tonight and spoke during open forum. He appreciated their efforts and understood their point of view. He hoped they would keep coming to meetings because the Board gets better by hearing from the students and community.

President Zamora welcomed everyone to attend a reception following the meeting held in honor of the board members and to celebrate with them.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board adjourn. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

By consensus all board members agreed. President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary