

RECOGNITIONS

II. RECOGNITIONS

A. **Wilson Elementary School * *Bill Long Principal; Tom Green Curriculum Facilitator***

Principal Bill Long recognized Wilson Elementary School for their reading fluency strategies presented by the District this year. Tom Green, Curriculum Facilitator said Wilson Elementary staff had seen many positive results in student achievement by utilizing the reading fluency strategies. He introduced two Wilson School staff members: Second Grade Teacher, **Linda Ofner**, and Talented and Gifted Teacher, **Pat Chanez**. Linda was unable to attend the meeting, but Pat Chanez represented them and told how they collaborated on the fluency strategies to design effective language arts instruction that integrated the content area of science. Second grade students, **Cody Crawford, Skye Dieken, Mason Kraft, Sam Hartwig, Hannah LaBrecque, and Asha Skriver** took time to perform some of the skills they learned. The students read and acted out their poems on Honey Bees, Fire Fliers, and Water Striders.

B. **Fillmore Elementary * *Deb Miller, Principal***

Deb Miller talked about how Fillmore would highlight the final part of their **Rhythms Trilogy** program. For the past three years with funds provided to Fillmore School from the Quad City Arts Grant, our 4th and 5th grade students have been able to study the African-American experience in our country through music, art and literature. We began in the 2001-02 school year with a focus on the concepts of freedom vs. slavery. During the 2002-03 school year the story continued as students traced the history of jazz from its roots in the African-American experience through the first half of the 20th century. During this last year, students studied the conflict that was associated with the turbulent times of the civil rights movement in our country's history. As part of this year's project, 5th grade students used the Pathways to Knowledge research model to learn about the important people and issues of the 1950's to 1970's. Students participated in Choral Reading and Structured Repeated Reading to support Reading First goals and to learn their parts for the culminating chorus/dance presentation. Tonight, **ShaRee Hunigan** read an original poem entitled, "Freedom", **Dylan Olzfolk** showed a Powerpoint presentation on Brown vs. The Board of Education and **Patrick Wright** and **Shaun Griesenbech** read a passage from the presentation.

President Low thanked the staff and students at Wilson and Fillmore elementary schools for their work and presentations.

C. **Davenport School Board of Directors * *Dr. Jim Blanche, Superintendent***

Dr. Blanche talked of how school board members served thousands of hours each year working to ensure every Iowa student receives a solid education. School Board Recognition Week, May 9-15, 2004, is an opportunity to say thanks to the more than 2,100 men and women who govern Iowa's public education system. This year's theme was "Leading So All Students Succeed." This week we recognize that school board members are volunteer leaders and your neighbors, who make a tremendous commitment and sacrifice as they serve the community. School board members are elected by their local communities in an

election held the second Tuesday of each September. When elected, they serve three-year terms, with part of the Board elected each year to maintain continuity and experience. School board members receive no pay for what they do. Their reward is the satisfaction received from public service. Dr. Blanche said the community recognizes the significant amount of time and effort our school board members devote to making a difference for students. Congratulation to the members of our school board this year!

School Board Members 2003-2004

President Susan Low
Director Richard Clewell
Director Larry Roberson
Director Patt Zamora

Vice President Alan Guard
Director Nikki DeFauw
Director Timothy Tupper

D. Student Board of Directors * *Susan Low, Board President*

President Low said the Student Board of Directors includes non-voting members from the student body of each of the District's high schools. Their duties include attending open sessions of board meetings, submitting items for discussion, presenting a report on a specific issue to the Board, being responsible for communicating board decisions and information to the school, presenting recommendations from the student body or student government, or discussing concerns from the community. Student board members who represented their schools at various times during the 2003-2004 school year were:

Central High School

Lily Arbisser
 Daniel Levezow
 Laura Fierce, Alternate
 Maggie Lanphere, Alternate

Kimberly Center

Christina McKern
 Allison Wuerzberger

North High School

Lauren Coughlin
 Byron Stokes

West High School

Karla Bromwell
 Micah Melton

COMMUNICATIONS

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, May 11, 6:00 PM, Special Call Meeting (Closed Session); Board Room
- B. May 16—22 Educational Bosses Week
- C. Monday, May 24, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- D. May 26, 27, and 28, Special Call Evaluations, Candidate Interviews (Closed Session)
- E. May 31 – Memorial Day Holiday – No School
- F. Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 PM, Kimberly Center Graduation @ North High in the Paul Holzworth Performing Arts Theatre
- G. Sunday, June 6 – Graduation Ceremonies at the Mark of the Quad Cities; 12:00 PM North High; 3:00 PM Central High; and 6:00 PM West High
- H. Monday, June 7, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- I. Monday, June 14, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- J. Open Forum – No one requested time to speak during Open Forum.

CONSENT AGENDA

IV. 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 last regular board meeting and intervening meetings were presented for approval as follows: Regular Board Meeting April 26, 2004, Committee of the Whole May 3, 2004, and Special Call Expulsion May 5, 2004.

B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

APPOINTMENTS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Caparula, James Associate Intermediate Principal Wood Intermediate	Effective: July 1, 2004 Salary: To Be Determined 215 Days
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Wernentin, Timothy Principal Central High School	Effective: July 1, 2004 Salary: To Be Determined 260 Days
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LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Forari, Melissa Physical Education North High	FMLA with pay Effective: March 5, 2004 – April 16, 2004
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Graham, Carolyn LOA	Extension of Leave of Absence with pay Effective: April 23, 2004 – June 4, 2004
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Head, Kimberly Media Specialist Monroe Elementary	FMLA with pay Effective: March 19, 2004 – May 13, 2004
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Loven, Christine ESL Buchanan Elementary	Extended Leave of Absence without pay for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years Effective: August 25, 2004 – August 24, 2005
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Mannhardt, Linda Facilitator Williams Intermediate	Extended Leave of Absence without pay for the 2004-2005 school year Effective: August 25, 2004 – August 24, 2005
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Mroz, Margaret LOA	Extension of Extended Leave of Absence without pay for the 2004-2005 school year
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Effective August 25, 2004 – August 24, 2005

Price, Kevin
Director of Orchestras
Central High

Extended Leave of Absence without pay
for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years
Effective: August 25, 2004 – August 24, 2005

Schroeder, Alyssa
Grade 3
Jefferson/Edison

FMLA with pay
Effective: February 18, 2004 – April 13, 2004

Winckler, Cindy
Instructional Facilitator
Sudlow Intermediate

Extension of Leave of Absence without pay
Effective: April 16, 2004 – April 21, 2004

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Baxter, Stephanie 8 th Grade Volleyball, Additional If Needed Williams Intermediate	\$1,931.00 8%
Ball, Jack Intramurals – Elementary After School Hayes Elementary	\$1,448.00 6%
Bates, Gary SH Department Head West High	\$1,448.00 6%
Belz, Eugene Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach North High	\$2,414.00 10%
Bibbs, Melvin Head Varsity Wrestling Coach Central High	\$3,379.00 14%
Bird, Eldon SH Department Head North High	\$1,448.00 6%
Cinotto, Sharon Teacher-In-Charge (.5) Buffalo Elementary	\$1,810.00 15%
Dixon, LaVerle Teacher-In-Charge Washington Elementary	\$3,620.00 15%
Dixon, LaVerle Safety Patrol (.5)	\$603.50 5%

Washington Elementary	
Dixon, LaVerle	\$1,448.00
Intramurals – Elementary After School	6%
Washington Elementary	
Graham, Carolyn	\$1,810.00
Teacher-In-Charge (.5)	15%
Lincoln Fundamental	
Hartz, Raymond	\$1,448.00
Department Head	6%
Walcott Intermediate	
Hartz, Raymond	\$1,931.00
7 th Grade Volleyball, Additional, If Needed	8%
Walcott Intermediate	
Hester, Melton	\$1,931.00
Intramurals – Intermediate Boys/Girls	8%
Young Intermediate	
Holtz, Karen	\$1,448.00
Intermediate Band #1	6%
Wood Intermediate	
Hotchkiss, Marcya	\$1,689.00
7 th Grade Girls Basketball,	7%
If Needed, 2 nd Team	
Sudlow Intermediate	
Hotchkiss, Marcya	\$1,689.00
8 th Grade Girls Basketball,	7%
If Needed, 2 nd Team	
Sudlow Intermediate	
Manock, Ronald	\$1,448.00
Intramurals – Elementary After School	6%
Blue Grass Elementary	
Molyneux, Esther	\$3,379.00
Debate Coach	14%
North High	
Neumann, Sara	\$1,689.00
Flag Line Instructor	7%
Central High	
Owens, Willie	\$1,931.00
Intramurals – Intermediate Boys/Girls	8%

Wood Intramurals

Porter, James	\$1,689.00
7 th Grade Boys Basketball	7%
If Needed, 2 nd Team	
Sudlow Intermediate	
Porter, James	\$1,689.00
8 th Grade Boys Basketball,	7%
If Needed, 2 nd Team	
Sudlow Intermediate	
Saladino, Joy	\$1,689.00
7 th Grade Girls Basketball	7%
If Needed, 2 nd Team	
Williams Intermediate	
Saladino, Steven	\$1,689.00
8 th Grade Girls Basketball	7%
If Needed, 2 nd Team	
Williams Intermediate	
Sharp, Charles	\$1,207.00
Safety Patrol	5%
Adams Elementary	
Sigler, Thomas	\$1,689.00
8 th Grade Boys Basketball,	7%
If Needed, 2 nd Team	
Williams Intermediate	
Sissel, Carole	\$1,689.00
Pom Pom Coach	7%
Central High	
Thissen, Michael	\$1,931.00
7 th Grade Volleyball, Additional If Needed	8%
Williams Intermediate	
Tollefson, Robert	\$1,689.00
7 th Grade Boys Basketball,	7%
If Needed, 2 nd Team	
Williams Intermediate	
Tunison, Sharon	\$1,448.00
SH Department Head	6%
North High	

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Gill, Bob Interim Assistant Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach West High	To Be Determined 12%
Pethoud, Hugh Assistant Sophomore Softball Coach Central High	\$1,689.00 7%
Scott, Robert Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball North High	To Be Determined 12%
Smith, Keith Head Sophomore Softball Coach North High	\$2,414.00 10%
Smith Thomas Head Varsity Wrestling Coach Central High	To Be Determined 14%
Trimble, Melissa Flag Line Instructor HS West High	To Be Determined 7%

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFIED

Tofilon, Mary Grade 4 Monroe Elementary	Effective: March 19, 2004 Salary: \$45,852.00
Winckler, Cindy Instructional Facilitator Sudlow Intermediate	Effective: April 22, 2004 Salary: \$45,852.00 prorated to \$29,989.69 for 121 days of the 2003-2004 school year

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Holmes, Lakeesha Grade 1 Truman Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 2 Effective: August 25, 2004 Salary: To Be Determined
Johnson, Corrie Special Education/MC/SCI Central High	Degree: B.A.+15 – Step 4 Effective: August 25, 2004 Salary: To Be Determined
Scott, Robert Physical Education Wood Intermediate	Degree: M.S. – Step 11 Effective: August 25, 2004 Salary: To Be Determined
Serrano, Katrina Grade 1	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: August 25, 2004

Adams Elementary

Salary: To Be Determined

Smith, Thomas
Physical Education
Central High

Degree: M.A. – Step 4
Effective: August 25, 2004
Salary: To Be Determined

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Ahlstedt, Carol
Para Educator
Eisenhower

Effective: June 3, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 4 yrs 3 mos

Hagberg, Kelly
Food Service Cashier
Buffalo Elementary

Effective: June 3, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 1 yr 7 mos

Huber, Jan
Para Educator
West High

Effective: April 26, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 4 yrs 3 mos

Jackson, Patricia
Food Service Worker
J. B. Young Intermediate

Effective: April 26, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 7 mos

Jagers-Vice, Kimberly
Clerical, Grade II /12-Month
KCAE

Effective: April 9, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 1 yr 8 mos

Kohler, Janice
Para Educator
Hayes Elementary

Effective: April 16, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 1 yr 3 mos

Lassen, Shela
Para Educator
Garfield Elementary

Effective: April 20, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 3 yrs 7 months

O'Connor, Catherine
Positive Behavior Support Liaison
Walcott Intermediate

Effective: June 3, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 1 yr 6 mos

Poppe, Sharyl
Para Educator
Blue Grass Elementary

Effective: June 3, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 1 yr 9 mos

Skaff, Sue
Para Educator
Harrison Elementary

Effective: June 3, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 7 yrs 4 mos

Williams, LeAndra
Para Educator

Effective: March 29, 2004
Yrs. of Service: 1 mo

Smart Intermediate

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Cox, Herman Jermaine
Para Educator
West High

Effective: May 3, 2004
Rate: \$6.80
Hours: 8.0/day

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

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as written. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Blanche introduced two administrators who were approved tonight as James Caparula who will be the Associate Intermediate Principal at Wood Intermediate, and Tim Wernentin who will be the Principal at Central High School. President Low congratulated these men on their new appointments in our district.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MOTION: Director Guard moved the following resolution: "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 #151440 in the amount of \$132. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

VI. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. **Early Start Date Calendar for Madison, Monroe, and Jefferson/Edison**

The administration recommended the District submit a request to the Director of the Department of Education to allow for establishment of an early start date calendar for Madison, Monroe, and Jefferson/Edison schools for the 2004-2005 school year. The start dates for these schools are prior to the earliest starting date specified in Iowa Code section 279.10, sub-section 1. The Board believes there would be a negative effect on the District if these buildings were not allowed to have an early starting date calendar. A public hearing on this matter was conducted earlier this evening and notification was published in the Quad City Times, as required by law.

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for the district to request to the Director of the Department of Education to allow for

establishment of an early start date calendar for Madison, Monroe, and Jefferson/ Edison schools for the 2004-2005 school year. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Guard, DeFauw, Clewell, Tupper, and Low. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the calendar for these buildings will be in the minutes of record.)

Board members commented that these calendars are real alternatives for people in our district. They encouraged people who were looking for something different in the school year, to contact the building principals and make arrangements to meet and find out what this is all about and the options they have.

B. Eide Bailly LLP Auditing Contract Renewal (Three Years)

The administration recommended renewal of the auditing contract with the firm of Eide Bailly LLP for a three-year period to include 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07, as reviewed and discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 3, 2004.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board renew the auditing contract with Eide Bailly LLP for a three-year period to include 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07 as reviewed and discussed at the meeting on May 3, 2004. Director Guard seconded the motion.

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

C. District Calendar for 2004-2005

The administration recommended the district calendar for the 2004-2005 school year as discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 3, 2004.

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board accept the district calendar for the 2004-2005 school year as discussed at the Committee of the Whole. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

D. Board Policy 201.01 Superintendent

The Policy Committee recommended the revisions in wording in Board Policy #201.01 Superintendent that were discussed during the April 26 board meeting.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the rewording in Board Policy #201.01 to make an earned doctorate degree preferred, but not mandatory to the hiring of the superintendent. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Director Clewell clarified that the Board decided that although a PHD may be a good indicator for a superintendent, it was not the absolute criteria needed, so the doctorate degree is listed as preferred rather than a requirement for hiring.

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

E. Math Textbook Adoption

The administration recommended the adoption of the math textbooks presented at the board meeting on April 26 and were discussed by the Board. The adoption details were included as an attachment outlining the recommendation for the coming school year and will be included in the minutes of record.

MOTION: Director DeFauw moved the Board accept the recommendation to adopt the math textbooks presented to the Board on April 26 and which were discussed, with an approximate cost of \$526,350. (The adoption is for Elementary Mathematics, Growing with Mathematics, by Dr. Calvin J. Irons and Dr. Paul R. Trafton; publisher Wright Group/McGraw-Hill.) Director Guard seconded the motion.

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

F. Urban Education Network Legislative Priorities 2005

Director Clewell recommended setting the five top legislative priorities the Davenport School District would like to have the Urban Education Network consider that will give direction to our legislators during the 2005 session. The list was discussed during the May 5 Committee of the Whole meeting. These priorities will be sent to the Emerging Issues Committee for additional work and combining ideas from other Urban Districts.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the following legislative priorities for UEN for 2005: (1) Allowable Growth; (2) Early Childhood; (3) Professional Growth; (4) Class Size Reduction Initiative; (5) Technology; and (6) Taxpayers Right to Vote. Director Guard seconded the motion.

Director Clewell explained Urban Education Network and the issues they bring to the legislators in Des Moines on behalf of the larger districts in Iowa. Director Low asked about having six priorities instead of five. Director Clewell said UEN asked for five, but the new one on Taxpayers Right to Vote was a good selection for an additional item and he didn't see a problem with sending them six issues. This one may be unique also and it will be important to discuss with UEN.

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

G. Bid #480 J. B. Young Window Replacement/Public Hearing

The administration recommended the low Bid #480 to be awarded to East Moline Glass in the amount of \$330,000 for replacement of exterior windows at J. B. Young Intermediate.

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board approve the low Bid #480 to replace exterior windows at J. B. Young to be awarded to East Moline Glass in the amount of \$330,000. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The Board held a public hearing on Bid #480 for the window replacement work at J. B. Young Intermediate School. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

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

H. Bid #481 J. B. Young Masonry Renewal/Public Hearing

The administration recommended the low Bid #481 be awarded to Mississippi Valley

Restoration in the amount of \$97,319 for masonry renewal on various elevations at J. B. Young Intermediate.

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation on Bid #481 for the masonry renewal on various elevations at J. B. Young should be awarded to Mississippi Valley Restoration for \$97,319. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

The Board held a public hearing on Bid #481 for the masonry work at J. B. Young Intermediate School. 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: Guard, DeFauw, Clewell, Tupper, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Student Board Members Report

Student Board Members from our high schools took an opportunity to present reports on special areas of interest to them dealing with the topic of curriculum offerings at their high school buildings. Daniel Levetzow from Central High started the reports and thanked the Board for this opportunity. He talked about the fine job the Wilson and Fillmore students did tonight and emphasized their skills in reading. He felt the students were on the right track and that was important. Dan presented an activity sheet to the Board similar to what they do at his school for English. He said this activity was considered a "kick start"; however, he felt too much time was spent on this work and not enough on the core curriculum. He talked about the importance of the block schedule, but not wasting time with simple puzzles and games instead of learning more challenging things. He talked about English strategies and doing research work in the classes and how the assignments from one year to another are so similar. He complained about the advance writing classes not being issued the textbook to study and then having the teachers unhappy because the students are not learning basic techniques for sentence structures and writing. Dan also talked about attending classes at Scott Community College and how the professors there complain about the skill levels of the students coming from the high schools. Dan gave several examples of areas where he felt there should be improvements made and teachers should spend more time working on the basics for students. He talked about what was required of people years ago compared with what students are learning now in English, and he didn't feel we were asked to learn enough. Dan also talked about testing and how students are struggling with the English components on the college exams. He suggested having Board members sit in on some of the classes to see for themselves what students were learning and to understand that at this time of year, many of the teachers are already giving up. There is a lot left to be learned and he hoped with the 90 minute block, they would spend more time learning English grammar and rules of writing.

Karla Bromwell was representing West High School and she did a Powerpoint presentation for the Board on the block scheduling plan. West doesn't presently have the block, but uses the 50-minute system. She felt West High could really benefit from the block system and has just learned they will probably be changing over to the block in 2005-2006. Karla talked about the benefits of block scheduling and outlined areas

that helped improved student learning and achievement. She shared information on increasing availability of classes that gave advantages to students to specialize. She talked about college courses offered to Central and North students at Scott Community College and how this is a disadvantage for the West High students. Karla summarized points in her presentation and really was encouraged by the idea that West might be converting to this system in the future.

Lily Arbisser from Central High School was going to talk about staffing the music program, but recently learned that this has been done at Central for next year. She felt this was a very wise decision because many students open enroll to Central because of the reputation of the music department. She talked about awards that were recently received by Central music students and how important this was for the future of these students who will pursue careers in Fine Arts. She noted that the music students also had earned high grade point averages, and there was a connection between the disciplines. More students could achieve better grades and maybe even get into honors program because of having music electives at Central. Lily felt teachers should be allowed to focus on individual needs and this would help with some of their frustrations in teaching larger groups.

Micah Melton was representing West High and talked about required classes at West High. They have seven periods a day and there are a lot of opportunities to take good classes, but it was hard to get all the classes into his schedule. We should be able to reduce the number of special classes by letting students test out if possible. There could be more early-bird classes for students also, but there isn't much of a selection so students don't take them now. He knew when West would go to the block schedule some of these problems might be solved. But he also talked about having to take gym classes when he was already in several sports activities. He had learned the idea of taking gym was to stay fit and keep active, but when people are on sports teams, they are active and fit. Maybe the school could allow the athletes some option out of gym class so they could take other electives they wanted more. Micah then talked about some of the requirements for gym class not being very physically active anyway, and felt this was a waste of time for people who were involved in sports teams.

President Low thanked the students for their reports and for their honesty. Director Tupper asked how the students felt the Board was doing in dealing with curriculum offerings for them. Dan felt it was hard to say, because it will take a couple years to see some changes in classes. When there are problems, it is good that people have an opportunity to let the board know about concerns and bring them forward. Micah talked about being on the Local School Improvement Advisory Committee and setting goals. They are talking about math, science, and reading goals with NCLB and he felt we have a great fine arts program and good business offerings. Dan added that sometimes the administration talked worries about the problem students, but we need to focus on all students and not have people denied classes or have others show off.

Lily talked about having opportunities available for students to have feedback and having the board listen to their ideas. The students want to be pushed and challenged in their classes and that is important to remember and to make expectations of the students to improve and do well. Micah was proud of going to West and felt good things were going to happen. Karla talked about getting together with diverse groups of students and asking their opinions on curriculum and options to learn. She said she doesn't have an interest in vocational welding, but that doesn't mean there aren't a lot of other students who are interested in that area. The Board should be sure to hear the opinions of all the students, not just the ones at the top.

Director Guard thanked the students for their comments and statements. He was sure Dr. Blanche would share these ideas with his staff and maybe even ask people to watch the board meeting on television. He thought a student forum would be a good idea and an opportunity to hear from students on what they want. Director Clewell said he had been on the Board for three years, and this was a real hard hitting report by the student board members. It was interesting to hear about the interest in block scheduling from the students' perspective. He agreed that we all have potential but we must be challenged at times to do our best. We have a good framework of curriculum and now we must move forward. Director Clewell applauded the efforts of our Fine Arts program and talked about the success of our students in music and performance arts.

Director DeFauw appreciated the work done by the students and how they put a lot of time into their reports. She was interested in learning new ways to enhance the learning opportunities for students, and only wished that the students could have reported early in the year so we could have made some adjustments before now. President Low echoed the comments made by others on the Board. It was a very thought provoking topic and she did comment on the PE request stating this was a requirement by the State and now something that we had an option to discontinue. The students and board members continued to discuss this PE option and changes needed in this area

B. Board Policy Reviews

Director Clewell brought forward some policies that were reviewed at the last Policy Committee meeting on May 5, 2004. The Board looked at the recommendations for revision or adoption and discussed the policies further. The Board will consider bringing the revisions made to the safety policy for approval at the May 24th meeting. The recommendations in the policy dealing with searches and drug sniffing dogs will have additional work done on the procedures and will be reviewed at a further committee meeting. Students were asked to comment about having drug sniffing dogs brought to their buildings. They all agreed this was a good idea and would help keep drugs out of their schools. They didn't even think there should be a 24 hour warning for the search. President Low said the current Law allowed the notification and we could use it for the first random test.

C. AEA Director District #3 Special Convention

President Low explained how the Board needed to discuss selection of a delegate and an alternate to attend the AEA Director District #3 Convention. The position of Jodi Holly needs to be filled at this time and the Davenport District has been asked to host the convention in order to select a replacement to fill the seat of Jodi Holly until September. The meeting will be held at the Administration Service Center in the Jim Hester Board Room on June 14, starting at 6:30 PM. Candidates for this position will need to submit an application to Linda Perry, Board Secretary, at the AEA. The Davenport Board President will be asked to chair the meeting and one Board Director will need to represent the Board to cast the vote for the candidate. The Board will need to vote for a delegate and an alternate for this meeting which will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004 at 6:30 PM. Director Alan Guard was willing to act as the delegate for this convention, and Director Richard Clewell was willing to be the alternate. The recommendation will come forward at the May 24th board meeting for consideration.

D. Superintendent Search Updates

The Board had an opportunity to talk about updates in the superintendent search and upcoming meeting plans. There will be a meeting with the consultants on May 11 which is a closed session for the Board to review the slate of candidates and look at their personnel records. President Low thanked the board members for getting their questions finished and to the Board Secretary for this meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

Dr. Blanche reported on the FINE Awards ceremony on May 1, 2004 for the Children's Village at Hoover. He also read the review of this program from the IASB Update of May 2004, which talked about the full-day, year-round early childhood program created to prepare students to enter kindergarten "ready to learn." The school received a plaque and it will be hung in their building.

President Low commented that the community should be proud of this wonderful award and the program offered at this preschool in our district.

IX. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no further reports.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Guard seconded the motion. The Board by consensus approved the meeting adjourn.

President Low declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary