

## **DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**June 7, 2010**

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, June 7, 2010, pursuant to law. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Zamora called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: President: Patt Zamora, Directors: Ken Krumwiede, Nikki De Fauw, and Tim Tupper. Directors Larry Roberson, Ralph Johanson and Rich Clewell were absent. Superintendent Julio Almanza and other administrators were present.

Financial Updates were given by Marsha Tangen:

Debt Service Fund Transfer Request-The district has a balance of \$498,367 in the debt service fund due to more money being transferred into the fund than was needed. A vote of the board will allow the money to be moved into the PPEL fund.

School Budget Review Committee Resolution-The district earlier requested the board approve closing the Employee Day Care Fund. The district will request approval from the board for Modified Allowable Growth in the amount of \$42,139 for the general fund portion of the Employee Day Care Fund deficit.

GASB 51-Intangible Asset Policy-Districts now have to account for intangible assets such as computer software and the District's website with a policy by July 1, 2010. IASB is currently working on a template with IASBO and the auditor has agreed that as long as the policy is in place before the district is audited the July 1 deadline will be waived. Marsha recommends we wait until that template is distributed to create our own policy. Our audit does not begin until September 20, 2010.

Instructional Support Levy Renewal-The district will be in year five of a five year levy in 2011-12 at a maximum of 10%. The Instructional Support Levy is being recommended to the Board for the next five years (fiscal 2013-2017) at 10% of the regular program district cost. It is part of our budget and some has been state funded which probably will not be supported at the same level in the future. The district will have to determine how to make up that difference in the future.

Operations Updates were given by Scott Martin:

Transportation Update-First Student's last day of service is June 9 and Durham's first day of service is June 10. Buses will begin arriving by June 7 and will be stored at the Armory. Routing is being completed by the end of the month and contract negotiations are ongoing with Durham and Teamsters. Waivers will be available for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Most former employees have been contacted about employment at this point.

GIS Update-There are 5 remaining schools for parent/school meetings which will be held in the next couple of weeks. Board members were invited to attend these meetings. Parents at Walcott,

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Jefferson and Adams had many ideas concerning attendance areas of schools. A first draft summary of all GIS meeting will be presented in October 2010 and recommendations will be made to the board in February 2011. Director Tupper asked if our meetings should be broader and include more parents. Mr. Martin stated that he specifically wanted a small group to begin this process. Mass surveys will be sent in conjunction with these meetings. President Zamora stated that she does not feel we have received the information we need in this process yet and that the board will discuss this further.

Walcott/Williams Projects-KPE of Bellevue, Nebraska has done the estimates and designs to this point. There are additional projects that could benefit from using a combined architectural and engineering firm such as Durrant A/E. It could be more cost effective and create seamless integration between projects using one firm. There are two projects slated for Williams next year. These are the geothermal HVAC and roof replacement projects. Mr. Martin asked the board's opinion on reopening skylights in classrooms. President Zamora asked about the possibility of leaks. Mr. Martin stated if the work is done correctly there would not be leaks. There may be some other potential alternative energy sources projects that could be done at the same time. Walcott's projects are an ice storage HVAC system and geothermal. Building music classrooms and a gymnasium as previously identified may be able to be incorporated into the overall plan. There are three types of HVAC systems that have been suggested for Williams and Walcott: closed horizontal loop, closed horizontal loop with ice storage and open vertical loop. The correct type of system can only be determined through field testing. Director De Fauw asked what the consequence of switching companies would be. Mr. Martin stated that we have only incurred the cost of the energy study at this point. If we use them then we will get half of that cost rebated towards the project. She asked if Durrant would want their own study done if we used them. Mr. Martin said at this point they have used KPE's study, but they would recommend a different study that may result in better rebates. Mr. Martin said we are not dissatisfied with KPE's work to date; he is just exploring other options. There was some concern about spending money on an additional study. Director De Fauw asked for more specific cost/benefit analysis for adding some of these projects. Director Tupper also feels it may be the time to move on the music room and gym at Walcott. President Zamora and Director Krumwiede also expressed a desire to move on the music room and gym projects.

The meeting was adjourned by President Zamora at 6:35 PM.

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Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary