

B. Skills for Life Campaign * Dr. Jane Grady, Dr. Tonya Urbatsch, & Christie Wallace Noring,
Campaign Coordinators

Caring
 Perseverance
 Teamwork
 Flexibility
 Integrity
 Patience
 Courage
 Pride
 Resourcefulness

Sadly, the importance of these skills has been emphasized by last week's national tragedy. This morning, the Davenport Community School District launched a campaign to share these Skills for Life with all of our communities. With the help of Monroe Elementary students and staff, we unveiled the campaign, which will include billboards and a newspaper insert. The billboards, featuring Monroe students from first through fifth grade, will be displayed through at least March, starting tomorrow. The newspaper insert will be published starting this Saturday in the *Quad-City Times*. This campaign, which has been in the planning stage during the past few months, has been made possible by a grant from the Riverboat Development Authority. It is hoped that awareness of the Skills for Life Program will both demonstrate how comprehensive the educational program of the Davenport District is and also provide a positive note of comfort to our community during a time of great national sorrow. Davenport District students are learning the important Skills for Life, as put in the words of one elementary teacher, so they may become "the best citizens possible." The location of the billboard will be at 4100 Welcomeway and 502 East Fourth Street.

Board members expressed interest and support in the Skills for Life program that emphasized productive learning that is absent of threat. Communication skills are a key part of the students learning. The campaign being introduced at elementary, intermediate and senior high schools promotes positive communication methods and key words. Dr. Blanche thanked everyone for the efforts taken in this wonderful program for the district.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, September 25, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, Adams School Media Center; Local School Improvement Advisory Council
- B. Friday, September 28, 12:15 PM, Special Call --Closed Session Expulsion Hearing, DSASC, Executive Conference Room
- C. Monday, October 1, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, DSASC, Board Room
- D. Tuesday, October 2 through October 3, 8 AM to 10 PM, State of Black Iowa Conference and Hearings, DSASC, Board Room
- E. Tuesday, October 2, 12:00 Noon, Smart Intermediate Ground Breaking Ceremony
- F. Wednesday, October 3, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, IASB 2001 Fall District #6 Meeting, @ North Linn Middle School in Troy Mills, Iowa
- G. Monday, October 8, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- H. Thursday, October 11, 12:30 PM, Garfield Ribbon Cutting
- I. Thursday, October 11, 5:00 PM, Wilson Ribbon Cutting
- J. Monday, October 22, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- K. Open Forum -- No one requested time to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

III. 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

The minutes from the organizational and regular board meeting on September 17, 2001 were presented for approval.

B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc. (with correction listed below)

RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Adelmund, Gary	Effective: 9/04/01
Industrial Technology	Reason: Personal
Young Intermediate	Years of Service: 10 days

CORRECTION -- Delete the following Leave of Absence; Cancelled prior to 9/24/01 but it was already printed in the agenda as per the Human Resources Office.

~~LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED~~

Yeager, Laura	FMLA without Pay
Social Studies	Effective: 8/21/01 – 10/05/01
Wood Intermediate	Reason: Family Responsibility

RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Benisch, Richard	Effective: 9/11/01
Asst. Boys Swim	\$2,329.00
Central	Reason: Assume position of Head Swim Coach
Echols, Andre	Effective: 9/17/01
8 th Boys Basketball Asst.	\$1,630.00
Williams	Reason: Personal
Middleton, Kathryn	Effective: 9/5/01
Elementary Chorus	\$1,187.00
Adams	Reason: To share supplemental with other person
Miller, Tara	Effective: 9/11/01
9th Girls Basketball	\$1,863.00
Central	Reason: Further Education/Personal
Reiter, Terrence	Effective: 6/30/01
Intermediate Band	\$1,397.00
Smart	Reason: Relocation

Sigler, Tom	Effective: 9/17/01
7 th Boys Basketball	\$1,630.00
Williams	Reason: Retirement
Sigler, Tom	Effective: 9/17/01
8 th Boys Basketball	\$1,630.00
Williams	Reason: Retirement

SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Benisch, Richard	14%
Head Boys Swim	\$3,323.00
Central	for 2001 – 2002 academic year
Burney, Gail	2.5%
Elementary Chorus	\$593.00
Adams	for 2001 – 2002 academic year
Hotchkiss, Marci	8%
8 th Volleyball Asst. Coach	\$1,899.00
Sudlow	for 2001 – 2002 academic year
Hunter, Jennifer	6%
Team Leader	\$1,424.00
Williams	for 2001 – 2002 academic year
Middleton, Kathryn	2.5%
Elementary Chorus	\$593.00
Adams	for 2001 – 2002 academic year
Schneden, Robert	7.5%
Teacher-in-Charge	\$1,780.00
Madison	for 2001 – 2002 academic year

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Crossen, Trisha	Degree: M.S.W. – Step 8
Guidance Facilitator	Effective: 9/14/01
Walcott Intermediate	Salary: \$36,578 prorated to \$33,216 for the remaining 168 days in the 2001-2002 school year
Wilcox, Rosalind	Degree: M.A. – Step 5
Art (175.5 days)	Effective: 9/04/01
Young Intermediate	Salary: \$32,920 prorated to \$31,229.51 for the remaining 175.5 days in the 2001-2002 school year

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Camlin, Rick Intermediate Security Young Intermediate	Effective: August 28, 2001 Reason: Relocation Yrs. Of Service: 3 yrs. 11 mos.
DeVries, Carol Food Service Cashier West High	Effective: August 6, 2001 Reason: Medical Yrs. of Service: 1 Yr.
Haines, Cindy Food Service Worker Monroe Elementary	Effective: August 24, 2001 Reason: Voluntary Self –Termination Yrs. of Service: 1 Yr.
Rowland, Tina Food Service Cook-in-Charge Harrison Elementary	Effective: September 28, 2001 Reason: Other Employment Yrs of Service: 4 Yrs. 7 mos

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Lundeen LouAnna Food Service Baker I Bakery	Effective: September 12, 2001 Salary: \$7.00 7.25 hrs/day
Schauer, Jacqueline Para-Educator Eastern Ave	Effective: September 7, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 6 hrs/day
Shook, Laura Para-Educator Lincoln Elementary	Effective: September 4, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 6 hrs/day
Short, Mary Para-Educator/Accompanist Wood Intermediate	Effective: September 6, 2001 Salary: \$9.10 5.5 hrs/day
Wells, Mary Clerk II/Receptionist ASC	Effective: September 20, 2001 Salary: \$9.63/hour 8 hrs/day (12 months)

* Not a Teacher ** Substitute Teacher *** Not a Replacement

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Clewell, Hunter, Imming, Lee, Zamora, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following resolution was recommended by the Administration for adoption --

“Resolved that all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and the Board ad hoc committee, 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.”

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board approve the resolution for payment of bills as presented. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Zamora, Clewell, Lee, Low, Hunter, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. River Renaissance--Vision Iowa Project Resolution

The Board considered adoption of a resolution in support of the River Renaissance--Davenport's Vision Iowa Project, as discussed at the September 17, 2001 meeting.

MOTION: Director Hunter moved the Board approve the following resolution of the Davenport Community School District:

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has established the Vision Iowa Program to award funds to local communities for worthwhile community improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport has received a grant from the Vision Iowa Board in the amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport has approved the River Renaissance Project consisting of One Hundred Thirteen Million Dollars (\$113,000,000) of improvements to the City of Davenport; and

WHEREAS, River Renaissance includes the new Figge Arts Center; the River Music History Center; the new AgTech Venture Capital Center; improvements to the Adler Theatre; and the River Music Skybridge; and

WHEREAS, River Renaissance is vital to the economic vitality of our community and the educational opportunities of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District that River Renaissance is hereby endorsed as a project that is in the best interests of the School District and our community.

Director Imming seconded the resolution.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Hunter, Imming, Clewell, Lee, Low, Zamora, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Community Development Block Grant 2002-2003

Roger Fuerstenberg presented information regarding re-submission of an application for the Community Development Block Grant for the 2002-2003 school year. The yearly application requires authorization by the "governing board of the applicant" with the date of approval. The Community Development Block Grant has provided for activities at summer school programs at J. B. Young, Washington, and Madison. Mr. Fuerstenberg talked about the 21st Century Grant, and noted that the Friendly House was seeking funding for a summer program at Fillmore. The CDBG will amount to \$33,995 and then there is \$15,000 from the Scott County Riverboat Authority. It takes approximately \$54,000 to run the programs. Third Missionary Baptist had the original concept and they used the facility of J. B. Young for the program. Math, reading, and writing are now major components of the program with enrichment activities included. It is highly structured and managed and supported by a variety of agencies. It runs from four to seven weeks depending on the site. The first year it was eight weeks, but that was too much time. Washington had it for six weeks and last year for five weeks in the summer. They read and write four days with recreation and enrichment activities. The fifth day is used for field trips. CADS provides staff for the children at Washington. Friendly House will be working with the responsibilities at Fillmore. Madison was a late coming to the program and they had to wait until the staff bought into the plans this year.

Other agencies involved were Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA, Bethany Homes, the Museum and other collaborative efforts from the community. We identified sites with lunch and breakfast programs in the summer through the 21st Century Grant. We looked at low economic levels of the students. All parents get registration information and teachers, counselors, and principals encourage the families. Enrollment was up in the middle of May. Washington and Madison fills the sites with their own kids. All sites were filled from waiting lists. We want quality programming and that requires structure. If kids drop out, then others on the waiting list come into the program. There are pre-tests and post-tests plus satisfaction surveys. The 21st Century Grant runs out the end of December but funds are carried over until June. We will be cutting back one week at all sites because of reduced funding. Board members asked questions and commented positively about the programs being provided for students. Mr. Fuerstenberg said there was a \$15 fee for students for six weeks. They ask for a commitment by the family so the students don't drop out from the summer program. The exact attendance percentages were not available but generally were running at 90 percent.

B. Enrollment Report for 2001-2002 (Pulled from agenda.)

President Hester said the report from Bill Thiessen and Howard Hunigan would be pulled from discussion at this point because of a technical situation with the enrollment report for 2001-02.

C. Appointment of Truancy Officer

Dr. Blanche noted that according to Iowa Code 299.10 Truancy Officers Appointment, "The Board of each school district may appoint a truancy officer. The Board of each school district, which does not appoint a truancy officer for the district, shall designate a suitable person to collect information on the numbers of children in the district who are truant. The Board may appoint a member of the police force, marshal, teacher, school official, or other suitable person to serve as the district truancy officer."

The Board had an opportunity to discuss the Truancy Officer position. Mike Cole was appointed to this position last year and was being recommended for the 2001-02 year re-appointment. Officer Cole was available for questions. Director Hunter asked for an explanation of the responsibilities involved with being the truancy officer. Officer Cole said he basically identifies kids who are having problems attending school and works with buildings to assist them in determining why the kids aren't coming to school. He works with other agencies and has conferences when required. Some of the problems are beyond his expertise and the agencies assist with the families. It was not an easy task, but Officer Cole felt we are making ground in the efforts with other agencies. We are trying to start a campaign this year that piggybacks with what is being done in Rock Island. They are hoping to work with the business partners and post fliers so kids will be reported when they are not in school.

Director Clewell asked about early involvement with truant students. Officer Cole said he was the "lone soldier" but has assistance from Family Resources. There are house visits and work done with parents to find out what the problem is and what intervention activities to try. Dr. Blanche said there were standard procedures that were being followed by our buildings before they contact Officer Cole. Mr. Bill Thiessen talked about contacts with teachers and solution focus meetings. First there are less formal meetings or conferences with the principal and family members to come up with a solution. Parents are informed absents are serious and children should be in school on a regular basis. Student board members were asked to comment, but they didn't have any questions at this point.

Officer Cole told the Board truancy wasn't a big problem and there was certainly prevention methods being used. He keeps track of the numbers and hopes to do a better job this year in documenting on the Student Information System and noting what interventions were being used. The schools often get the kids back on track so he doesn't have to deal with the truantries. It is a sad day for him when he has to issue a citation to the parents for the bad choices of the student who is not attending school. Usually the threat of this causes attendance to improve and the kids will change their attitude. Officer Cole announced in reference to the tragedy of September 11, that the police and fire fighters were planning a fundraiser event with students. They will be making posters and wanted the community to be aware that they will be planning an activity to raise money for the people in New York. They hope to get the media involved with this project.

D. Level I and II Investigators

Dr. Blanche mentioned that according to Policy 401.46 Student Abuse by Employees, the Davenport Community School District shall appoint a Level 1 Investigator and alternate(s), and shall arrange for an experienced professional to serve as the Level II investigator. Last year the District Level I people who were investigators were Ethel Reynolds, Bob Mata, and Betty Long. Appointments should be approved by the Board at a future time.

Ethel Reynolds clarified the role of the Level I and Level II investigators for the Board. Whenever we have someone who files a complaint against a school employee for either physical or sexual abuse, it is first sent to the Level I person to investigate the charges. We look at the evidence to see if an incident actually took place. If founded, then we go to one of the Level II investigators, people who do not work for the District. They do the follow up work and investigate the charges. The organizations listed were being recommended by the State Department and have met requirements of the State. Depending upon when the Level II investigator is needed, we have a list of licensed investigators who could be used and would be most ready to handle the matter immediately. Board members asked questions about the list of Level II investigators and how they were selected. Mrs. Reynolds said last year was the first time we had a list and we didn't have to use them. Director Hunter would like to have our legal counsel review the list and determine if some of them should not be listed or others who should be added because of personal experience in dealing with these matters. Mrs. Reynolds reported there were six Level I investigations, and none of them went to the Level II point. The incidents either could not be founded, the employee resigned, or some other agreement came about between the parents and the employee. Some may have been founded, but it was not necessary to use the Level II investigator because another solution was remedied.

E. Urban Education Network Priorities

Dr. Blanche talked about the UEN legislative priorities reviewed by the eight large urban school districts in Iowa. There were three priorities that our Board had listed: (1) One-cent Statewide Sales Tax, (2) Allowable Growth 6% rate, and (3) Restore and Nourish Funds for Existing Programs (technology, early childhood, ELL, Class Size, Phase III and Instructional Support Levy). The early childhood topic for three- and four-year-olds was felt to be a statewide priority. We need to approve the list of priorities during the IASB convention in November when UEN also holds their meeting. We do this prior to the 2002 session for the legislators. Dr. Blanche answered questions on the 6% growth rate for Allowable Growth and the problems with basing this on enrollment figures. He spoke about the new dollars not being generated because of declining enrollment. Only 2.73% was the total amount that was sent out in new dollars last year because of the enrollment numbers. President Hester briefly spoke about the issues dealing with High Student Achievement--No Excuses. There will probably be a dinner or breakfast meeting for UEN during the November 14-16 meetings in Des Moines. We need to have people representing the District at these sessions.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

There were no additional reports made by the administration.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no additional reports or requests from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board adjourn. Director Low seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Zamora, Low, Lee, Hunter, Imming, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hester adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary