

**HEARING**  
**SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER**  
**JULY 21, 2008—6:00 P.M.**

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**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Jorgensen called the hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meyers, Mounts and Peterson.

**Hearing and Discussion**

President Jorgensen reported that notice was provided that a hearing would be held July 21, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. local time. The hearing is held for the purpose of acting on the proposal to amend the lease for the former Herbert Hoover Middle School by the Heartland Community Baptist Church to allow for additional usage of the Hoover building. Any interested party may appear and file objections and any information for or against same will be heard on the above-named project with the final decision of the Board of Education a matter of record. No comments were received.

**Recommendation**

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the attached amendment to the lease for the former Herbert Hoover Middle School with the Heartland Community Baptist Church to allow for additional usage of the Hoover building. The motion carried 7-0.

**Adjourn**

Director Daane moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to adjourn the hearing. The motion carried 7-0, and the hearing adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Ronald A. Jorgensen, President  
SCCSD Board of Directors

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Alexandra B. Sprague, Secretary  
SCCSD Board of Directors

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**Call to Order**

President Jorgensen called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, Johnson, Jorgensen, Meyers, Mounts and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**

Director Meyers moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of the item regarding the recognition of Dr. Shirley Luebke—School Administrators of Iowa 2008 Arts Administrator of the Year. This item is postponed as Larry Williams was unavoidably detained in Minneapolis. The motion carried 7-0.

**Citizen Input**

None

**Board Member Reports/Future Meetings**

Director Meyers: Stated that he and Mr. Stoneburg met with our bond counsel and financial advisor and then went to a fiscal management IASB work session. At this meeting, they learned that another Harkin grant is available. He said that the Board Finance Committee and Mel McKern will work to obtain a Harkin grant.

Director Batcheller: Reported that he had made a presentation to the Tax Research Conference Board concerning the 20-year resolution regarding the sales tax. It was a pleasant meeting. Janeese Martin, TRC Director, reported that the meeting went well.

Director Johnson: Reported that on July 9 he attended a Board Student Achievement Committee meeting and discussed a variety of topics with which they will deal in the future. On Saturday, he saw a meeting of the national meeting of governors on CSPAN with former Governor Vilsack and current Governor Culver in attendance. Governor Culver spoke about preschool. Governor Sununu talked about the fact that they have invested a lot of dollars in tech programs and that they are having trouble with parental support. Governor Daniels indicated that he had had several influential superintendents from around the state and Department of Education leaders meet with him for an all-day meeting. He put them on a bus and told them that they were going on a field

trip to see their competition for education. The bus pulled up in front of a maximum security prison. The participants talked with prisoners. This event made quite an impression on the participants. Governor Daniels was trying to get across the fact that among the prisoners there are a large percentage of dropouts. Once the U.S. was #1 in the percentage of its population receiving a high school diploma. Now, the U.S. is in 13<sup>th</sup> place. The governor talked about the adverse social and economic effect dropouts have on the country, state and cities. Director Johnson said that we have a program for dropouts but we're looking at additional ways to keep kids in school. We can't let anything else get in our way in order to keep kids in school.

President Jorgensen announced future meetings as follows:

- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Policy/Human Relations Committee is scheduled for July 25, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Board Finance and Facilities Committee is scheduled for August 5, 2008, at 12:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Student Achievement Committee meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2008, at noon, in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Communications Committee is scheduled for August 13, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in the Education Service Center.
- ✧ The next Finance Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., at 421 Nebraska Street.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Building Oversight Committee has not been scheduled at this time.
- ✧ The next meeting of the Equity Committee has not been scheduled at this time.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Gausman: Stated that he would like to take this opportunity to state publicly how much he appreciates the opportunity he has been given in the past few days to visit with community leaders, business people, parents, students and employees. His goal is to learn as much as he can about the district as soon as possible. The meetings have gone very well and he is thankful for the opportunity. As a result of that process, he intends to create a draft report for the board of the common themes that are coming forward from these perspectives. It should be very telling.

Dr. Gausman reported that he had also attended meetings in Ames last week with the IASB and SAI. He said that he is very happy to report that this is a state that is very proud of its parentage and vision, and the professionalism is among the highest he's seen. He indicated that he looks forward to working with those groups in the future.

## **Consent Action Items**

### *Part I*

Director Batcheller moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held June 16, 2008, and the special meeting held July 8, 2008, as well as the notes from the public hearing held July 8, 2008; the Human Resources Report and the Finance Report. The motion carried 7-0.

### *Part II*

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve for first reading Board Policy 602.8 (AR602.8)—Curriculum Research, Development and Assessment and approve deletion of board Policy 103.1—Harassment on the Basis of Race, Sex, Ethnicity, National Origin, Religion, Age, Marital Status, Disability or Veteran Status. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Modification of K-2 Report Card**

Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the modified K-2 report card. The motion carried 7-0.

## **2009 IASB Legislative Action Priorities**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to select and approve the 2009 IASB Legislative Action Priorities and forward to the Iowa Association of School Boards. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Revenue Purpose Statement**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the resolution regarding the revenue purpose statement and order an election, to be held September 9, 2008, on the revenue purpose statement to authorize expenditures from the state to secure an advanced vision for education fund. Dr. Gausman stated that this is not an increase in taxes but a change in technical language. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Board Resolution Regarding the State of Iowa Sponsored 403(b) Plan**

Director Daane moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the resolution regarding the State of Iowa Sponsored 403(b) Plan. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Johnson abstaining.

### **Architects' Contract Approval**

Director Mounts moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve the contract with Neumann Monson Wictor, Architects for their services in the design development and implementation of the Everett/Smith Elementary School. Architect Ken Wictor talked about the square footage in classrooms and, ultimately, the total square footage of 14,494 in the proposed Everett/Smith Elementary School. The motion carried 4-2 with Directors Daane and Batcheller voting no and Director Johnston abstaining.

### **Everett/Smith Elementary School Schematic Drawing/Design Development Phase Implementation**

Director Mounts moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to approve the schematic drawing and design development phase implementation of the proposed Everett/Smith Elementary School with or without preschool classrooms. The motion carried 4-2 with Directors Daane and Batcheller voting no and Director Johnston abstaining.

### **Setting of a Hearing on the Sale of Property**

Director Daane removed himself from the table for this discussion. Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the setting of a public hearing regarding the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Sioux City Community School District will sell real property, including a school house, belonging to the school district, known as the "Hawthorne" school site, with a locally known address of 4405 Central Street, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Transitional Services of Iowa, Inc."

The public hearing will be held on August 11, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. local time, in the offices of the Board of Directors, Education Service Center, 1221 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Notice of the time and place of this hearing shall be published in accordance with Iowa law. The Board of Directors may make a final determination on the proposal contained in the resolution after the public hearing. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Daane abstaining.

### **Purchase of Food Service Equipment**

Director Mounts moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to accept the low bid from Refrigeration Engineering of Sioux City, Iowa, in the amount of \$106,665.21, for replacement of three Combi full-size ovens and racking, including installation of same. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Board Policy 501.8 and AR501.8—Within District Transfers**

Director Peterson moved and Director Daane seconded the motion to approve for first reading Board Policy 501.8 and AR501.8—Within District Transfers as amended.

Director Mounts asked to amend the original motion to change (1) to accommodate child care arrangements (only K-5) and deleting “only within feeder” with Director Meyers seconding the motion. The motion carried 4-3 with Directors Daane, Peterson and Batcheller voting no.

Director Meyers moved to amend (5) to delete “for at-risk students” and Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-3 with Directors Daane, Peterson and Batcheller voting no.

Citizen input was received from Alan Heisterkamp who asked the board to keep the original policy as written. He feels that when parents purchase homes, they make a choice as to the feeder system in which they wish to reside.

Amy Berntson asked that the original motion be kept as written.

Jim Vanderloo also asked that the original motion be kept as written, and stated that he’s a firm believer in the feeder system.

The amended original motion carried 6-1 with Director Peterson voting no.

## **Discussion/Information**

### *Talented and Gifted (TAG) Review Report*

Jean Peters stated that the board president had directed that a committee review the TAG Department in our district. President Jorgensen outlined to the committee the scope of the review to be done. Mrs. Peters introduced several members of the committee who were in attendance. She stated to her that the committee members tried to be very simplistic when possible in answering the questions given to them by President Jorgensen. One member of their committee stated that this review is merely a starting point, not a stopping point. Nancy Mounts stated that Jean Peters was the organizer and wrote the report and deserves a lot of credit. Both Director Mounts and Mrs. Peters stated that Roseanne Malek from the Department of Education was very helpful to the committee. Lance Ehmcke, one of the committee members in attendance, addressed the board indicating that sometimes motivation and desire can outdo talent. And this program, as it has now evolved, addresses many concerns which were present in the past. President Jorgensen thanked all those who gave of their time and talent.

### *Reading First Report*

Linda Garlinghouse stated that she will be giving the board a glimpse of the past during her report. She shared highlights from this year including the goals of the program. Mrs. Garlinghouse also reported on their plans for the future.

### *Technology Report*

John Pritchard gave an update on what is happening in the Technology Department. They are getting more proactive in their budgeting process. Their replacement status is improved. All the buildings now have a secure wireless system. Mr. Pritchard stated that we need to strengthen our infrastructure. He stated the many ways in which we need to do this, i.e. to finish off Pinnacle, survive Pentamation, advance the use of technology in the curriculum, budget impact items and conservation of the budget. He indicated that our district may, over the next three to four years, receive approximately \$1.6 million through the Microsoft settlement.

### *Board Policies*

Superintendent Gausman introduced for discussion Board Policies 201.1—President/Vice President; 200.7—Code of Ethics of the Board and BR200.7 and for deletion Board Policies 203.8—Conflict of Interest of Board Members and 431.06—Conflict of Interest of Employees.

### *UEN Steering Committee Representative*

Ron Jorgensen stated that we need to choose a board representative for the UEN Steering Committee. Lew Finch, UEN Executive Director, had indicated to President Jorgensen that it is not an intense commitment. John Meyers volunteered to serve on this steering committee.

### *Phase V of the District's Superintendent Search*

Superintendent Gausman stated that McPherson and Jacobs, Inc. are able and willing to commence work with the board on the superintendent evaluation instrument as soon as the board is ready. It will take about three hours with the board and Dr. Gausman. They have suggested August 11 or 12.

### *Reminder of Work Session and Data Retreat*

President Jorgensen reminded the board of the board goal setting work session on July 23 from 5 to 7 p.m., as well as the data retreat to be held July 29 at 5 p.m.

## **Adjourn**

Director Batcheller moved and Director Meyers seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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SCCSD Board of Directors

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