

**SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**1221 PIERCE STREET**  
**SIOUX CITY, IOWA 51105**  
**MINUTES—NOVEMBER 25, 2003—6:00 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order**—President Anne James called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: Directors Batcheller, Daane, James, Jorgensen, Kruse, Mounts, and Peterson.

**Approval of Agenda**—Director Peterson moved and Director Mounts seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

**Citizen Input**—None.

**Board Member Reports**—Director Kruse: Board Finance Committee continuing to meet with many interesting issues with our funding. Attended the IASB convention last week. Really interesting class on success of reading in Des Moines. Good sessions on finance.

Director Batcheller: Attended Finance Oversight Committee meeting. Continue to monitor the use of the Local Option Sales Tax funds. Applauds them for donation of their time. This group is very valuable to the district, and he appreciates the work they do. Attended legislative conference in Whiting. Interesting for us to listen to small school issues and for them to hear the issues concerning a large district.

Director Peterson: Attended IASB convention. Felt sessions were very good this year. Good sessions on curriculum and sharing of facilities. Whiting meeting was very informative. Good to be able to talk to legislators other than our own.

Director Jorgensen: Attended IASB and Whiting meeting. Attended East Middle School eighth grade choir concert. We have some great voices and musicians coming up through the ranks. Appreciated receiving the technology report from Roger Lobitz. Checked out the new website we are currently redesigning.

Director Mounts: Attended sessions at IASB convention on great gains in reading, which Waterloo has used. Attended Godspell at East High School and she was overwhelmed. Wonderful performance. Commended Everett and Career Center on their show and tell sessions at the IASB convention. Both well attended. Did an excellent job. Commended our superintendent for an outstanding job at Whiting last evening.

Director Daane: Attended Board Policy Committee today and some finance meetings. Attended IASB boot camp session. Very good training and hopes to get

more of that kind of information. Very interesting presentation on achievement. Attended Godspell and other music programs in our schools. Had his first experience at the All-State Music competition in Ames last weekend. Our students did a beautiful job. Grateful to Doug last evening who asked the hard questions which needed to be asked. Had the privilege of spending the morning at Everett visiting the Reading Recovery Program. Enjoyed the tour with the principal. Struck by how much the site has improved since he last was there. It still needs to be replaced, but the work of the O & M Department, principal and staff are to be commended.

President James: Attended West High School's IJAG ceremony. It was an exciting, uplifting experience. So many kids involved and they are so accepting of each other. Kids told her they really like the program. Also attended the Whiting meeting. Very interesting and a bit of a surprise to the legislators to hear the information we had to tell them.

President James reported that future meetings are scheduled as follows:

Board Finance Committee—December 2, 2003—11:45 a.m.—ESC  
Board Policy Committee—December 10, 2003—11:45 a.m.—ESC  
Educational Equity Committee—December 16, 2003—11:30 a.m.—Central Campus  
District Advisory Committee—December 18, 2003—5:00 p.m.—ESC  
Finance Oversight Committee—December 22, 2003—8:00 a.m.—421 Nebraska

**Superintendent's Report**—Superintendent Williams: Board Policy Committee and Board Finance Committee were meeting simultaneously today, and he moved between both meetings.

Reported on the progress of the Governor's Task Force on the Achievement Gap. We are now at the point where we can begin drafting the report. A six-member group met yesterday to work on this report. The month of December will be used to fashion this report. The entire task force will meet on January 6, 2004. The District Advisory Committee, board, and cabinet will study the draft, and we will have a formal report out to Governor Vilsack in February if possible.

Roberts' Stadium hearings will be held in regard to the concept of transferring ownership of Roberts' Stadium to Morningside College. On December 16, January 13, and 20 public response will be heard. Written comments may be forwarded to both organizations.

Mentioned the untimely death of Coach Walt Fiegel. Mourn the loss but celebrate his contributions to young people. An East High School student had called him regarding the naming of some area at Roberts' Stadium after Coach Fiegel. Mr. Williams disseminated the board policy on the naming of schools, which states "no

building nor part of a building shall be named for a deceased person until at least five (5) years after such person's death.”

Attended IASB and UEN meetings in Des Moines. Excellent meetings. Conflicted after both meetings. Both groups desire to ask 6 percent of the Legislature. Sioux City was the only district that cast dissenting votes. Creates a dilemma because he is opposed to the 6 percent and as chair of the Urban Education Network, he is to advocate for the 6 percent. The revenue stream is not sufficient. It would be a void in addressing other needs in the state. At the Whiting meeting, none of the legislators mentioned 6 percent. They were hopeful to maintain the 2 percent that was promised. Was on an IASB panel regarding how area education agencies (AEAs) could assist local education agencies (LEAs) improve academic achievement. Thoroughly enjoyed it.

Attended music educators conference and the all-state concert. Fortunate as Iowans to have outstanding musicians at the collegiate level because the all-state conductor who was scheduled was not able to attend, but Dr. William L. Jones from ISU stepped in. He has conducted over 80 all-states throughout the country.

Godspell was excellent. Thoroughly enjoyed.

Had an unfortunate incident at North High School today regarding conflict between two groups of students. Do not know at this time if there was anything that precipitated this. Nine students were arrested. Remains under investigation by the Sioux City Police Department and the school district. Principal met with the faculty and some central administrators this afternoon, plans carefully laid for tomorrow, and we have to recognize that most of the students were not involved in any way. Extra precautions will be taken so all will know what will not be tolerated in our schools. We will work through the due process of our discipline code. Appreciates the support of the parents whose students were involved in this incident.

**Report From Glenda Den Herder, Director, Western Hills Area Education Agency**—WHAEA Board member Glenda Den Herder addressed the board regarding the collaborative efforts regarding our two organizations, such as the joint meeting of the school district and WHAEA cabinets. Looked at global issues. Would like for the collaboration that exists to be known by the public and staff members. She stated that the WHAEA Board of Directors appreciates Mr. Williams' efforts on behalf of AEAs.

**Consent Action Items**—Director Kruse moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the consent action items that consisted of the minutes of the November 11, 2003, board meeting, and the fiscal report. The motion carried 6-0 with Director Batcheller abstaining on the fiscal report.

**East Middle School Demolition Bid**—Director Batcheller moved and Director Kruse seconded the motion to award the bid for the demolition of the old East Middle School to the low bidder, M.E.D.A., in the amount of \$359,820. The motion carried 7-0.

**Fire Alarm Phase II Project—McKinley/Sunnyside Elementary Schools**—Director Kruse moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to award the bid for the Fire Alarm Phase II Project—McKinley/Sunnyside Elementary Schools to Thompson Electric in the amount of \$20,200 for Base Bid A—Sunnyside; and \$21,500 for Base Bid B—McKinley for a total of \$41,700. The motion carried 7-0.

**Board Policies**—Director Jorgensen moved and Director Batcheller seconded the motion to approve for first reading board policies 501.2—Entrance Requirements; 501.3—School Attendance Areas; 501.4—Attendance Records; 501.5—Residency of Students; 501.6—Non-resident Students; and 501.7—International Students. The motion carried 7-0.

**Discussion/Information**—Superintendent Williams stated that the information being shared this meeting is actually the beginning of the discussion of the FY '05 Budget. William Stoneburg discussed with the board the revenue outlook for budget year 2004-2005.

William Stoneburg reported that every three years we send out RFPs for banking services. He presented the bid information for these services. Citizen input was received from a representative of Wells Fargo Bank NA.

Rich Luze presented information on the Winsnap automated recordkeeping system proposal.

Judy Keith thanked board members for visiting the Reading Recovery programs in the elementary schools. She also thanked Senator Harkin for his efforts in our getting back Title 1 funds in the amount of \$248,134. We thought we would lose over \$258,000 for our Title 1 program. She presented information on the district's Title I program, indicating the cuts that have been made over the past few years in this program.

Bruce Johnson reported to the board on the Title V innovative assistance program.

Superintendent Williams presented a major rewrite of Board Policy 903.10 (+AR903.10)—Hazardous Chemicals. Technical resource was received from Lynn Richardson in regard to this board policy.

**Adjourn**—Director Kruse moved and Director Jorgensen seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Following the regular meeting, a board work session was held with head teachers Peg Brady, Diane Fleming, Mary Jo Salem-Lochner, and Dr. Shirley Luebke.

The third board work session with head teachers and other staff will be held January 13, 2004, with Jean Johnson, Julie Lambert, Micheal Anderson, Linnie Gordon, Sharon Hobart, and William Sparr presenting.

**MINUTES—NOVEMBER 25, 2003—9:50 P.M.  
SPECIAL MEETING**

(Following the board work session, a special meeting was called by Superintendent Williams.)

**Call to Order**—President James called the special meeting to order at 9:50 p.m.

**Approval of/Adjourn to Closed Session**—Director Jorgensen moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to go into closed session to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds. The motion carried 7-0.

**Return to/Adjourn From Open Session**—Director Daane moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to return to open session and to adjourn. The motion carried 7-0, and the special meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.