

REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 24, 2000

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to law and the rules of said Board on Monday, January 24, 2000 in the Board Room of the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said school district. The session was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Denise Hollonbeck.

On roll call the following members were present: President Denise K. Hollonbeck, Directors Jim C. Hester, Jamie L. Howard, Steven C. Imming, Gary A. Kleinschmidt, Susan S. Low, and Patt Zamora. Student board members present were Patti Donnelly and Tony Cooks (Central High) and Katy Byington (West High). Administrative Assistant Brenda De La Cruz substituted for Board Secretary Linda Smith this evening.

7:00 PM

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. **National Board Certification --J. B. Young Intermediate * Rex Hutchison, Principal and Williams Intermediate * Dr. Ralph Wahl, Principal**

Kay Hall, Art Specialist at J. B. Young Intermediate, and **Margaret Van Fossen**, sixth-grade Language Arts, Reading, and Bi-lingual Teacher at Williams Intermediate, have achieved National Board Certification. This certification is the teaching profession's highest standard from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Ms. Hall was certified in the area of early adolescence/generalist, and Ms. Van Fossen was certified in the area of early adolescence/English language arts. These women were among 145 teachers in Iowa and 2,965 teachers nationwide achieving certification for work completed during the 1998-99 school year. The national certification is achieved by teachers who go through a rigorous process that assesses their knowledge of subject matter, ability to effectively teach their subjects to students, and ability to manage and measure student learning. Participants also took a six-hour written test and presented portfolios demonstrating their teaching goals and instructional strategies. Dr. Wahl and Mr. Hutchison praised the teachers' work and recognized the efforts Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Van Fossen took to achieve the National Certification. Kay Hall and Margaret Van Fossen made comments to the Board about the process of getting this school improvement award. Both teachers appreciated the support system of the district, and they talked about wonderful things learned from the experience. Dr. Blanche complimented the teachers and said that this award supported the excellence of the teachers in our district.

B. **Jackson Elementary School—Janette Schmidt * Media Specialist**

Janette Schmidt explained, because Principal George Bleich was attending an Iowa Caucas meeting tonight, she was representing the administration from Jackson Elementary. The school is trying to improve students' reading and math skills, communication skills, and writing skills. One of the fifth-grade students, **Laura Steen**, entered a Britney Spears Scholastic Book Club writing contest on "Why you and your friends love to read." Through Laura's efforts, the school media center has won Britney's Book Box Bonanza—100 brand new books from Scholastic Book Club that will arrive by the end of January. Each state had one winner and Laura was the winner from Iowa. Laura was congratulated for her efforts. Laura said she appreciated the help of her teachers. She responded to questions from Dr. Blanche and the Board about her work.

C. Jefferson Edison Elementary– Bob McGarry * Principal

Jefferson Edison Elementary has entered into the first year of a partnership. Students **Raymond Jones, Theresa Phillips, Agustin Nuci Von Nguyen** and **Daren Dickson** were recognized for their involvement on a video that overviews the reading and mathematics programs. Theresa and Agustin were present to answer questions about the changes taking place at Jefferson Edison. **Robert Reppert**, technologist, and **Janet Stewart**, fifth-grade teacher, represented the staff at the school. Information was shared about technology and progress reports to parents (Quarterly Learning Contracts—QLC). The administration and staff of Jefferson-Edison School expressed their gratefulness to the Davenport Community School District and Edison School for this partnership. Dr. Blanche thanked the staff, children, and parents for their efforts.

D. Jackson Elementary School * D.A.R.E. Program–James Vogel and Susan Nelson

For the past five years, Jackson Elementary has participated in the D.A.R.E. program. **Officer Mark Berger** from the Davenport Police Department teaches this program. The program deals with making good choices and building self-esteem. Course works involves 17 weeks, 45 minutes per day--once a week. All of the 50 fifth-grade students graduated from the D.A.R.E. program on December 21. Each student had certain requirements that they had to complete before they were allowed to graduate from the program. All of the students had to write an essay stating what they had learned about D.A.R.E. **Susan Nelson** and **Jim Vogel**, fifth-grade teachers at Jackson, introduced the students. Student representatives were **Ramsay Dibbern, Josh Thurston, Tony Gripp**, and **Justin Geurtsen**. Josh and Ramsay volunteered to read their essays. Dr. Blanche thanked all of them for their leadership, and he hoped the students would use what they learned in D.A.R.E. to be successful in their school careers.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Thursday, January 27, UEN Lobby Day, Des Moines
- B. Monday, January 31, 5:00 PM, Board Policy Committee, DSASC, Board Room
- C. Monday, February 1, AEA Board/Administrators' Banquet, Davenport Holiday Inn, Time: 5:30–6:30 PM Show and Tell Exhibit; 6:30 Dinner
- D. Monday, February 7, 4:00 PM, Committee of the Whole (Finance/Facilities), DSASC, Board Room
- E. Monday, February 14, 7:00 PM, Public Hearing/Regular Board, DSASC, Board Room
- F. Tuesday, February 15, 12:00 Noon, Special Call Board meeting , Revenue Bonds Sale
- G. Monday, February 21, Presidents Day, Holiday—No school
- H. Monday, February 28, 6:00 PM, Regular Board meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- I. Open Forum for Community Input –
 1. Michelle Mayer, 2216 West Third St., addressed the Board about her concerns with the deadline for open enrollment. Brandon had problems and conflicts at Smart, and they wanted him to go back to Blackhawk. She felt the transfer would make a difference for her son and it would give the family peace of mind. She hoped the Board would grant the request for unique and special circumstances.
 2. Beth Bartosch, 3329 Kimberly Downs, Davenport, came to support her sister and nephew in their request for the open enrollment out of Smart. Her daughter goes to Garfield and needs special reading help. She and her husband are providing extra help to their daughter, but there is nothing at the school to help her. Mrs. Bartosch wondered if programs could be set up for children at Garfield to assist students with special reading needs. President Hollonbeck asked an administrator to visit with Mrs. Bartosch and listen to her ideas.

CONSENT AGENDA

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Regular and All Intervening Meetings

The minutes of board meetings held January 10, 2000 (Special Call Expulsion) and January 10, 2000 (Regular) were presented for approval.

B. Open Enrollment: Denial Out of Davenport 1999-2000

It was the recommendation of the administration the Davenport Board of Education deny the following student to open enroll out of Davenport into another district due to a late application for the current year.

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>District Requested</u>	<u>Davenport Attendance</u>	<u>Length</u>
Brandon A. Mayer	8 th	Pleasant Valley	Smart Intermediate	5 years

C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Ambrose, Phillip Varsity Football Coach North High	Effective: December 21, 1999 Salary: \$5,696.00 Reason: Personal
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Eckhardt, Skip Varsity Football Coach Central High	Effective: December 6, 1999 Salary: \$5,696.00 Reason: Personal
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SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

*	Clayton, Alonzo Grade 7 Boys' Basketball Coach Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,595.00
	Finn, Van Patrick Grade 7 Boys' Basketball Coach (second team) Walcott Intermediate	7% \$1,595.00
*	Leon, Karen Grade 7 Girls' Basketball Coach Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,595.00

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

**	Monner, Sara English 8 th Grade Smart Intermediate	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: January 11, 2000 \$12,160.86 (Prorated for 96 days remaining in the 1999-2000 school year)
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Perkins, Elizabeth
Bilingual Language Arts
Jefferson Edison Elementary

Degree: B.S. – Step 1
Effective: January 6, 2000
\$12,540.89 (Prorated for 99 days
remaining in the 1999-2000 school year)

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

York, John
Custodian 8 hrs/day
West High School

Effective: January 31, 2000
Yrs. of Service: 33 yrs. 7 mos.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Bousselot, Deborah L.
Para-Educator – 6 hrs/day
Wood Intermediate

Effective: January 11, 2000
Reason: Personal
Yrs. of Service: 1 yr. 1 mo.

Essex, Wendy A.
Para-Educator – 6 hrs/day
Jackson/Buchanan Elementaries

Effective: January 14, 2000
Reason: Other Employment
Yrs. of Service: 4 mos.

Hagerman, Sara M.
Para-Educator – 8 hrs/day
Hoover

Effective: January 19, 2000
Reason: Other Employment
Yrs. of Service: 1 mo.

Peiffer, Tiffany M.
Food Service Worker – 2.5 hrs/day
Wood Intermediate

Effective: December 22, 1999
Reason: Family Responsibilities
Yrs. of Service: 8 mos.

Quigley, Barbara A.
Para-Educator – 1.5 hrs/day
Leave of Absence

Effective: January 12, 2000
Reason: Other DCSD Employment
Yrs. of Service: 19 yrs. 10 mos.

Thomas, James R.
Para-Educator – 7 hrs/day
Wood Intermediate

Effective: January 4, 2000
Reason: Relocation
Yrs. of Service: 3 mos.

White, Bonnie
Para-Educator – 6 hrs/day
Eastern Avenue – East

Effective: December 16, 1999
Reason: Other
Yrs. of Service: 8 days

Wyatt, Victoria A.
Para-Educator – 6 hrs/day
Madison Elementary

Effective: January 10, 2000
Reason: Other
Yrs. of Service: 1 yr.

Youngers, Patty M.
Food Service Cook-in-Charge
Leave of Absence

Effective: January 4, 2000
Reason: Family Responsibilities
Yrs. of Service: 5 yrs. 11 mos.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Atwater, Brenda
Para-Educator
North High

Effective: December 1, 1999 through
Start of 00/01 School Year
Reason: Health

Benson, Beverly
Para-Educator
Leave of Absence

Effective: January 18, 2000 through
Start of 00/01 School Year
Extension of Original Leave of Absence

Reason: Health

Nuci, Yolanda
Para-Educator
Jefferson Edison Elementary

Effective: November 15, 1999 through
Start of 00/01 School Year
Reason: Family Responsibilities

Pitzer, Constance S.
Para-Educator
Leave of Absence

Effective: January 18, 2000 through
Start of 00/01 School Year
Extension of Original Leave of Absence
Reason: Further Education

RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Garcia, Vincent P.
Food Service Van Driver
Operations

Effective: January 3, 2000
Salary: \$9.36/hr
4.5 hrs/day

Quigley, Barbara A.
Food Service Cook-in-Charge
Eisenhower Elementary

Effective: January 13, 2000
Salary: \$8.11/hr
4.5 hrs/day

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Bartlett, Cheryl J.
Para-Educator
Madison Elementary

Effective: January 3, 2000
Salary: \$6.00/hr
6 hrs/day

Cook, Teresa
Secretary, Grade 1 10 _ month
J.B. Young Intermediate

Effective: January 10, 2000
Salary: \$8.25/hr
4 hrs/day

Eckstein, Charlene K.
Para-Educator
Smart Elementary

Effective: January 3, 2000
Salary: \$6.00/hr
2 hrs/day

Giles, DaLynne R.
Para-Educator
Grant Elementary

Effective: January 12, 2000
Salary: \$6.00/hr
6 hrs/day

Remley, Mary A.
Food Service Worker
Harrison Elementary

Effective: January 10, 2000
Salary: \$6.50/hr
2 hrs/day

* Not a Teacher

** Substitute Teacher

*** Not a Replacement

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Zamora, Imming, Howard, Hester, Kleinschmidt, and Hollonbeck. 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 resolution regarding approval of bills be approved with the following exceptions: Voided Checks #072639, 072662, 072663, 072664, 072675, 072743, 072785, 072834, 072482–072499, and 077753–77800. Director Kleinschmidt seconded the motion.

Director Imming explained during the past week the new main frame computer was installed. Significant effort was put forth by staff to get the work accomplished; however, there were some ranges of checks that had to be voided and re-run because of problems in the transition.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Kleinschmidt, Low, Hester, Howard, Zamora, and Hollonbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Harrison School Boundary (Item was pulled from agenda.)

President Hollonbeck informed the Board this item has been pulled because there are further discussions going on regarding development in the Oakbrook North area.

B. School Infrastructure Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds

The Board was asked to approve a resolution fixing the date for setting a meeting on the proposition of issuing School Infrastructure Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds not to exceed \$9,500,000. (The date concerning the matter of the proposed issuance of these bonds and public hearing will be February 14, 2000 at 7:00 PM.)

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board adopt a resolution fixing the date for a meeting on the proposition of the issuance of not to exceed \$9,500,000 school infrastructure sales and services tax revenue bonds of the Davenport Community School District, and providing for publication of notice thereof.

WHEREAS, the Davenport Community School District is in need of funds to carry out the project hereinafter described; and, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the School District should issue School Infrastructure Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds to the amount of not to exceed \$9,500,000, as authorized by Section 422E.4, of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs thereof; and

WHEREAS, before said Bonds may be issued, it is necessary to publish a notice of the proposal to issue such Bonds and of the time and place of the meeting at which it is proposed to take action for the issuance of the Bonds and to receive oral and/or written objections or petitions from any resident or property owner of said School District to such action,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. That this Board of Directors meet at the Administration Service Center, Davenport, Iowa, at 7:00 o'clock PM., on the 14th day of February, 2000, for the purpose of taking action on the matter of the proposed issuance of not to exceed \$9,500,000 School

Infrastructure Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds of the School District, the proceeds of which Bonds will be used to provide funds to pay costs of school infrastructure as provided in Chapter 422E, Code of Iowa.

Section 2. The Secretary is authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the School District with the sale of said bonds, to select a date for the sale thereof, to cause to be prepared such notice and sale information as may appear appropriate, to publish and distribute the same on behalf of the School District and otherwise to take all action necessary to permit the sale of said bonds on a basis favorable to the School District and acceptable to this Board.

Section 3. That the Secretary is hereby directed to cause at least one publication to be made of a notice of said meeting, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly, and having general circulation in the School District, said publication to be not less than ten (10) clear days before the date of said public meeting on the issuance of said Bonds.

Section 4. The notice of the proposed action to issue said Bonds shall be in substantially the following form; (attached notice.)

Director Hester seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Hester, Low, Zamora, Howard, and Hollonbeck. Abstaining, Kleinschmidt. Motion carries.

C. Authorization to Expend 1999-2000 Service Book Funds

The administration requested approval to expend \$58,323 from the 1999-2000 service book funds for two senior high English adoptions, as reviewed and discussed January 10, 2000. The textbooks requested for *American Literature* and *Writing Today* are both published by McDougal Littell.

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board approve the expenditure of \$58,323 from the 1999-2000 service book funds for two senior high English adoptions, as reviewed and discussed January 10, 2000. The textbooks requested for *American Literature* and *Writing Today* are both published by McDougal Littell. Director Imming seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Zamora, Imming, Howard, Hester, Low, Kleinschmidt, and Hollonbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Board Policies

The Board Policy Committee made recommendations concerning revision, review, combination, or deletion of several policies discussed at the Policy Committee meeting on January 18, 2000. There were three motions: policies revised, reviewed, and deleted/combinations. Director Imming asked to have Policy 305.19 pulled for further discussion because of an addition to the wording.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the revision of the following policies with the legal changes provided by Lane & Waterman.

103.11	Community Use of School District Buildings, Sites & Equipment
302.01	Handling of Cash and Other Funds Received
302.04	Use of School Property and Equipment
302.05	Educational Material Fees
302.08	Gifts, Grants, and Bequests
302.17	Investments
303.09	Payroll (includes word revision in paragraph noted in motion.)**
305.01	School Food Service Program
305.20	Outsourcing Services
306.01	Board of Directors' Records
401.06	Personnel Records (renumbered from 306.02)
306.05	Public Examination of School District Public Records
307.02	Naming Facilities
307.05	Reward for Information Regarding Vandalism
307.06	Unauthorized Persons in Buildings
401.07	Travel Expenses for Prospective Job Applicants
401.48	Drug Free Workplace Policy

Director Zamora seconded the motion.

**Director Imming asked for the Board to look at 303.09—Payroll, and change the wording from “employment” to “employee” in the last line of the first paragraph. This was a friendly change in the motion and was agreed upon by Directors Low and Zamora.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Zamora, Imming, Howard, Hester, Kleinschmidt, and Hollonbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the reviewed policies as follows:

302.10	Sale of Bonds
302.12	Depository of Funds
302.14	Loan Agreements: Schoolhouse Fund
303.12	Unpaid Warrants
304.07	Inventory
305.21	Recycling
305.23	Non-Competition with Private Enterprise
307.04	Recommended Building Temperatures

Director Hester seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Hester, Kleinschmidt, Zamora, Imming, Howard, and Hollonbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the deletion of the following policies with the reason for the deletions were that one was moved, three no longer relevant, and the others have been combined.

103.12	School Clubs and Other Organized Groups
302.11	Investments
303.08	Equipment Repair by Instructional Staff
303.10	Payroll Periods
304.08	Monies in School Buildings
305.02	Scope of School Food Service Program
305.03	Financial Support for School Food Service Program
305.04	Eligibility for Free or Reduced Cost Meals
306.02	Personnel Records (Renumbered to be Policy 401.06)
307.01	Names for High Schools
307.03	Name Signs on School Buildings

Director Imming seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Imming, Zamora, Kleinschmidt, Hester, Howard, and Hollonbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hollonbeck asked if the Board wanted to go back and review Policy 305.19 Transportation for Out of District Open Enrollment.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the Policy 305.19 Transportation for Out of District Open Enrollment with the capitalization change, the added paragraph as per Lane & Waterman, "Where required by law because of economic eligibility, the district will provide or reimburse parents for providing transportation to and from the nearest point on a regular bus route of the receiving district," and the addition of the legal reference Iowa Code § 282.18(10). Director Imming seconded the motion.

Director Imming had some questions about this policy and neighboring school districts. Director Zamora did not agree with the paragraph from Lane and Waterman and felt it was unclear. Dr. Blanche thought the Board may want to review this more. He explained crossing our boundaries for transportation purposes was done on a case-by-case basis. North Scott District has done this and we receive an official request from them. This was done administratively. Director Imming felt there were conflicts in the wording of this policy, and Director Kleinschmidt wanted clarification of what "the nearest point" meant in this policy.

MOTION TO POSTPONE

Director Zamora moved to postpone action on this motion for further clarification. Director Hester seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Zamora, Hester, Low, Kleinschmidt, Imming, Howard, and Hollonbeck. Motion carried unanimously. Action on the revision to Policy 305.19 was postponed.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

Superintendent's Report—Dr. Blanced commented about the situation at Central High School this morning. He thanked Mr. Caudle and all of the staff at Central and students for how they handled the situation. He said, "It is possible, even though this was very serious, to turn this into a learning situation for everyone. It points out how important it is we are working together as a community. The potential for a tragedy was averted."

VII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

1. President Hollonbeck thanked Brenda De La Cruz for substituting as board secretary tonight.
2. Director Howard thanked Garfield School for inviting the Board to the annual dance night. She and the Board President attended and had a great time.
3. Director Hester said on Thursday, January 27 there would be community reports from the administration. He asked for a report back to the Board on the responses of the community. He would also like a discussion on where the Board is going and how we are doing.
4. Secondly, Director Hester wanted to know what the student board members were involved with this year. President Hollonbeck said this is the time of year they get together and become involved in a project to bring forward.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Howard moved the Board adjourn. Director Hester seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Howard, Hester, Low, Kleinschmidt, Zamora, Imming, and Hollonbeck. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hollonbeck declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary

Brenda De La Cruz, Acting Secretary