

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 26, 2004

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in Regular Session on January 26, 2004, pursuant to law and the rules of said Board. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said district. President Susan Low called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 PM which followed the conclusion of an Exempt Session for Negotiations that started at 6:05 PM. Director Guard arrived around 6:15 PM for the Exempt Session.

On roll call for the Regular Meeting the following board members were present: President Susan Low, Directors Richard Clewell, Nikki DeFauw, Alan Guard, Larry Roberson, Timothy Tupper, and Patt Zamora. There were no student board members present for the meeting tonight.

EXEMPT SESSION (Closed)

EXEMPT SESSION: Negotiation Strategy

(6:05 PM)

The Board held an Exempt Session starting at 6:05 PM in the Executive Conference Room to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer for employees covered by a bargaining agreement, as provided in Chapter 20.17(3), Code of Iowa. The closed session ended at 6:55 PM and the Board moved to the board table in the Jim Hester Board Room at 7:03 PM.

7:03 PM

REGULAR MEETING

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. **Great River Revelry Show Choirs and Lane & Waterman** * *Rachael Mullins*

Four students from the West High and Central High Show Choirs sang the National Anthem to showcase the upcoming Great River Revelry at the Adler Theatre to be held on Friday and Saturday, February 20 – 21, 2004. Ms. Mullins explained at the Great River Show Choir Invitational, 24 high school show choirs, with over 1,500 students from all over the Midwest, will be featured. The event is coordinated by choral directors **Mary Beth Riewerts** and **Rosalie Dunnegan**. These directors conducted strategic planning sessions and took the effort to formally incorporate this event allowing it to have a non-profit filing status.

Ms. Mullins explained how countless hours were provided pro bono by the dedicated staff at Lane and Waterman. Attorney **Courtney Kay Decker** led the group through the lengthy incorporation process. The incorporation and non-profit status allows the event to expand its fundraising capability to benefit the choral programs at West and Central High Schools.

Ms. **Sharon Tahere** presented a special thanks to Attorney Decker and the staff at Lane & Waterman in recognition of their leadership and support of music education in the Davenport Schools. Ms. Decker said she appreciated the recognition and felt she really learned to appreciate the value of music in the District through this experience.

B. Scott County Regional Authority and Grant Awards * Rachael Mullins

Ms. Mullins introduced board members from the Scott County Regional Authority—**Steve Herschberger, Michelle Dane, and Terry Kishuie**. **Patsy Ramacitti** was not able to attend this evening but Ms. Mullins wanted to give a special thanks to her and the other outgoing board members **Rich Pokora, Cathy Whittlesley, and Robert Bateman** for their dedication to the youth of Scott County. Representatives from the Davenport Schools projects funded in the Fall 2003 cycle extended their thanks and celebrated the impact the SCRA was having in their schools. There were seven grants awarded and representatives expressed their appreciation to the board members.

- Access Art, integrating technology and creative arts at West High; submitted by West High School, Gary Sloat \$40,911
- Multimedia Resources for Intermediate Language Arts, bringing wireless technology to all six of our intermediate schools; submitted by the School District, Gary Sloat \$24,300
- CBR's for all six of our intermediate math departments; submitted by the School District, Dr. Betsey Fair \$27,799
- Great Minds Partnership with the Davenport Schools Foundation; submitted by the School District, Laura Cleaveland \$25,000
- Breakthrough to Literacy Program for first graders at Fillmore; submitted by Fillmore Elementary, Deb Miller \$25,000
- Phase I of the Industrial Technology Expansion for our intermediate schools, using technology to allow students to explore creative solutions to energy, power, and mechanics; submitted by the School District, Betty Griffin \$21,580
- Production Room/Flex Lab at West High Library Media Center; submitted by West High, Marcia Jensen \$24,665

Ms. Mullins said SCRA has been a vital partnership in the economic vitality and quality of life for Scott County. They have given over \$30 million in grants to support education, social welfare, housing, arts/culture, tourism, and historic preservation. In this cycle alone the Davenport School District received nearly \$200,000. President Susan Low came forward and presented a plaque to the SCRA Board and thanked them for their vision and support. MicheleDane responded on behalf of the SCRA Board that they appreciated the thanks and look forward to working with the District in the future.

C. Lincoln Fundamental * Jeff Womack, Principal and Kay Hall, Facilitator

Mr. Womack recognized the work of the staff and students at Lincoln emphasizing the importance of the arts in education. He introduced Facilitator Kay Hall who talked about a special program at the school. Ms. Hall said that one of the best-kept secrets about Lincoln Fundamental School was that at Lincoln, fine arts was considered to be essential to every child's education. Lincoln has a rich tradition of offering quality scheduled arts integration between classroom teachers and fine art specialists, as well as fine arts programming initiated by the classroom teachers. This year students of fifth grade teachers, **Roseanne Bates and Dale Steele**, improved their writing skills through poetry workshop sessions entitled "All You Need Is L.O.V.E." (Living Our Values Everyday) with local poet, **Tracy White**. Throughout the fall and early winter, Mr. White helped students explore various poetry forms. Students chose their favorite poems for illustration through the medium of tempera paint under the direction of visual artist, **Cindy White**. On January 10, 2004 self-selected students enjoyed reading their poems to an audience at the Davenport Public Library as slides of their paintings were displayed on an overhead screen.

Lincoln Fundamental students presented a sampling of these poems and images, along with a booklet publishing each of their fifth graders' poems. Fifth grade students shared their work with board members as follows: **Katherine Greer (Lonesome Horse)**; **Sam Mack (Star)**; **Estrellita Martinez (A Beautiful Day)**; **Elisabeth Meade (The World Would Be A Better Place)**; and **Eli Mayfield (Tumbling Towers)**. On behalf of the Board President Low thanked the students for sharing their poems and extended thanks to the parents for letting the Board see what their children were learning.

D. Monroe Elementary, Discovery Junction Program * Marianne Corbin, Principal

Mrs. Corbin said two years ago Monroe Elementary changed their calendar to allow time for intersession learning opportunities. Tonight they were proud to recognize **Mrs. Mary Thissen** and **Mrs. Jolene Whittemore** who were co-facilitators of the Monroe Discovery Junction Program. They each explained some of their responsibilities that were shared to run this successful program at Monroe. As a part of Monroe's continuous calendar, the Discovery Junction Program (funded through a 21st Century Grant) provided an optional intersession for students. They explained that the intersession was a one-week extended learning opportunity and provided interested students enrichment, accelerated and recreational activities. These learning opportunities were supported through a variety of resources and community support agencies. Class offerings included Horse Camp, All Around the Town, Art Camp, Junior Rangers, Math Fun, Agent Cody Banks, Yoga, Sign Language, Guitar, Children Like Me: Girl Scouts, Drama and Harvest Time.

Mrs. Thissen, Mrs. Whittemore, and several students shared stories with board members to showed examples of what they learned from the "Intersession" October 20—24, 2003. Mrs. Corbin also thanked the parents and staff for their support in running this program. The next intersession is planned for March 29 through April 2, 2004. President Low expressed appreciation for this opportunity to visit with the students and hear what they were doing in this program.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, January 27, Urban Education Network Lobby Day in Des Moines, from 9:45 AM to 2:30 PM
- B. Wednesday, January 28, 4:00 PM, Policy Committee, Administration Service Center, Executive Conference Room, Third Floor
- C. ~~Monday, February 2, 5:00 to 6:00 PM, Career Ladder Teacher Mentor Appreciation Dinner, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room~~ **(Cancelled)**
- D. ~~Monday, February 2, 6:00 PM, Committee of the Whole, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room~~ **(Cancelled due to weather)**
- E. Monday, February 9, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room (6:00 PM Make-up Committee of the Whole Meeting)
- F. Monday, February 16, Presidents' Day, No School
- G. Monday, February 23, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room (Make-up Committee of the Whole Meeting)
- H. Monday, March 1, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole
- I. Monday, March 8, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting
- J. Monday, March 15, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting
- K. Spring Break March 22 through March 26, 2004

L. Open Forum for Community Input

Keith Meyer, 1012 Marquette, Davenport, voiced his personal concerns regarding work at Jefferson School. He lives across from the school and had fears about the traffic. He disagreed with the way the construction was done at the building and didn't think the street was supposed to be a through street. He thought the bus might go over the edge and there should have been more input on the planning. There was room on the north and east for expansion but not on the south. He talked about closing Grant and Johnson schools and since he lives across from Jefferson, he had problems with the construction work, and he didn't like the ideas presented for remodeling at this building. He would like to see what else the district was planning, and he suspected we might possibly have some kind of a plan with the John Lewis Coffee House.

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 Meeting

The minutes from the last regular board meeting on January 12, 2004 were presented for approval.

B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Bequeaith, Tiffany
Math
Sudlow Intermediate

FMLA Leave of Absence with pay
Effective: November 24, 2003 – January 16, 2004

Bergeson, Sylvia
Media Specialist
Hayes

FMLA with pay: September 11, 2003 – October 27, 2003
FMLA without pay: October 28, 2003 – December 3, 2003
Extended Leave without pay: December 4, 2003 – January 12, 2004

Greer, Emily
Math
North High

FMLA Leave of Absence
Effective: November 11, 2003 – January 4, 2004

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTALS

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Cook, Janelle 9 th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach West High | 8% \$1,931.00 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Denney, Charles Swimming Intermediate Diving Coach District | 6% \$1,448.00 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Striegel, Scott Head Sophomore Football Coach Central High | 12% \$2,896.00 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTALS

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Ripslinger, John | 7% |
| 7 th Grade Girls' Basketball, If Needed | \$1,689.00 |
| Walcott Intermediate | |

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Yapp, Megan | 7% |
| All School Play | \$1,689.00 |
| Central High | |

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bequeaith, Tiffany | Effective: January 20, 2004 |
| Math | Salary: \$33,460.00 |
| Sudlow Intermediate | |

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Bergeson, Sylvia | Effective: January 13, 2004 |
| Media Specialist | Salary: \$43,374.00 prorated to \$33,644.16 |
| Hayes | for 143.5 days of the 2003-04 school year |

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Hall, Kimberly | Effective: January 20, 2004 |
| Language Arts, 6 th Grade | Salary: \$24,785.00 prorated to \$12,057.57 for the |
| Sudlow Intermediate | remaining 90 days of the 2003-2004 school year |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Buckley, Tracy | Effective: January 2, 2004 |
| Clerical | Years of Service: 8 yrs. |
| KCAE | |

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Crawford, Kathy | Effective: January 5, 2004 |
| Clerical | Years of Service: 14 yrs, 11 mos. |
| ASC | |

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Landreth, Kimberly | Effective: January 15, 2004 |
| Para Educator | Years of Service: 4 mos. |
| Smart Intermediate | |

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Westerfield, Barbara | Effective: December 23, 2003 |
| Food Service | Years of Service: 20 yrs., 8 mos. |
| Jefferson Elementary | |

| | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Wyers, Faye | Effective: January 14, 2004 |
| Food Service | Years of Service: 2 mos. |
| North High | |

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Kyte, Jay | Effective: February 2, 2004 |
| Juvenile Court Liaison | Salary: \$25,500 prorated to \$11,270 for the remaining |
| Central High School | 99 days in the 2003 – 2004 school year |
| | Hours: 8 hrs/day, 215 days/year |

* Not a Teacher ** Guest Teacher *** Not a Replacement

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Zamora, Tupper, Clewell, DeFauw, Guard, Roberson, and Low. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was recommended by the Administration for adoption of the bill payment.

MOTION: Director Guard resolved that all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and Board Treasurer, 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, with the exception of one voided check #146438 in the amount of \$750. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Guard, Clewell, DeFauw, Roberson, Tupper, Zamora, and Low. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Local School Improvement Advisory Committee Membership

The Board had an opportunity for a final review of the names submitted for consideration to serve on the Local School Improvement Advisory Committee (LSIAC) for 2004.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved that the Board approve the membership team as listed which they received and with the four additional names listed on the attachment at their places. Director Guard seconded the motion.

President Low said there were concerns about the number of people on this list—about 75 names, but she added that not everyone on the list can come on all the days the team might meet. Later in the meeting the Board will talk about the direction the LSIAC should take, and the Board will best decide how to use all these people in smaller groups. President Low noted there were three possible tasks for committee members to consider: (1) Comprehensive School Improvement Plans, (2) Local Option Sales Tax Projects, and (3) Boundary Discussions. Director Zamora was grateful for all the people who stepped forward to volunteer on this committee. However, one concern board members had was there was not enough diversity on the committee. They asked what can be done to engage and recruit for more minority representation on the LSIAC. Dr. Blanche talked about the people who volunteered and was pleased that almost 50 percent were parents, with a number of people who served previously on the LSIAC. We have some schools that do not have representation at this point in time; there was an even split on what night would work best; and 6:00 PM seemed like the best starting time. Dr. Blanche said the administration would work at recruiting more minority people if so directed by the Board. Director Guard appreciated having the breakdown on the committee membership and felt it just needed some more rounding out. Director Roberson was disappointed the membership did not reflect the community as a whole. President Low suggested the present motion for appointment of this list be considered now and additional names be brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

ACTION: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Clewell, Guard, DeFauw, Tupper, and Low. Nays: Roberson and Zamora. The motion carried. (A copy of the membership

list will be included with the minutes of record.)

B. Bid #730 -- Central High School Roof Replacement/Public Hearing

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board accept the recommendation of the administration for the low Bid #730 from Rafoth Sheet Metal in the amount of \$415,000 for roof replacement over the main building area at Central High School. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing regarding Bid #730 for Central High School roof replacement. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was declared closed. Director Clewell asked why we used LOST money for this work and not PPEL funding. Bill Good explained this was like the masonry replacement work at Central and part of an on-going project at the high school. Director Clewell also questioned the winning bid price as being quite low compared to others, and the other companies had the word "roofing" in their names. He asked if Rafoth Sheet Metal could follow through on this job. Mr. Good said this company has been in the roofing business for over 20 years. There was a lot of sheet metal work on the roof at Central High and Rafoth Sheet Metal Company was certified and had good contractors.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Guard, Zamora, Clewell, DeFauw, Roberson, Tupper, and Low. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Bid #731 – Washington Elementary Roof Replacement/Public Hearing

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the recommendation of the administration for the low Bid #731 from RA Olden in the amount of \$83,700 for Washington Elementary roof replacement. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing regarding Bid #731 for Washington Elementary roof replacement. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was declared closed.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Clewell, Zamora, DeFauw, Guard, Roberson, Tupper, and Low. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. LSIAC Direction and Assignments

Board members talked about the direction and assignments that may be given to members of the newly appointed Local School Improvement Advisory Committee. President Low noted the number of people to serve on this committee was too large, and people were available to come to meetings on different nights. She asked what the Board felt about splitting the team into two or three groups where people could have their voices heard. As previously mentioned, the groups could work on boundaries, local option sales tax projects, and the Comprehensive School Improvement Plans that requires input from a community advisory group.

Director Zamora explained for the record she voted "no" to the membership because she felt we needed more diversity on the committee. She thought splitting into three groups would be good and could accommodate the nights people were available. Director DeFauw understood the problems with having such a large group make decisions and thought some people would rather work on one issue than on another. Dr. Blanche agreed and said we didn't know what the motivation was for people coming forward to serve.

They may have specific ideas on boundaries or funding projects. The CSIP was a new item but required by State law. The administration was excited about having such a large pool of people in the community to work with on these issues.

Dr. Blanche felt we needed to be careful as we look at the local option projects because we have some buildings overrepresented. He agreed with Director DeFauw 's suggestion that the committee hold an organizational meeting first for the entire group. Then people can be asked to pick a focus group where there would be maybe 30 or 40 people working on an issue. Director Guard thought this would give members some ownership in what they were doing, and we must understand the time problem for some people when selecting a night for the meetings. He thought the committee should move forward, but we need to be careful to have more minority representation. Director Guard also thought the committee should prepare a vision focus for the District rather than asking the group looking at the local option issues to identify priorities. Our staff should have the expertise to be able to identify specific needs, but the group should give them direction. We also need to have the staff work with the demographic people further.

Director Clewell also wanted to follow up on the issue of diversity on the committee. The committee doesn't look like the population of the Davenport District, and he wondered how we could recruit more people from the minority community to come forward and volunteer. He felt we needed to proceed with the work of the committee, but to make the group more reflective of the District. Director Clewell also thought it might be a good idea to hold the meetings in a different building than at the Administration Service Center. There might be places where people find meetings more convenient and less anxiety producing than in our administration building. There are churches in the area that could accommodate the meetings and might give people more ownership. He liked the plan to have the members select what group to be on rather than having the administration making those decisions. He felt it was important we provide good facilitators for these groups, and we needed to make them understand they were not making the decisions for the Board but were offering guidance and information.

Director Clewell expressed concern about having two board members on the LSIAC and asked why they were on the teams. President Low explained she had asked for two people from the Board to serve, just like we have a board member who now sits on the negotiation teams. We want clear feedback to the Board as a whole, and Directors Guard and Tupper can keep the Board informed about progress or some change in direction coming from the groups. Director Guard said he had volunteered to do this assignment and Director Tupper felt the more information he could get and hearing the perception of the public would help him in making the decisions for the future. This would be an opportunity for them to hear from the community and that was why they were interested. President Low thought when the committee reports were presented the board representatives could also clarify some issues or give a different perspective. Director Clewell said because board members were passionate about issues, he didn't want the committees to feel intimidated by having a board member in their group or to have them lead the direction or conversations. He appreciated Director Guard and Tupper wanting to be involved, but he hoped they would not overly influence the direction of events.

Director DeFauw valued the involvement of Director Roberson on the negotiation team and of Guard and Tupper on the LSIAC. She thought they might give the Board input that we might not get from the facilitator or they could tell the Board about a possible red flag item, so that would be an asset. Director Roberson spoke about the LSIAC list and the absence of minorities. He wondered how far along the committee will be before the minority people are added to the teams. He felt that certain areas of the community will dominate the conversations, and he didn't feel this was the best way to handle the process. Director Guard agreed but felt we also needed to move quickly to recruit more minorities to reflect our community makeup. He tried to assure the Board that neither he nor Director Tupper would dominate the conversations in the groups. He was confident Dr. Blanche would be able to provide good facilitators to direct the process. He wanted the

opportunity to hear what people in our community really wanted first hand. We may want to delay the process another three weeks until we get more people involved on the committee. Board members needed to help recruit and find some interested minority people to serve on the LSIAC. He wanted to start on the right foot with everyone feeling comfortable with the groups.

Director Tupper asked if we needed a specific action plan to recruit people. It was mentioned that Howard Hunigan was president of a local organization with minorities and there were others in the district that could help us with membership on the committee. Dr. Blanche said with the Board's permission, they will do what the Board is asking and make sure the schools not represented have membership and we will reach out into the community for more representation. The application process was open and we excluded no one from the list. We should make sure the LSIAC looks like our community. Director Zamora asked that we try to get parents and not just minority staff members involved. President Low asked for suggestions of groups to contact for members on the LSIAC. It was suggested we contact black ministers in our area, the president of LULAC, people at United Neighbors, Friendly House, PTA presidents, and school principals. The additional names can come before the Board at the next meeting. Dr. Blanche didn't feel waiting until the next board meeting would impair the work of the committee. President Low asked for additional names by February 8. Director Roberson said he would contact a group he is involved with at Wood and talk to their president.

B. Board Retreat Planning

President Low reminded the Board at an earlier workshop, they all thought it was a good idea to get together more often for board development. She asked if people were in favor of having a board retreat, and what was the particular topic of interest for discussion? The more time we spend together, the more we know each other and work better. Board members discussed the possibility of holding a board retreat for strategic planning or other board development work. They all felt there was value in meeting in a retreat or workshop setting. The topics should be open or focus on board development activities or No Child Left Behind business. Director Roberson thought they could revisit their ideas from the last workshop or create a new list of goals. Director Zamora thought one of the best retreats was when they talked about why people decided to become board members. Director Clewell suggested the Board talk about their strengths and weaknesses. It was suggested the time frame be for three hours and a Saturday would work the best. They talked about setting a meeting for Saturday, February 14 in the morning. Dr. Blanche and the agenda committee will work with Director Roberson to see about using the John Deere facility and having a facilitator available for the session.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

Dr. Blanche reminded people of the UEN Lobby Day on Tuesday, January 27. Rachael Mullins and he would be attending the meeting and leave at 7:00 AM to get to Des Moines. He was looking forward to talking with area legislators again and to focus on the financial issues we face. There will be a big rally at the State Capital and people will be talking about the 6% allowable growth request.

Dr. Blanche also reported on the No Child Left Behind meetings they have been conducting and there were about 25 people who came on Saturday morning. The reactions have been positive. He will be sharing information with people about what is happening and the perceptions of NCLB.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Director Zamora congratulated Dr. Blanche on working with the community and felt he was an excellent spokesperson for our District. Director Roberson attended the Saturday meeting and encouraged others in the community to come out to these public meetings. It will give people a better understanding of what we are up against.

President Low mentioned a meeting she had with the City Planner, Clayton Lloyd, where they discussed some information she provided to all board members in their packet. There are plans for urban revitalization and we sent the City a letter of understanding regarding their plans. Our major concern was for commercial or residential development and we supported efforts to grow the property tax base. Over 50 percent of the development would be commercial and there would not be an increase in the services we need to provide.

It was mentioned that people came out to Truman on Friday to see the Governor make a presentation to the school for a FINE award. The Governor hoped to rally the community to write e-mails to the senators and representatives about our educational needs. People need to become active and stay active on these issues. We have the e-mail addresses for legislators if people are interested in corresponding. Director Clewell said he was lucky enough to meet with the Governor and Director Clewell learned that the form of correspondence that influences the Governor the most was written letters and not form letters. We have to engage individuals in our community to write personal messages to our legislators.

Director Clewell told the Board that he and Director Guard had been accepted into the IASB Leadership Academy this year. It will be an opportunity to learn from others and bring back information for others to share.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: By consensus, all ayes.

President Low declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary