

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2000**

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in closed and regular sessions pursuant to law and the rules of said Board on Monday, February 14, 2000 in the Board Room of the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said school district. President Denise Hollonbeck called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. 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.

6:38 PM

CLOSED SESSION

I. **CLOSED SESSION – REAL ESTATE**

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board move into closed session as provided in Iowa Code Section 21.5(l)(j) of the open meetings law to discuss the purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the school district would have to pay for that property. Director Kleinschmidt seconded the motion.

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

The Board started the closed session in the Executive Conference Room at 6:38 PM.

OPEN SESSION

The Board by consensus returned to open session at 6:50 PM and took a short break before the regular meeting at 7:00 PM. Student board members present were Patti Donnelly (Central High), Jordan Skarr (North High), Katy Byington and Matthew Edwards (West High).

7:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

II. **PUBLIC HEARING BONDS**

President Hollonbeck announced this was the time and place for a public hearing and meeting on the matter of the issuance of not to exceed \$9,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds of the School District, in order to pay costs of school infrastructure as provided in Chapter 422E Code of Iowa. The notice of the proposed action to institute proceedings for the issuance of said bonds, had been published pursuant to the provisions of Section 73.12 of the Code of Iowa in the *Quad-City Times* on February 2, 2000. The public hearing was on the issuance of not to exceed \$9,500,000 school infrastructure sales and services tax revenue bonds, and a resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action. President Hollonbeck inquired if any written or oral objections or petitions in regard to this matter had been filed. There were no written or oral objections or petitions filed by any resident or property owner of the School District.

RECOGNITIONS

III. RECOGNITIONS

A. Lincoln Fundamental School * *Diane Simmons, Principal*

Students at Lincoln Fundamental School were recognized for the "Caught Being Good" program. This program was designed to celebrate the accomplishments of those students who do well on a consistent basis. The students can be selected for this honor by any adult at Lincoln for the following behaviors: completing all homework and returning it to the appropriate teacher; no office referrals; on time for school each and every day; displaying proper behavior while on the playground, lunchroom etc.; and by doing their personal best in displaying a positive attitude, being a good role model, being respectful to students and staff, and making wise choices. The students who made a presentation on this program were **Nelson Bates**, **Andrea Peer**, and **Emily Showers**

For the past eight years, **Rosie Bates** and **Dale Steele** have been providing a math and science after school program for the students at Lincoln. While they were completing their masters program, they learned that minorities and girls learn best through hands-on experiences and in a less threatening atmosphere. **Megan Baumer** and **Marcel Lopez** shared some of their activities.

B. Johnson Elementary * *Dr. Pat Robinson, Principal*

Recognition of fifth grader Kari Martin and a group of Kindergartners shows how skills and concepts are developed at Johnson Five Point smART School. Music, movement, visual arts, and a storybook character, Viola Swamp, are vehicles for students to learn. We are recognizing a Kindergarten pizza-theme project and a fifth grader who demonstrates applying her skills in the Invent Iowa competition. Kari, along with several other Johnson fifth graders, plan to participate in the regional competition February 20, 2000. You read about the Kindergartners in the December 6, 1999 *Quad-City Times* article, "Arts for the Sake of Learning." Accompanying the students were teachers **Chris Carpenter**, Music; **Helen Collis**, Art; **Roberta Majors**, Kindergarten; **Mindy O'Malley**, Third Grade; and **Eunice Hayek**, Fourth Grade. They presented, "Mapping and Arts-emphasis Curriculum to Reach Standards and Benchmarks" at the Art Educators of Iowa Fall Conference. **Kirsten Cuellar**, TAG teacher, and **Sharon Good**, business partner representative from Godfather's Pizza was also present and recognized.

COMMUNICATIONS

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, February 15, 12:00 Noon, Special Call Meeting—Bond Sale, DSASC, Executive Conference Room
- B. Tuesday, February 15, 6:00 PM, PTA Founders Day Banquet, Central High School
- C. Monday, February 21, Presidents Day, Holiday—No School
- D. Monday, February 28, 6:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- E. Monday, March 6, 5:00 PM, Committee of the Whole, DSASC, Board Room

F. Open Forum for Community Input

1. Charles Spooner, 2504 E. 40th Street, Davenport, was appealing the denial of his daughter, Jessica, to transfer out of Davenport. They thought the deadline was for middle term transfers and Jessica wanted to transfer next fall because the family felt the course offerings were more suited to her college needs. Mr. Spooner said his daughter had been told she shouldn't be a doctor, and she wasn't liked at school.
2. Jacqueline Bostic, 810 East 14th, Davenport, complained that coaches weren't being fair to students, especially minority students. She talked about her grandson and mistakes he had made and tried to correct. But she felt the coach was unfair to her grandson and wouldn't let him play in the basketball games, only observe. She had concerns the coaches were not fair because of the color of the students' skin.
3. Erin Taylor, 11503 62nd Avenue, Blue Grass, a 7th grader at Walcott wanted the Board to be aware of a problem at basketball games. She felt there was unfair treatment because the B team could not use the full-court press, the clock never stops, and there are limits on the time they have to work. Since the B team always goes last, the A team doesn't have to stay and watch them. Erin had some solutions to the problem that included alternating the schedule of the two teams and that would be fair. She hoped someone would look into making this correction.

CONSENT AGENDA

V. 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 and All Intervening Meetings

The following minutes of board meetings were presented for approval: Special Call Hearing, January 24, 2000; Regular Board meeting, January 24, 2000, 7 PM; and Special Call Hearing, February 2, 2000.

B. Financial Report

It was recommended that the Treasurer's monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending December 31, 1999 be approved.

C. Open Enrollment: Denial Out of Davenport 2000-01

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

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>District Requested</u>	<u>Davenport Attendance</u>	<u>Length</u>
Jessica Spooner	12 th	Bettendorf	North High	1 year

D. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Clemensen, Beth	Effective: 1/11/2000-8/20/2000
Media Specialist	Leave of Absence without Pay
Harrison Elementary	Reason: Health

RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

* Pethoud, Hubert	Effective: September 30, 1999
Grade 7 Boys' Basketball Coach	Salary: \$1,595.00
(second team)	Reason: Retirement
Young Intermediate	

SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Kaza, Rebecca	7%
Grade 7 Assistant Girls' Basketball	\$1,595.00
Coach (second team)	
Wood Intermediate	
Josund, William	7%
Grade 7 Boys' Basketball Coach	\$1,595.00
(second team)	
Wood Intermediate	
* Olsen, James	7%
Grade 8 Wrestling Coach	\$1,595.00
(second team)	
Williams Intermediate	
* Stald, Edward	7%
Grade 7 Boys' Basketball Coach	\$1,595.00 prorated to \$1,125.88 for the remaining
(second team)	24 days of a 34 day season
Young Intermediate	
Verdon, Matthew	10%
Assistant Boys' Track Coach	\$2,279.00
North High	

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFIED

Buckley, Shannon	Effective: 1/14/2000
Math	Salary: \$26,950.00 (Not Prorated)
North High	

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Bachman, Jeanette Food Service Manager III West High School	Effective: June 5, 2000 Reason: Retirement Yrs. of Service: 28 yrs. 2 mos.
Dickerson, Linda J. Para-Educator – 6.5 hrs/day Adams Elementary	Effective: January 21, 2000 Reason: Retirement Yrs. of Service: 21 yrs.
Gardner, Sandra Custodian – 8 hrs/day North High School	Effective: March 1, 2000 February 29, 2000 Reason: Retirement Yrs. of Service: 22 yrs. 7 mos.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Andrews, Tanya L. Cashier – 4.5 hrs/day Garfield Elementary	Effective: February 17, 2000 Reason: Other Employment Yrs. of Service: 2 yrs. 2 mos.
Beadle, Richard Custodian Williams Intermediate	Effective: January 5, 2000 Reason: Voluntary Self-Termination Yrs. of Service: 6 mos.
Beck, Marjorie D. Food Service Worker – 3 hrs/day Central High	Effective: January 18, 2000 Reason: Voluntary Self-Termination Yrs. of Service: 5 mos.
Cheeks, Joan Food Service Worker – 2.5 hrs/day Young Intermediate	Effective: January 24, 2000 Reason: Voluntary Self-Termination Yrs. of Service: 10 mos.
Cox, Jane M. Para-Educator Leave of Absence	Effective: December 10, 1999 Reason: Other Employment/Resigned from Leave of Absence Yrs. of Service: 1 yr. 11 mos.
Gau, Janet L. Para-Educator – 5.5 hrs/day Adams Elementary	Effective: January 2, 2000 Reason: Other DCSD Employment Yrs. of Service: 9 yrs. 3 mos.
Kramer, Kimberly L. Food Service Worker – 3 hrs/day Central High	Effective: January 28, 2000 Reason: Other DCSD Employment Yrs. of Service: 4 mos.
Lewis, LaVonda R. Para-Educator – 6 hrs/day Grant Elementary	Effective: February 11, 2000 Reason: Relocation Yrs. of Service: 2 yrs. 8 mos.
McMillin, Betty A. Food Service Worker – 3.5 hrs/day Walcott Schools	Effective: January 24, 2000 Reason: Voluntary Self-Termination Yrs. of Service: 3 mos.
Schumacher, Sandra S. Food Service Worker – 3 hrs/day West High	Effective: January 28, 2000 Reason: Other Employment Yrs. of Service: 3 mos.

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

	Barnes, Judy M. Para-Educator Madison Elementary	Effective: February 4, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 7 hrs/day
	Biittner, Tammy L. Para-Educator Buchanan/Jackson Elementaries	Effective: February 1, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6 hrs/day
	Hill, Janice D. Para-Educator Sudlow Intermediate	Effective: January 31, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6.5 hrs/day
***	Huber, Jan M. Para-Educator Adams Elementary	Effective: January 26 , January 3 , 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 3 hrs/day
***	Hughes, Jamie M. Para-Educator McKinley Elementary	Effective: January 20, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 3 hrs/day
***	Jackson, Cecilia A. Para-Educator Eisenhower Elementary	Effective: January 18, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6 hrs/day
	Stokes, Earnest Para-Educator Eastern Avenue School – West	Effective: February 7, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6 hrs/day
***	Vahl, Ashley L. Para-Educator Young Intermediate	Effective: January 25, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 7 hrs/day

E. Correction in Minutes from December 13, 1999 – Consent Agenda (page 3)
LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Walker, Diana Effective: ~~11/16/99~~ 1/18/2000 to 8/21/2000 without pay
Change the effective start date from 11/16/99 to 1/18/2000 due to previous approval on September 20, 1999.

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

VI. 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 bills as presented. Director Howard seconded the motion.

Director Imming noted there was a new listing of special fund checks. There was a series missing on the first run and there was an explanation of the problem with the next list. Director Imming appreciated the help of the people from MIS in tracking these checks.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

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A. Purchase of Property

The administration recommended the Board approve an Agreement for Sale between David P. Slater, Joseph L. Slater, and the Davenport Community School District for the purchase of real estate adjacent to Buffalo Elementary School for a purchase price of \$145,000.

MOTION: Director Hester moved the Board accept the Agreement for Sale in the amount of \$145,000 between David P. Slater, Joseph L. Slater, and the Davenport Community School District for the purchase of real estate adjacent to Buffalo Elementary School. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

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

B. Selection of Architect for Wilson Elementary

The administration recommended the firm of Larrison and Associates of Davenport for the project design work for a media center and classroom expansion at Wilson Elementary. The Phase I project design will be funded with local option sales tax revenue.

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board hire the firm of Larrison and Associates of Davenport for the project design work for a media center and classroom expansion at Wilson Elementary. The Phase I project design will be funded with local option sales tax revenue. Director Low seconded the motion.

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

C Resolution Instituting Proceedings for Issuance of Bonds

President Hollonbeck stated that following the public hearing at the beginning of the meeting tonight on the issuance of bonds, the Board would consider presenting a resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$9,500,000 school infrastructure sales and services tax revenue bonds.

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board adopt the resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$9,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Zamora, Howard, Hester, Low, and Hollonbeck. Abstaining, Kleinschmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Whereupon, the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

Resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$9,500,000 school infrastructure sales and services tax revenue bonds.

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice published as required by law, a public meeting and hearing has been held upon the proposal to institute proceedings for the issuance of not to exceed \$9,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds for the purpose of paying costs of school infrastructure as provided in Chapter 422E, Code of Iowa; and the extent of objections and/or petitions received from residents or property owners as to said proposed issuance of bonds have been fully considered; and, accordingly the following action is now considered to be in the best interests of the School District and residents thereof:

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

Section 1. That this Board does hereby institute proceedings and take additional action for the sale and issuance in the manner required by law of not to exceed \$9,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds for the foregoing purpose.

(The board meeting date for the sale of \$9,500,000 in bonds is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2000. Notice of this meeting was published in the *Quad City Times* on February 2, 2000. Bids will be received at 10:00 AM, and the board meeting for the sale of bonds is scheduled at noon. The meeting will take place at the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa in the Executive Conference Room on the third floor.)

D. Bid #563 – Partial Replacement of Roofs at Central High

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board accept the low Bid #563 from Rafoth Sheet Metal in the amount of \$35,895.00 for the partial replacement of roofs at Central High School including Sections 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18 and 17 (boiler room area). Director Hester seconded the motion.

President Hollonbeck conducted a public hearing for Bid #563, partial replacement of roofs at Central High. No one came forth to be heard.

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

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E. Bid #564 – Partial Replacement of Roofs at Smart Intermediate

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MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board approve the low Bid #564 from Economy Roofing in the amount of \$57,480.00 for the partial replacement of roofs located at Smart Intermediate School. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

President Hollonbeck conducted a public hearing for Bid #564, partial replacement of roofs at Smart Intermediate. No one came forth to be heard.

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

F. Bid #565 – Partial Replacement of Roofs at Washington Elementary

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board approve the low Bid #565 from Jim Giese Roofing in the amount of \$25,268.00 for the partial replacement of roofs at Washington Elementary. Director Hester seconded the motion.

President Hollonbeck conducted a public hearing for Bid #565, partial replacement of roofs at Washington Elementary. No one came forth to be heard.

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

F. Bid #565 – Partial Replacement of Roofs at Washington Elementary

G. Bid #566 – Partial Replacement of Roofs at North High

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MOTION: Director Hester moved the Board accept the low Bid #566 for partial replacement of roofs at North High School including sections 12 and 13 (kitchen area). This project includes complete removal of all existing roofing materials to roof deck in the amount of \$26,777.00 from Jim Giese Roofing. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

President Hollonbeck conducted a public hearing for Bid #566, partial replacement of roofs at North High. No one came forth to be heard.

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

H. Bid #567 – Masonry Renewal at Lincoln Fundamental

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board accept the low Bid #567 from TNT Tuck-pointing in the amount of \$22,378.00 for masonry renewal at Lincoln Fundamental which includes the entire third floor, south elevation. This project shall include complete tuck-pointing and waterproofing of the described areas. Director Kleinschmidt seconded the motion.

President Hollonbeck conducted a public hearing for Bid #567, masonry renewal at Lincoln Fundamental. No one came forth to be heard.

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

H. Bid #567 – Masonry Renewal at Lincoln Fundamental

I. Bid #568 – Construction Bid for West High School

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MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board approve the low Bid #568 from ABS Construction in the amount of \$3,673,000.00 for additions to West High School for media center, administration offices, counseling and music classrooms and the remodeling of the existing IMC and offices to classrooms, subject to resolution of a question regarding the product specified by a subcontractor. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Bill Good clarified the purpose of this motion being subject to the product specifications. He re-introduced the Board to Greg Govey, the designer of the project. Late today an issue came up on a product that might be used that might not meet specifications. They didn't have time to get through this today, so it was suggested approval be contingent upon the review.

President Hollonbeck conducted a public hearing for Bid #568, additions to West High School and remodeling of the IMC and offices to classrooms. No one came forth to be heard.

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

Mr. Good presented board members with personalized hardhats so they could visit the construction sites safely to inspect and observe in the months ahead. President Hollonbeck said they were looking forward to seeing work at all of the construction sites in the District.

J. Board Policies

The Board Policy Committee made several recommendations concerning revision, review, and combination or deletion of several policies discussed at the Policy Committee meeting on January 31, 2000.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board delete the following policies that have been deleted or combined and deleted. Director Howard seconded the motion.

503.15	Graduation—Home Instruction
503.16	Commencement
503.17	Diplomas for Adult Education
604.02	Textbook Adoption Catalog
602.03	Special Projects
604.08	Professional and Curriculum Library

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

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the review of Policy 505.04—Social Events. Director Hester seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the revisions on the following policies, including the new revisions that at their places. Director Hester seconded the motion.

502.03	Physical Examination for Athletes (with revisions)
502.05	Injury or Illness at School
502.06	Use of Motor Vehicles (with revisions)
502.07	Work Permits
502.10	Emergency School Closings
502.14	School Procedures During Severe Weather
503.14	Graduation
504.06	Protection of Parent & Student Rights
505.01	Student Government
505.02	Student Organizations
505.07	Crowd Control at Athletic Events
505.10	Intermediate School Band Uniforms
506.02	Activity Funds
506.03	Class or Student Gifts to School (with revisions)
506.04	Interviews with Students
601.01	Type of School Organization (with revisions)
601.03	Time Allotment
602.01	Program Goals and Objectives
602.04	Special Federal, State, or Privately Financed Programs
602.05	Talented and Gifted
602.10	Summer School Instruction
602.11	Special Education
602.20	United States Flag
603.03	Homework
603.04	Outside Resource People
603.05	Religion Based Exclusion from School
604.01	Textbook Selection and Adoption Catalog (with revisions)
604.03	Copyright Law
604.06	Music Lessons
604.07	Selection of Instructional Materials (with revisions)
604.09	Inspection of Instructional Materials
604.11	Professional and Curriculum Library

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. State Board of Education

President Hollonbeck introduced Kay Wagner from the Bettendorf State Board of Education. Dr. Blanche invited Mrs. Wagner to shared information pertaining to state-level issues, and he said we were fortunate to have a State Board of Education member in our area. Mrs. Wagner said she had attended the District Community Conversations last June on building inclusive schools. There were an additional two sessions and the Davenport District received feedback from the State Department of Education. The information was discussed and the staff received input to work with and they talked about this again last Friday. In April the information will come back to the State Board for more discussion, and then there will be a paper disseminated to the public for input. Next fall there will be a final presentation on this topic. The community conversations will have an outcome and she appreciated being a part of this. Mrs. Wagner appreciated being in the District and listening to the teachers. She was a teacher in Davenport and taught special education students. When she was given the opportunity

to serve on the State Board of Education, she couldn't pass up this experience. If she can contribute her time to improving education, she is delighted to do this work. Mrs. Wagner passed out a booklet on the Iowa State Board of Education Priorities 2000 and the Strategic Plan for Educational Excellence in the 21st Century.

Board members thanked Mrs. Wagner for serving on the State Board. Director Imming found the Department of Education's Web Site to be particularly helpful with the section on educational law. Director Imming expressed his concern about the legislation looking at the distribution of our Local Option Sales Tax money to districts that have not passed this. He felt the people in Scott County have taken this upon themselves, and to cause this money to be distributed to other districts that haven't passed this action was wrong. Mrs. Wagner appreciated the input and said it has been discussed at State Board meetings. The Davenport District has a long-range plan and money has been dedicated. When we think of the best for every student in the state, this becomes a real concern on how to address those areas that don't have the same resources.

Mrs. Wagner said the State always has had to be responsible for compliance, but they are also very oriented toward serving and providing resources. She was glad to hear board members were using the resources and technology. Director Zamora asked questions about priority statistics and that Iowa was 34th in per pupil expenditures. Is the legislature aware that we are so low; and also in 1999 the ACT scores for small Iowa districts were well below the overall state averages? Mrs. Wagner indicated this was a concern but part of the initiative and accountability of the School Improvement Programs was to address these problems. She said the urban districts are doing an excellent job.

B. Community Forum Report

The administration gave a summary report and share information from the Community Forum meeting that was held January 27, 2000. Dr. Blanche said the forum was held at North High and was the fourth in a series of meetings held for the last couple years. Information was collected from this meeting and Bill Thiessen shared comments about the report. The format was highlighted around three major areas (1) enrollment trends and hiring, (2) climate--including suspensions, expulsions, and exclusions, and (3) achievement relating to reading and math areas and assessment instruments. The remainder of the meeting allowed individuals opportunities to talk in small groups and respond to questions. They shared observations about positive elements and also areas that needed to be changed. Mr. Thiessen highlighted some of these comments about observations and specific changes that could be made, such as how to get more people to attend the meetings and share ideas.

Steve Imming and Jim Hester attended the forum and complimented the administration for providing a video for participants to see how students were learning to read in the classrooms. Director Imming suggested a video be made of each grade level to help parents understand the process and learn what they can do at home. The Board was disappointed that there wasn't more community involvement. The administration was looking at ways to improve the attendance and target more people in the community by establishing an earlier date, location change, volunteers, childcare, and better information.

Director Hester shared his feelings about how we advertise for these events and asked how we could reach the greater community and make them a part of this effort. He hoped there could be more dialogue with minority families and some changes made in order to get more people to attend these meetings and become actively involved in the educational process. Director Howard agreed with the concerns of the other board members and suggested the churches and organizations in the community need to be involved further in the planning and communication system. She felt many people in

the community do not take the newspaper, so they don't know about these meetings from that source. The administration would work on addressing these areas for the next meeting and publicize the positive things we are doing.

B. Perry School Transfers

The Board heard about the recommendation for transfer of students from the Perry school area to Buffalo school for the 2000-2001 school year. Dr. Blanche said there was space at Buffalo School for the coming year to transfer the students from Perry School. We would move two mobile units from Walcott to Buffalo. Preliminary checks have shown this is possible to do to accommodate students. There are real advantages for the District financially and for the students themselves. The students will be together and it will cut down on the number of part-time teachers that go to both Perry and Buffalo. Then the media and reading specialists will be at one site, full time. Marsha Tangen and Bill Thiessen were present to answer questions and spoke about other advantages to the move. The future new school will be there and the families will come together and be part of this process from the beginning. We are investigating a site for Eastern Avenue East program, because we are losing the site that we are renting now. Perry school could be a viable, potential site for the Eastern Avenue Program as well. Director Zamora noted that Perry School is 99% bused in students and they just will take the bus to a different location. Director Howard said the Perry school community has been anticipating this for some time and they are looking forward to the new school. Director Low said another advantage was for the capable and energetic principal will be in one building all the time and everyone will benefit from this change. This item will appear for action at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

Dr. Blanche had no further reports to give.

X. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

President Hollonbeck called attention to the UEN Leadership Development Program that was suggested and for board members to look at this for possible discussion.

There was a request for information from Director Zamora who asked if there was some accountability or testing result that would indicate that the middle school concept is worth the expense.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board adjourn. 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.

President Hollonbeck declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary