

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 14, 2007

The Board of the Davenport Community School District met in open session for their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2007, pursuant to law. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room, at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa. President Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

The following board members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Richard Clewell, Nikki De Fauw, Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, and Tim Tupper. Vice President Larry Roberson participated in the meeting via a telephone conference call because he was not physically able to attend the meeting. Director Roberson requested in advance arrangements be made so he could participate from his home via the conference call which is allowed by law.

Student board members present were Beth Neece from North High and Ashley Fishburn from West High. Other students were unable to attend because of work or school commitments. Superintendent Almanza and administrators were present for the meeting also.

BOARD GOAL, OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES 2006-2007

Director Tupper read the Board Goal Statement: "The Davenport School Board will actively support the efforts of the superintendent, district, staff, and families to ensure continuous student achievement for all students."

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. **JIM HESTER PICTURE PRESENTED by *CHRISTINE & JANELLE HESTER***

Director De Fauw explained the recognition for **Christine Hester** and **Janelle Hester** as they presented a picture of Jim Hester for the Board Room. Mr. Hester had served on the School Board for twelve years and in other capacities in the District helping students to achieve. Director Hester was an advocate for children and his passion was to see all children receive opportunities to learn and understand the importance of a sound educational base. Director Hester worked diligently and creatively to find ways for students to fulfill their dreams and develop their potential. The Hester family continues to carry on the dream of sharing with the community and working in education. Ms. Janelle Hester received her undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee majoring in Early Childhood Development. Janelle just returned from a year in Europe where she played professional volleyball. She will pursue her Master's degree in Social Work from St. Ambrose. Ms. **Jami Hester** graduated on May 4, 2007 from Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS with a B. S. degree in Clinical Exercise Physiology. Christine Hester has been teacher in the Business Department at Central High in Davenport for 20 years, and prior to that time she taught in New Orleans.

The picture of Mr. Hester was unwrapped and presented to the Board by Mrs. Hester and her daughter, Janelle. Mrs. Hester was proud to be able to honor her husband's memory and noticed the Jim Hester Board Room didn't have a picture of him in the room. She asked that a small name plate be made for the picture and appreciated this opportunity to make the presentation. President Zamora expressed the Board's gratitude on receiving this picture of Jim smiling.

B. SPECIAL RECOGNITION: PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT LEVY

President Zamora recognized Mr. **Nate Sondegroth** as the leader in charge of the successful PPEL election campaign this year. Mr. Sondegroth and his team of community members were able to provide data to the public about the importance of the levy and how essential these dollars were for the District in order to make improvements and maintain our facilities.

Mr. Sondegroth acknowledged his thanks to all the people in the community for taking time to vote in the PPEL election. He also thanked members of his committee who made donations and worked on the PPEL campaign. Joining him was his little son, Ryan, who was introduced as a future Davenport School District student. Mr. Sondegroth wanted to make sure his committee members knew how much their work was appreciated. He said they all learned a great deal about the school district and community as they worked together through this election process. Nate had the highest respect for Bill Good and Karen Farley for providing information needed about the district. He appreciated their help and quick responses to questions.

President Zamora said she truly appreciated the work of Mr. Sondegroth, his team, and our community who helped with the election and successfully passed the continuation of the PPEL.

C. SMART INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL – TRAMPUS BUDDE/TONYA WILKINS

Principal Budde talked about being proud of the people at Frank L. Smart who made a connection with the community through one of our Family Consumer Science classes. Mr. Budde explained how Ms. Daniele Busher, FCS teacher, connected with a volunteer from a greyhound shelter through Junior Achievement activities. Through their discussion, Ms. Busher had her 8th grade Clothing and Design class create blankets and coats for the shelter the past two school years. The experience taught students not only sewing skills but also the value of giving back to the community. The students took great pride in their work and in being able to help in some manner.

The Board saw a video clip from the Paula Sand's show as she interviewed people involved with this special project "Greyhound Adoption". The video clip showed how the blankets and coats were used and the work involved. Smart Teacher Ms. **Pam Douglas** and Smart student **Stephanie Grubbs** showed the finished products from the course so the Board could see the actual product. Stephanie said about six coats and 20 blankets were made in class.

D. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS – SUPERINTENDENT JULIO ALMANZA

Superintendent Almanza commented about our volunteer school board members who serve thousands of hours each year working to ensure every Iowa student receives a solid education. School Board Recognition Week, May 13-19, 2007, is an opportunity to say thanks to the 2005 men and women who govern Iowa's public education system. This year's theme, "HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED," recognizes school board members who are leaders committed to engaging the community in setting the course to guide local education and to keep student achievement as the primary focus. The District extended their appreciation to our board members on behalf of students, faculty, support staff, parents, and community members. The community and our students benefit because of the Board's dedication and focus on education. Thank you to our board members:

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| PATT ZAMORA, PRESIDENT | 2006-2009 |
| LARRY ROBERSON, VICE PRESIDENT | 2006-2009 |
| RICHARD CLEWELL, DIRECTOR | 2004-2007 |
| NIKKI DEFAUW, DIRECTOR | 2004-2007 |
| RALPH JOHANSON, DIRECTOR | 2004-2007 |
| KEN KRUMWIEDE, DIRECTOR | 2006-2008 |
| TIMOTHY TUPPER, DIRECTOR | 2005-2008 |

E. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Director Clewell expressed the appreciation of the Board and District for the commitment made by the student board members. These individuals represented their individual high schools during this school year, and they had input into the conversations at board meetings. Director Clewell especially thanked Beth Neece and Ashley Fishburn for being at the meeting tonight. He explained these students would present comments about what they learned from representing their high schools. They would also share insights into what the senior high school year was like and what activities or other responsibilities they had during the year.

Ashley Fishburn spoke about representing West High and she thought the biggest problem for her was time management. At times students don't think about the work involved with coordinating school, work, athletics, and outside responsibilities. She appreciated the opportunity to represent West High students and to be a part of this process. She thought it would be helpful for the Board to give students specific questions to take back to the student body to be addressed. Then they could get input on what the students thought about an issue and they could bring the information back to the Board. She thought the discussion at the meeting was from an adult perspective and students had different opinions on some of the topics. The communication needs to be better on what is going on at the board meetings and what is communicated with the students. Ashley said she didn't know what to expect from being a student board member. She learned a lot about how people work together and everyone gets to have a say in the topic.

Director Clewell said the students offer an unfiltered opinion that is unbiased and honest. He enjoys taking students to visit with legislators because they tell people how it is and ask different kinds of questions. Thank you for your help.

Beth Neece represented North High and would also be graduating June 3. Beth's sister served as a student board member in 2005-06 so she had a better idea on what was expected. She felt the students do need more opportunities to express their opinion and to take information back to their schools. Beth said she served on committees at school and worked with the newspaper advisor at North. She was asked to report back on what happened at the board meetings. The students really wanted to know about the renovation work at North High and asked a lot of questions about what the Board was going to do. They wanted to know if North was going to get a new gymnasium and supported this project. This has been a good experience and she learned many new things about government. She would be happy to do this again.

Director Clewell presented certificates to Beth and Ashley acknowledging their work as student board members. There were certificates for other student board members that would be sent to their schools later. Director Clewell recognized all the students for their accomplishments and commitment to being student board representatives. Thank you student board members for your participation.

Central High School
Jazmin Fountain
Joel McCalebb
Nicole Brokloff

North High School
Beth Neece
Stephen Arvanis

West High School
Meghan Costello
Ashley Fishburn

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Wednesday, May 16, 3:45 PM, Board Policy Committee, Administration Service Center, Conference Room B
- B. Thursday, May 17, 3:30 PM, West High Café, Service Awards Recognition Event for Davenport School District Employees
- C. Monday, May 21, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- D. Wednesday, May 23, 3:45 PM, Legislative Advocacy, Administration Service Center, Conference Room A
- E. Thursday, May 24, 4 to 6 PM, Williams Intermediate School Café, PTA End of Year Event Reception
- F. Monday, May 28, Memorial Day – holiday observed--no school
- G. Thursday, May 31, 7:00 PM, Kimberly Center Graduation Service @ North High
- H. Sunday, June 3: Graduation Services at the Mark of the Quad Cities—Times are as follows: 12:00 North High; 2:30 Central High; 5:30 West High
- I. Open Forum for Community Input
 1. Amy Spataru, 2617 Tremont Avenue, talked about the importance of music and arts in the Davenport Public Schools. The programs we have offered have been excellent and we need to continue supporting the arts. She presented additional petition signatures from people who wanted to save the music and arts programs.
 2. Tom Hales, 4428 Spring Street, addressed the Board about his concerns with cutting back on music education opportunities, and how the arts were part of the core curriculum offerings.

3. Joseph Obleton, 1212 Marquette, talked to the Board about supplemental contracts and his experiences working with the schools as a coach. He has appreciated this opportunity and felt the district needed to diversify to offer excellence to students at different levels. He understood the Board needed to balance the budget, but hoped there was another way to do it rather than cutting positions. He thanked the district for his coaching opportunities and hoped positions would become available in the future for him as the budget improved and opened up for coaching.
4. Alex Higdon, 2717 East George Washington Blvd., spoke of the value of continuing to support music education in our schools. He graduated from Central and was majoring in music at college. He talked about his experiences in the orchestra program and how our district excels in these studies. He expressed his concern about withdrawing support from these programs and wanted the Board to provide more opportunities for students in the arts and music areas.
5. Kathy Groenbeck, 1902 West 36th Street, also talked about supporting music programs in Davenport. She talked about orchestra and band students and how they excel at school in their academic subjects. She commented on the importance of music from the preschool level forward and this makes for better students.
6. Brian Burke, 1003 West 17th, talked about music from a different perspective as a musician and part of the business community. There is a huge interest in the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and we provide many students opportunities to develop their skills. Since 1930 we have had a rich tradition of people getting music experiences and this has been valuable to our orchestras and music programs in other places. He hoped the Board would take a strong position on the music program and find the funding to grow the curriculum offerings.

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 and Intervening Meetings

The minutes from the last regular board meeting and intervening meetings were presented for approval as follows: Board Goal and Evaluation Workshop April 16; and Regular Board Meeting April 23; and ~~Committee of the Whole May 7, 2007~~

B. Secretary's Monthly Financial Report

It was recommended the Secretary's monthly report of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending March 31, 2007 be approved.

C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

RESIGNATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

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| Kroemer, D'Anne Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Central High | Effective: June 30, 2007 Years of Service: 13 yrs |
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

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| Amendt, Derek Science West High/North High | Effective: end of 2006-2007 school year Years of Service: 10 mos |
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| DeKraker, Courtney Special Education—MD/CS Blue Grass Elementary | Effective: end of 2006-2007 school year Years of Service: 10 months |
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| Jackson-Green, Shelly Reading Recovery Monroe Elementary | Effective: end of 2006-2007 school year Years of Service: 8 mos |
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| Jacque, Amber Special Education Lincoln Academy | Effective: end of 2006-2007 school year Years of Service: 7 yrs 10 mos |
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| Madison, Patrice Vocal Music Smart Intermediate | Effective: end of 2006-2007 school year Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos |
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| Nelson, Emily Special Education—MD/CS Wood Intermediate | Effective: end of 2006-2007 school year Years of Service: 10 mos |
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LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

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| Comstock, Sara Kindergarten Buffalo Elementary | Effective: March 12, 2007 – May 4, 2007 |
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| DeWitte, Mary Special Ed Walcott | Effective: January 16, 2007 – end of 2006-2007 school year |
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| Gibbs, Shannon Grade 1 Wilson Elementary | Effective: May 3, 2007 – end of 2006-2007 school year |
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| Moorhead, Helen Grade 2 Garfield Elementary | Effective: March 26, 2007 – May 15, 2007 |
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| Pratt, Jamie Business Education Wood Intermediate | Effective: March 20, 2007 – end of 2006-2007 school year |
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| Stolfa, Iris Science Young Intermediate | Effective: April 16, 2007 – end of 2006-07 school year |
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Votroubek, Wendi
Special Education – BD
North High

Effective: March 30, 2007 – May 24, 2007

Wallace, Tina
Spanish
North High

Effective: March 6, 2007 – April 20, 2007

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Beorkrem, Bonnie
Extended Day Contract
West High

\$2,970.11
(10 days)

Eckhardt, Stephanie
9th Grade Volleyball
West High

8%
\$2,041.00

Gray, Thomas
Intermediate Co-Ed Track
Young Intermediate

7%
\$1,786.00

Heinz, Jane
Teacher-In-Charge
Wilson Elementary

15%
\$3,827.00

Hess, Barb
Department Head
Central High

6%
\$1,531.00

Jacque, Amber
Teacher-in-Charge (.5)
Lincoln Academy

15%
\$1,913.50

McCarthy, Chad
Girls' Varsity Swimming
West High

14%
\$3,572.00

Miller, Myrna
Instructional Facilitator
Truman/Monroe Elementary

15%
\$3,827.00

O'Brien, Ron
Boys' Varsity Basketball
North High

25%
\$6,379.00

Reese, Jamie
Department Head
Sudlow Intermediate

6%
\$1,531.00

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| McCarthy, Chad | 5% |
| Assistant SH Boys/Girls Intramurals | \$1,276.00 |
| West High | |
| Wilbricht, Jennifer | 6% |
| Intermediate School | \$1,531.00 |
| Department Head, J. B. Young Intermediate | |

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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| Daggett, Kristina | 7% |
| Assistant Sophomore Softball | \$1,786.00 |
| Central High | |

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

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| Ptak, Marie | Effective: June 12, 2007 |
| Clerical | Years of Service: 7 yrs 6 mos |
| Central High | |

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| Savala, Otilia | Effective: June 7, 2007 |
| Para Educator | Years of Service: 17 yrs 8 mos |
| Central High | |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

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| Posey, Amanda | Effective: May 7, 2007 |
| Food Service Worker | Years of Service: 2 mos |
| West High | |

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| Spainhower, Michelle | Effective: May 2, 2007 |
| Para Educator | Years of Service: 8 mos |
| Madison Elementary | |

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

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| Baker, Connie | Effective: March 8, 2007 – May 30, 2007 |
| Para Educator | |
| Eisenhower Elementary | |

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| Moore, Kristinna | Effective: April 24, 2007 – May 18, 2007 |
| Custodian | |
| Sudlow Intermediate | |

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| Richter, Kenlyn | Effective: February 22, 2007 – May 16, 2007 |
| Clerk III | |
| West High | |

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| Stald, Laurie | Effective: April 23, 2007 – May 23, 2007 |
| Para Educator | |
| Sudlow Intermediate | |

APPOINTMENTS: NON-BARGAINING

Carter, Curtis
Police Liaison
North High

Effective: May 2, 2007
Salary: \$21.24/hr

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Kalkwarf, Julie
Para Educator
Children's Village West

Effective: April 23, 2007
Salary: \$9.40/hr
Hours: 6.25 hrs/day

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

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the May 7, 2007 Committee of the Whole minutes which were not ready at this time. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Tupper, Roberson, De Fauw, Johanson, Krumwiede, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

TERMINATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Superintendent asked for separate action apart from the Consent Agenda on the following recommendations regarding notices sent to individuals recommending terminations of supplemental contracts at the end of the current school year. The Board members received notification of these recommendations and the reasons.

Dennis Coiner – Coaching At-Will Contract Assistant 9th Grade Football (West High)

MOTION: Director Johanson moved the recommendation of the Superintendent be accepted and that the Coaching At Will contract of Dennis Coiner as Assistant Grade 9 Football Coach be terminated effective at the end of the current school year for the reasons that were set forth in the Superintendent's Notice and Recommendation to Terminate the Coaching At Will Contract of Dennis Coiner. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Director Roberson asked for an explanation of the contract terminations because of budget constrictions. Mrs. McClurg responded the termination of the coaching contracts was for budgetary reasons and in one case because of duplication of a contract at buildings.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Johanson, Krumwiede, De Fauw, Clewell, and Zamora. Nay: Roberson. Abstain: Tupper. Motion carried.

Joseph Obleton -- Coaching At-Will Contract as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (J. B. Young)

MOTION: Director Johanson moved the recommendation of the Superintendent be accepted and that the Coaching At Will contract of Joseph Obleton as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach be terminated effective at the end of the current school year for the reasons that were set forth in the Superintendent's Notice and Recommendation to Terminate the Coaching At Will Contract of Joseph Obleton. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Director Roberson asked about this request and if it could be discussed or presented differently? Superintendent Almanza said the people impacted had received communication of the terminations. With a duplication of a contract which we did not terminate in the past, it was necessary to correct the position so we did not duplicate the coaching job.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Johanson, Clewell, De Fauw, Krumwiede, and Zamora. Abstain: Roberson and Tupper. Motion carried.

Joseph Obleton -- Coaching At-Will Contract as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (J. B. Young)

MOTION: Director Johanson moved the recommendation of the Superintendent be accepted and that the Coaching At Will contract of Joseph Obleton as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach be terminated effective at the end of the current school year for the reasons that were set forth in the Superintendent's Notice and Recommendation to Terminate the Coaching At Will Contract of Joseph Obleton. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Johanson, Krumwiede, De Fauw, Clewell, and Zamora. Abstain: Roberson and Tupper. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Superintendent recommended adoption of the resolution for payment of bills.

MOTION: Director Tupper moved, "Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and board members, 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 #196875 for \$122.70, wrong vendor. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Tupper, Roberson, Clewell, Johanson, Krumwiede, De Fauw, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. RE-NAME COMPUTER ROOM AT HARRISON ELEMENTARY “Kris Swope Learning Lab”

The Board heard a presentation of a request from the Principal Green and Jill Vogt at the May 7 Committee of the Whole meeting to rename their computer room. Other community and staff members attended. (This was in compliance with Board Policy 307.02 Naming Facilities.) Director Krumwiede said it would be his honor to make this motion because he had known Kris and spoke highly of her accomplishments and efforts on behalf of our students.

MOTION: Director Krumwiede moved the Board accept the recommendation presented by Principal Tom Green, his staff, and members of their school family to rename the computer room at Harrison Elementary the “Kris Swope Learning Lab” in memory of this former teacher. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Krumwiede, De Fauw, Johanson, Roberson, Clewell, Tupper, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

B. MARKET FACTOR PAY BOARD RESOLUTION 2007-2008

The administration recommended approval of a resolution for the market factor incentive pay allocation from the State to be distributed after July 1, 2007.

MOTION: Director De Fauw moved the following Resolution for the Market Factor Pay:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has appropriated funds in 2006-07 to assist the school district in hiring or retaining teachers in shortage areas;

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and desirable to provide additional salary or assistance to teachers in shortage areas;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined the following criteria to be used in awarding market factor pay for the school district:

1. Use as a one-time bonus payment for identified shortage area and/or hard-to-fill position prior to beginning of employment (not IPERS eligible) \$2,000
2. Use as a bonus payment for those pursuing additional coursework to complete certification (payment of \$1500; this payment would likely have to include IPERS as documentation of enrollment in coursework would be required which may not occur until after employment begins)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board:

The Superintendent is hereby delegated to determine the specific areas of shortage and funds available for those positions for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Director Tupper had questions from the last discussion on concerns about buildings that have opportunity for improving academics but there was a high turnover rate. He asked if there was consideration to use the money to stabilize those buildings. Mr. Almanza responded the administration discussed this but it was not an issue to pursue at this time. If in the future we have an issue with stabilizing a building, we could explore this more.

ACTION: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: De Fauw, Krumwiede, Clewell, Johanson, Roberson, and Zamora. Nay: Tupper. Motion carried.

c. DISTRICT TRADITIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2007-2008

The Administration recommended the tentative calendar for 2007-08. (A copy of the approved calendar will be included in the minutes of record.)

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board accept the tentative Academic Calendar for the traditional buildings presented for the 2007-2008 school year as outlined. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Director De Fauw asked about the longer winter break on the calendar. Mrs. McClurg said when they look at the break, it depends on when Christmas falls and this discussion is a mandated subject of bargaining. The calendar shows December 19 through January 2 as the time frame. If we look back over the years, this is not uncommon for the break at wintertime.

Director De Fauw asked if there had been any discussion about doing a two-year calendar. Mr. Almanza said for the community and staff, it would be better for planning. But this is part of the negotiations process and we will continue to approach this request with the union. We would certainly agree that having a two-year plan would be advantageous.

Director Krumwiede asked about the balanced calendar schedule and if it was much different. Mrs. McClurg responded that was still in progress but would be comparable to this year. Director Johanson asked about the total time spent in class for students. Mrs. McClurg talked about the waiver from 180 days to 178 student contact days. We are in compliance with the State Code and took board action for the waiver and start date prior to September 1. President Zamora asked about the contact hours for students. Mrs. McClurg said the State requires 5.5 hours and we have a longer day with the 178 day schedule. We even have more hours of instruction than required by the State.

ACTION: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Clewell, Tupper, Johanson, De Fauw, Krumwiede, Roberson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

D. AWARD # 564 -- INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES

The administration recommended the Board approval of Award #564 to McGladrey & Pullen.

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for Award #564 for approval of the company with the highest overall score to conduct the independent audit services for the District, with a one-year contract awarded to McGladrey & Pullen LLP for \$42,100. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Award #564 for audit services. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was, therefore, declared closed.

Director Tupper asked about the 11 letters sent out and only getting two responses for the audit work. He asked why this was so limited in the bidding process. Mrs. Tangen explained there were a combination of reasons dealing with work loads of companies, experience with school district auditing, and schedules. The recommendation for the length of the contract was only one year at this point since it is a new firm. We want to see how this works out to make sure it is the right fit for our audit needs as a school district. In the RFP we asked about the size of the firm, years of experience, other district audits, and number of staff to be dedicated to the audit. The price factor was only a part of the RFP. The other firm had experience with audits of school districts our size, but they only had five staff members. We have at least five auditors on site during our audit for several weeks each year, and they didn't have the staff to handle our needs.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Tupper, Roberson, De Fauw, Krumwiede, Clewell, Johanson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. DAVENPORT PROMISE

President Zamora said the Superintendent would give a brief report on the Davenport Promise meeting which they recently attended with some of the City leaders. Mr. Almanza explained the meeting and conversation on a plan called the Davenport Promise. The Superintendent said a similar plan was initiated in Kalamazoo, Michigan and our talks are in the exploratory stages. It is a community development process with colleges from Iowa as well as our school district. We were happy to have this opportunity to hear what the City was reviewing but we don't have many details at this point. They invited the Mr. Almanza and President Zamora to a meeting to listen to the plan being considered that would affect our district. This was only a preliminary discussion on the idea of providing opportunities for our students to receive funding for college and to encourage people to move to this area and stay in Iowa in order to be a part of this plan.

Director Tupper wanted additional information on the promise topic. Mr. Almanza said the plan was preliminary and was being designed by the City, not the district. President Zamora added this is an initiative coming from DavenportOne and leaders in the City. We will share in this because of the education component. President Zamora recapped briefly that students who

live in Davenport and attend our school district would have their tuition paid for if they attended a college in Iowa. They are educated in Iowa, go to college in Iowa, and there are jobs for them to get them to stay in Iowa. This plan is in the embryonic stages and rudimentary at this point. Mr. Almanza added there are a number of economic development models to look at with Kalamazoo doing a lot of research on this area. It is one of a many efforts to bring back graduates to our State and attract young people to Iowa.

Director Tupper asked about the funding element for the plan. Mr. Almanza said the City is looking at the development of this but we don't have details. President Zamora added they wanted to be open about the discussion and didn't want other board members to hear about this indirectly. We will have more open discussions as the City works out plans or lines up discussions. President Zamora said they explained funding from the district would be a stumbling block. Mr. Almanza repeated this was just a preliminary update to the Board. Director De Fauw said she would like to know more about the expectations for students and how the funding worked. Mr. Almanza said we accept the challenge to prepare our students so they can be successful. This encourages us to be diligent in our teaching and student achievement. Our music and tech prep people are finding this very useful as they prepare our students for college and careers. It encourages everyone to be successful.

Director Tupper said it was wonderful to look at this and see how it would help families with the cost of college. One way to reduce the cost of college would be to go back to parents with an option for students to earn community college credits in high school. We let this program go because of a savings of \$30,000 to \$40,000, but it was valuable to so many students. President Zamora said Mr. Almanza has been working hard with the double credit matters for college courses. We will keep the Board informed as we know more.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

There were no additional reports from the administration at this time.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

President Zamora expressed deep sympathy to the family and friends of Pfc. Katie Soenksen, who died in Iraq on May 2. Katie was a 2005 graduate of North High School and she will be missed by everyone who knew her. The Governor announced our flags would be flown at half staff on May 10th in her honor.

President Zamora said a second sad note concerned Harold Moore who passed away May 7. Mr. Moore was a principal in our district for 37 years; serving 24 years at Blue Grass and 13 years at Eisenhower. He retired in 1995. Condolences are expressed to his family and friends.

President Zamora congratulated Board Secretary Linda Smith Kortemeyer on receiving her Masters in Public Administration (MPA) from Drake University on May 11.

Director De Fauw mentioned the success of North High School in Cedar Rapids where they received the People's Choice Award. She noted Wood Intermediate School competed in the middle school choir competition, placing third overall out of 29 groups.

President Zamora noted several students were in the audience and they attended to earn extra credit for their classes or were here to speak about the music program in open forum.

Director Clewell thanked the three students from Central for attending this meeting and he had the pleasure of joining Mr. Heeter class to talk about what board members do as part of the government topic. He told them what the Board does and there was a lot of give and take from the students.

Director Clewell expressed appreciation to members of the Davenport School Museum for hosting the Board Reception from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. People should appreciate the efforts of the Museum and it is well worth your time to visit them at the Administration Service Center. We celebrate the fourth anniversary of having the Davenport School Museum housed at the Administration Service Center. There are incredible and historic items located in the museum which date back to 1850. President Zamora added there is even a 1920 issue of the *Blackhawk* and information about Bix Biederbeck who attended our school district.

Director Tupper noted Teacher Appreciation Week which was celebrated last week and wanted teachers to know how much we appreciate their hard work.

Director Johanson also thanked Mr. Heeter for the opportunity to visit his class. He also commented on the responses from the student board members earlier in the meeting and how inspiring the students are to the Board. The students help make our discussions more meaningful. Director Johanson also talked about attending the Join Hands Day activity at Luther Crest Senior Housing on May 5th. The ROTC students from North helped plant flowers over there as part of this community project to build relationships between the generations. Thank you to all involved.

Director Johanson talked about the Board Policy Committee meeting on May 16 and trying to make sure the other members of the Board are aware of the policies under discussion. If people have questions on any of the policies, they need to let members of the committee know before the meeting on Wednesday.

Vice President Roberson congratulated Linda for her graduate education and her full time work for the Board. He also thanked everyone who has called him on the phone or sent cards expressing their support. Director Roberson said he was coming along well. He also congratulated the North High School girls track team, and the students who are participating in other sports and activities this year.

Director Krumwiede mentioned attending the IASB Leadership Academy and he had an assignment for the Board. He was asking that people take time to thank their legislators for supporting education this year and for their time in making things happen to improve student achievement.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Director Clewell again repeated his request on the status of the public forums for the community to talk about the arts and music education programs.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded by consensus as all ayes.

President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Board Secretary, Linda Smith Kortemeyer