

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 23, 2005

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 Monday, May 23, 2005 pursuant to law and the rules of said Board. Due to construction at the Administration Service Center, the meeting was held in the large meeting room at the Children's Village West, 2826 West Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said district. President Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Richard Clewell, Nikki DeFauw, Alan Guard, Ralph Johanson, Larry Roberson, and Timothy Tupper. Student board members present were: Abby Frick and Sarah Neece from North High; Whitney Linville from West High.

### PUBLIC HEARING Early Start Date Waivers for 2005–2006 Madison, Monroe, Jefferson/Edison, Buchanan, Fillmore, Hayes, Truman & Washington

#### I. PUBLIC HEARING EARLY START DATE CALENDAR WAIVER 2005-2006

The Board held a public hearing on the matter to request a waiver for continuation of an early start date for 2005-2006 for Madison, Monroe, and Jefferson/Edison Elementary Schools and a request for a waiver to establish an early state date for the 2005-2006 school years for Buchanan, Fillmore, Hayes, Truman, and Washington Elementary Schools. President Zamora stated the notice of public hearing was advertised in the *Quad City Times* on May 12, 2005. The public hearing allows community members an opportunity to give input on continuing and establishing an early Start Date Calendar for these buildings, prior to the earliest starting date specified in Iowa Code section 279.10, sub-section 1. No one came forth to be heard during the public hearing. President Zamora then declared the public hearing closed. She noted the Board would take action on the waiver requests for an early start date calendar for these schools later in the meeting.

### RECOGNITIONS

#### II. RECOGNITIONS

##### A. **CHILDREN'S VILLAGE AT HAYES; CHILDREN'S VILLAGE AT HOOVER, AND CHILDREN'S VILLAGE WEST \* *Administrator of Early Childhood Services, Kathy Erickson***

Administrator Kathy Erickson told the Board this year had been a very exciting one with the opening of another center, Children's Village West. With this opening, they were now able to serve over 400 students, ages 6-weeks to 5-years-of-age within our centers. The District has Children's Village at Hoover, Children's Village at Hayes and now Children's Village West. Mrs. Erickson said she was proud of the fact again in the

fall of 2004, kindergarten students attending our district preschool classes scored higher on the KIDS test than all of our other kindergarten students. Every day the teachers teach to our age level benchmarks through various techniques. The Board had an opportunity to see several examples of teaching many of the physical education, mathematics, and literacy benchmarks. Mary Beth Meyers, the speech pathologist, helped a preschool child sing a solo: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.” To the delight of everyone, a group of preschoolers demonstrated their math concepts through the “Cha Cha Slide” song and dance routine.

Mrs. Erickson extended a special thank you to all of the early childhood teachers and associates that have made the programs such a success. President Zamora thanked the principal for her hard work and for all the staff members and students who came to the meeting and shared their special talents.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monday, May 30, Memorial Day Holiday – No School
- B. Thursday, June 2, 7:00 PM, Kimberly Center East Graduation Ceremony held in the auditorium at North High
- C. Sunday, June 5, Graduation Ceremonies held at the **Mark of the Quad Cities** (12:00 PM West High; 3:00 PM North High; 5:30 PM Central High)
- D. Monday, June 6, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole meeting held at J. B. Young Intermediate, moved to the cafeteria area (building tour at 5:15 PM)
- E. Monday, June 13, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, (moved to Children’s Village West)
- F. Monday, June 27, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, (moved to Children’s Village West)
- G. Open Forum for Community Input – There were no requests to speak.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### IV. 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: Committee of the Whole May 2, 2005; Special Call Real Estate Session May 9, 2005 @ 6:00 PM; Regular Board Meeting May 9, 2005 @ 7:00 PM; and Special Call Superintendent Evaluation May 12, 2005.

**B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.**

## RESIGNATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Bland, Sandra	Effective: May 15, 2005
Associate Intermediate Principal	Years of Service: 14 yrs 11 mos
LOA	

## RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Ambrose, Phillip	Effective: June 9, 2005
At Risk (.5)	Years of Service: 7 yrs 10 mos (as teacher)
North High	

## RESIGNATIONS: NON BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

Ambrose, Phillip	Effective: June 9, 2005
Dean of Students (.5)	Years of Service: 5 yrs 9 mos (as dean)
North High Schools	

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Brown, Steven	FMLA with Pay
Industrial Technology	Effective: September 28, 2004 – December 20, 2004
Wood Intermediate	Extended Leave of Absence with Pay
	Effective: December 21, 2004 – May 10, 2005

Engel, Sheila	Extended Leave of Absence with Pay
Science	Effective: August 26, 2004 – June 8, 2005
Smart Intermediate	

Schwartzhoff, Amanda	FMLA without Pay
Grade 2	Effective: May 4, 2005 – May 31, 2005
Monroe Elementary	

## RESIGNATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Dietz, Jeffrey	7%
Assistant Sophomore Baseball	\$1,721.00
North High	

Dietz, Jeffrey	10%
Assistant Girls' Track	\$2,459.00
North High	

Dunham, Nancy	15%
Teacher-In-Charge	\$3,689.00
Washington Elementary	(end of 2004-2005 school year)

Hanghian, Ryan	7%
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8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Walcott Intermediate	\$1,721.00
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Wood, Michael Track Girls'-Cross Country West High	7% \$1,721.00
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APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Albers, Roselyn Department Head (.5) Williams Intermediate	6% \$1,499.00 (2005-2006 school year)
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Burkhalter, Kourtney Assistant Girls' Soccer North High	6% \$1,475.00 (2004-2005 school year)
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Degler, Beth Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Central High	12% \$2,999.00 (2005-2006 school year)
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Dietz, Jeff Head Sophomore Baseball North High	10% \$2,459.00 (2004-2005 school year)
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Rios, Renee Sophomore Assistant Softball North High	7% \$1,721.00 (2004-2005 school year)
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Volesky, Matthew Sophomore Assistant Baseball North High	7% \$1,721.00 (2004-2005 school year)
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RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Brown, Steven Industrial Technology Wood Intermediate	Effective: May 11, 2005 Salary: \$50,480.00
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APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Knapper, Ronald Math, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Sudlow Intermediate	Degree: M.A. – Step 1 Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$29,486.00
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Schaffer, Robin Reading, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Smart Intermediate	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$25,640.00
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Barrett, Angela Warehouse Person I Warehouse	Effective: May 16, 2005 Years of Service: 5 yrs 5 mos
Cox, Jermaine Para Educator West High School	Effective: April 26, 2005 Years of Service: 1 yr
Davis, Jill Campus Security West High School	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 1 yr 3 mos
Edwards, Julaine Para Educator Wood Intermediate	Effective: May 6, 2005 Years of Service: 9 mos
Negus, Robert Custodian Eisenhower	Effective: May 31, 2005 Years of Service: 17 yrs 6 mos

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Shivers-Scott, Janet Food Service Worker Jefferson-Edison	Effective: May 16, 2005 Salary: \$7.26 Hours: 2.5 hours/day
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\* Not a Teacher      \*\* Guest Teacher      \*\*\* Not a Replacement

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as written. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

PERSONNEL ITEM

V. PERSONNEL – TERMINATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT

The Superintendent recommended the supplemental contract of Theodore Reicher for Orchestra, Senior High, be terminated effective at the end of the current school year.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the recommendation of the Superintendent be accepted and that the supplemental contract of Theodore Reicher for Orchestra, Senior High, 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 supplemental contract of Theodore Reicher. Director Guard seconded the motion.

There was discussion which followed regarding the need to make this recommendation. Director Clewell was concerned because this teacher was highly recognized and well respected for his extra work with students at Central. President Zamora also wondered in light of the huge success of the music program, that she didn't feel she had enough information to make this decision. Dr. Schuerman explained the recommendation had to be made because there was only one orchestra senior high supplemental contract allowed for Central High; the supplemental contract was held by the orchestra teacher; and district budgetary limitations did not allow a second supplemental contract. It had nothing to do with the quality or experience of the individual. There just was only one position for a supplemental contract at Central.

The administration asked Mr. Reicher to resign, but that was not his choice. There would be an inequity between the schools if Central was allowed to have the second supplemental contract and because of budget constrains, we are not able to add more positions at this time. Mr. Reicher was an excellent teacher but this termination has to be done by May 31 by legal rules. Dr. Schuerman said Mr. Reicher was the second person with the supplemental contract and had the contract for several years. Mrs. McClurg explained they discovered the error last year and had to make a decision to terminate the contract for next year. Director Roberson said he understood that we wanted the schools to be alike and if we allowed this second supplemental contract for music at Central, we would have to do the same for North and West. Director Guard said it was an unfortunate situation, but we have to rectify because of the budget crisis. A good number of teachers are doing extra work with no compensation, but we don't have the funds to reimburse them for their extra time. If we would allow the contract, then there would be many others who would want to be paid for other duties and see inequities. Director Clewell understood the equality issues, and even though this was neglected for several years, action was warranted now to correct the situation. Director Clewell wondered about the reasons why Mr. Reicher refused to resign.

Director DeFauw wondered why the position had originally been created but saw the need for the termination for next year. Director Guard added the current superintendent was not involved with this situation when it started. Dr. Schuerman answered other questions about coordination of the music and fine arts programs. The Human Resources department has visited with other staff members about this situation and the need to correct the situation for next year. We hoped to be able to do this privately, but since the teacher didn't resign, then the termination needed to be made at this time. Dr. Schuerman emphasized it had nothing to do with the quality of his work, but just that the position was not existing for next year.

**ACTION:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Guard, DeFauw, Johanson, and Roberson. Nays: Tupper, Clewell, and Zamora. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

### VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The administration presented a resolution for adoption of the bills.

**MOTION:** Director Guard moved the following: “Resolved 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 #168121 in the amount of \$208. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

## OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### VII. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

#### A. Naming Wilson’s Main Corridor the “Long Hall” in Honor of Bill Long

The administration recommended approval of a request from staff members and parents to rename the main corridor at Wilson Elementary School. The request was presented for discussion purposes at the May 9 board meeting.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration’s recommendation from staff members and parents to rename the main corridor at Wilson Elementary School in honor of Principal Bill Long, to be called the “Long Hall”. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Director Guard said he was in favor of the recommendation but joked about the “Long Rest Stops” in the building.

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

#### B. Naming the Pool at North High YMCA the “Larry W. Swanson Aquatic Center”

The administration recommended approval of a request from staff members and parents to name the pool at the North Family YMCA in memory of Larry Swanson. The request was presented for discussion purposes at the May 9 board meeting.

**MOTION:** Director Guard moved the Board accept the administrations recommendation to approve a request from staff members and parents to name the pool at the North Family YMCA in memory of Larry Swanson, to be called the “Larry W. Swanson Aquatic Center”. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

**C. Early Start Date Calendar Waiver for Madison, Monroe, Jefferson, Buchanan, Fillmore, Hayes, Truman, and Washington Elementary Schools for 2005-06**

The administration recommended the District submit a waiver request to the Director of the Department of Education for early start date waivers.

**MOTION:** Director Guard moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to submit a waiver request to the Director of the Department of Education to allow for continuation of an of an early start date calendar for Madison, Monroe, and Jefferson/Edison elementary schools for the 2005-2006 school year; and a waiver request for establishment of an early start date calendar for Buchanan, Fillmore, Hayes, Truman, and Washington Elementary Schools for 2005-2006. The start dates for these schools are prior to the earliest starting date specified in Iowa Code section 279.10, sub-section 1. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

**NOTE:** The Board believes there would be a negative effect on the District if these buildings were not allowed to have an early starting date calendar. A public hearing on this matter was conducted earlier in the meeting and notification was published in the Quad City Times, as required by law.

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

**C. Contract with Para Educators (Four-Year Contract 2005-06 to 2008-09)**

The administration made a recommendation to the Board concerning approval of the contract for Para Educators as negotiated.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to approve the four-year contract for Para Educators as negotiated (2005-06; 2006-07; 2007-08; 2008-09). Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Director Roberson publicly thanked Rita Watts, Claudia Wood, and others who served on the negotiating team for their dedication and efforts to secure this four-year agreement. Dr. Schuerman recognized the services of Director Roberson who was the representative from the Board on the team.

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

**D. Bid #518--Jackson Parking Lot Installation & Playground Overlay /Public Hearing**

The administration made recommendations for Bid #518 including the alternatives.

**MOTION:** Director Guard moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation regarding Bid #518 for the lowest responsible bids received as follows from: (1) Treiber Construction in the amount of \$78,785.30 for concrete installation and (2) General Asphalt in the amount of \$92,256.25 for asphalt installation at Jackson School parking lot and playground. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The Board held a public hearing for input on Bid #518 for parking lot installation and playground overlay work. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed. Director Guard notes that the asphalt installation included the alternates in the bid.

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

**E. Award #519—Banking Services/Public Hearing**

The administration made a recommendation for Award #519 for banking services.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation of an Award #519 for the proposal submitted by Metro Bank for banking services used by the District, with fees waived, to be engaged by 6/1/05 and to begin services on 7/1/05. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

The Board held a public hearing for input on Award #519 for banking services. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

Director Tupper noted three banks offered fees waived and asked if other banks that submitted charges had higher rates of interest to earn on accounts. Claudia Wood responded Metro Bank and First Midwest Bank were compared and Metro was able to give us higher interest on our money. Director Guard talked about looking at rates for reinvesting in our community. He recommended in the future this should be included in the proposal. The rating for the bank should be satisfactory or outstanding for banks reinvesting in our community and housing markets locally. He would be happy to share information with the accounting department if they want this.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS****A. Student Board Members Report**

Three of the student board members reported on their schools and people who influenced them during their high school years. Sarah Neece from North High began the presentation sharing stories about "Unlocking the Memories." Sarah Neece recognized her teacher, Mrs. Rebecca TeBrake, and coach, Mrs. Betty Christian, for making an impact on her life. Abby Frick recognized Mrs. Diane Rios for being a great role model and shared how Coach Guy Heller had an amazing influence on her. She praised the work of Coach Chris Hall and told how he taught her perseverance. The students explained their involvement in swimming, basketball, and tennis as well as a number of extra-curricular activities including band, Key Club, and becoming members of the National Honor Society. They talked about fun times at homecoming and prom; and the students thanked the Board for all the programs and opportunities the school provided for them. They felt confident about being able to succeed in college and with future careers.

Whitney Linville represented West High School—Home of the Falcons. Her presentation was a Powerpoint slide report talking about the many experiences she had in high school. She explained how high school was a place where learning takes place, students work hard and strive for goals, they learn to be leaders and express themselves creatively. Whitney recognized faculty members Kathlynn Breinich, Steve Baldry, Jane Hart, Patricia Sheehy, Barbara Lipnick, Steve Verdon, Peggy Sands, and Susie Stark. Whitney also shared how she learned to work hard, appreciate every culture and language, explore anything and everything, and had opportunities of a lifetime as she gained knowledge and wisdom. Students had time to do school work, participate in sports, and to see how education and fun can be combined. They also made life-long friendships.

President Zamora said she knew these students would make themselves successful.

Director Guard thanked them for bringing ideas to the Board's attention and for their input at the board table during discussions. It was great to get their perspective and he was glad they felt comfortable in speaking up on issues. Director Roberson was glad to hear the students saw learning could be fun and they could face the difficult work also. Director Johanson thought the presentation was amazing and hoped the report could be seen by others in the district. Whitney said she would be making a presentation to teachers, student senate, and staff. Abbey and Sarah didn't have specific plans; however, Rachael Mullins would love to get their presentations on the website. Director Clewell asked about the saying "You Can't Scout Heart." Whitney responded on how so many professionals recruit students, but they really can't see what is inside their hearts. President Zamora wished the students all the best in their future.

#### **B. Textbook Adoption for 2005-2006**

Juli Staszewski presented materials to the Board showing the textbooks and materials being recommended for adoption. The materials under consideration were reviewed by members of various Textbook Adoption Committees during the year. The total adoption would be in the range of \$551,426 for the 2005-06 school years. Mrs. Staszewski introduced staff members who were present and served on committees as Dawn Anderson, Linda Malone, Betty Griffin, Betsy Fair, Kathy Learn, and Kathy Erickson. President Zamora said having served on a curriculum committee, she was aware of the amount of time this takes to examine the materials.

Mrs. Staszewski said the books will be available to view at the Administration Service Center over the next few weeks if people would like to look over them some more. Director Clewell wondered with the state of the school budget, would it be wiser to replace hardbound books with computer software programs? Mrs. Staszewski responded if there were lots more computers and easy access for everyone, it could save money. But with books, it was easier to find your place and go up and back with a printed copy. The students agreed they liked to have the books in their hands to study. President Zamora also noted if there were several students in a family, it could cause problems having all of them needing a home computer to do their work.

Director Roberson wanted to make sure our students were keeping up with the technology they needed with textbooks and the most current materials on-line. Mrs. Staszewski said there are elective resources used electronically adding to the learning environment. We have CDs that come with the textbooks and the key components are web based for students and teachers. Director Clewell asked the students how they felt about this because from his experience at work, everything was done electronically. Abby felt the textbooks were important but thought at the college level it could be different because of the amount of materials. It could save money for students in college, but in high schools they needed the textbooks. She said students have to manage their time efficiently with sports and extra activities after school. If they needed computers to access the materials, they couldn't do that unless they were in front of a computer. Also with several children in their families, they have problems with computer time now. Whitney agreed but believed it was good to have a resource on the computer for additional work. They could do projects at school, but they needed books for use at home. Sarah said she agreed and found it more comfortable to read from a textbook then off the computer screen for longer times. She liked to highlight items as she went along too. If they could have both textbooks and computer resources, that would be great.

Director Guard asked about alignment with the curriculum and standards being used. Mrs. Staszewski said they have been working for two years on standards and benchmarks and

used these in the process of textbook evaluation and selection. We wanted to make sure what they were adopting fit into the cycles for learning. They had criteria to use and the question they asked was whether the material lined up well with the benchmarks. The committee made sure the adoptions met the needs. Director Guard asked about parent involvement in the selection process. The response was every committee had parental representation, although parents didn't attend every meeting. This would come back to the Board for approval at the meeting in June.

### **C. Board Policy Revisions or Adoptions**

Director Clewell represented the Policy Committee and recapped some work being done on a number of policies. The Board reviewed revisions in policy #303.01 Purchasing which reflected recommended changes needed. They also heard about work on a policy that would need to be adopted #401.03 Code of Behavior. They committee had received input from other districts and felt certain parts would cover what we needed. Director DeFauw said we already have policies covering harassment, drugs, and violence in the workplace, but we wanted a policy to address conduct outside the workplace. There were several suggestions on word changes and how to better define "immoral misconduct". Director Clewell will make additional wording changes to cover this. Director Roberson felt it was important to have clarification because there could be different interpretations of what moral or immortal could be. Director DeFauw felt this really was meant to cover criminal conduct, but they would work further on the policy. There are grey areas in policy to add flexibility at times, but it was meant to cover unethical or illegal matters. If it is too explicit, then it could be restricting and cause more problems if something was specifically noted in the policy. The committee thought details could be spelled out in an administrative regulation to give more guidance in implementation.

Director Clewell next talked about the need for having a specific bullying policy and the committee was looking at wording in the discipline policy and harassment policies. This is just a beginning of making a policy, but we would like to have something in place for the next school year addressing bullying. The Board looked at #501.11 Student Transfers and the name should be changed to Attendance Centers. The section dealing with Lincoln Fundamental School Transfers needed to be deleted since they are now going to be a charter school. There was additional talk about principal agreements and the fact IASB didn't feel we needed a special policy on charter schools. Director Zamora was concerned about the principal agreements and thought these should be minimal with only a few exceptions allowed. Director Guard agreed the issue of principal agreements was something to work on in the future. Director DeFauw noted some changes needed to be made immediately because the part about Lincoln School no longer applied. This could cause problems if it remained in the policy. The goal was to have revisions by July so it was ready for the start of school, or by the first meeting in August at the latest.

The last policy discussed was Foreign Exchange Students and Director Clewell went over the revisions. The exact number of students was removed at each high school and the specific list of organizations. The Superintendent would appoint an administrator to deal with issues concerning foreign exchange students and finding out if the organizations were actually bona fide by the Immigration Services.

### **D. Urban Education Network Priorities 2006**

Director Clewell and Rachael Mullins talked about legislative priorities the Davenport School District would like to have the Urban Education Network consider giving direction to legislators during 2006. The priorities will be sent to the Emerging Issues Committee for additional work and combining ideas from other Urban Districts in June. Board members needed additional time to review the ideas and will present more feedback at the Committee of the Whole in June. The Board received additional history of priorities from IASB and UEN over the past five years as a reference. Director Clewell would be attending several meetings from UEN and Rachael Mullins would be getting together with people who had similar jobs from the urban districts to discuss priorities for next year. There will need to be additional discussion on the selection of the priorities at the June Committee of the Whole after board members reviewed this more. We need to have the Board make a selection of their top five priorities by August 11 for IASB and we will also want to look at selecting someone to be the LAN (Local Action Network) representative for 2005-06. This person usually attends the convention in November and is the voting delegate. Director Guard wondered about the tax payer rights priorities and if it was dead. Director Clewell talked more about this and how other urban districts were supportive, including Iowa City who would be most affected. Despite the challenges to Iowa City, they were willing to go along with the other seven urban districts.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

### IX. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

Dr. Schuerman talked of parent meetings at J. B. Young and Lincoln concerning the Therapeutic Model Program. He mentioned taking more responsibility for explaining the objectives of the program to parents and getting information out. Meetings are planned for May 24 @ 5:30 PM at J. B. and May 25 @ 5:00 PM at Lincoln. Board members were invited to attend if they wanted to hear more. Mrs. Ethel Reynolds attended transition meetings with Kimberly Center parents and they visited the schools. They did an adequate job on the transitioning phase, but she couldn't speak about other meetings for parents at J. B. or Lincoln.

#### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

1. Director Ralph Johanson presented an information request. Has there been any additional consideration given to some recent open forum issues, i.e. the Central softball fields? (Note: Bill Good responded to this in notes at the last Committee of the Whole meeting.)
2. Director Richard Clewell asked for an agenda item to describe how students who are suspended are processed, i.e. how timely is homework provided; where are students located?

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board adjourn. Director Clewell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was called and recorded as all ayes.

President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary