

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DAVENPORT SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION SERVICE CENTER
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM
1606 BRADY STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010

CLOSED SESSION (BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER EVALUATION)

5:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

7:00 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, May 24, 2010 for a Closed Session Evaluation of the Board Secretary/Treasurer pursuant to law. The closed meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. Vice President Clewell called the Evaluation Session to order at 5:40 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: Vice President Richard Clewell, Directors Nikki De Fauw, Ken Krumwiede, Larry Roberson, Ralph Johanson, and Timothy Tupper. President Zamora was absent. Board Secretary/Treasurer, Lynnette Carver, was present.

5:40 PM CLOSED SESSION (BOARD SEC/TREASURER EVALUATION)

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the Board hold a closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance was being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to the individual's reputation, and the individual had requested a closed session, in compliance with Chapter 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa. Director Roberson seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was called. All ayes.

7:05 PM ADJOURNMENT

By consensus the Board agreed to adjourn.
Vice President Clewell declared the Closed Session Evaluation adjourned at 7:05 PM. The Board took a brief recess before the start of the Regular Meeting at 7:10 PM.

7:10 PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the counties of Scott and Muscatine met in open session for their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 24, 2010 pursuant to law. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room, at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. Vice President Clewell called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

The following board members were present: Vice President Richard Clewell, Directors Larry Roberson, Tim Tupper, Ralph Johanson, and Ken Krumwiede. Nikki De Fauw and Patt Zamora were absent. Other administrators were present for the meeting.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Donna, Susie and Kourtnei Mitchell who passed away in a car accident over the weekend. Donna was a para educator at Wilson and her two daughters attended Williams Intermediate. Mr. Almanza stated that school staff and administrators started the grief counseling process on Saturday as soon as the Davenport Police Department informed the school of the accident. There were counselors at several schools throughout the district on the first day back to school following the accident. Students were given factual information and allowed to express their grief. The media honored the request to refrain from being at the schools and a press conference was held at the ASC. Mr. Mitchell has requested that West High School Auditorium be used for the memorial and service. The district will honor this request.

Director Roberson read the vision statement.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. June 1 @ 3:00 PM Legislative Advocacy Meeting, Administration Service Center, Executive Board Room
- B. June 3 @ 7:00 PM -Kimberly Center Graduation, North High School
- C. June 6 @ 12:00 PM North High School Graduation, 2:30 PM West High School Graduation, and 5:30 PM Central High School Graduation, i wireless Center
- D. June 7 @ 5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- E. June 9 @ 3:45 PM Policy Committee Meeting, Administration Service Center, Executive Board Room
- F. June 14 @ 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- G. Open Forum for Community Input

Leanne Anderson, 10980 148th St., Davenport-Ms. Anderson spoke on the “Power of I” program. This program is an opportunity to make up incomplete work before final grades. As a guest teacher it seems that a great amount of time is used in tracking down this information. There are some students that feel that they will not fail because of this program. She asked the board to rethink this program.

Amy Purcell, 14339 Kruse Ave., Davenport-Ms. Purcell spoke on the “Power of I” program. She agreed with Ms. Anderson’s comments. As a guest teacher she has seen that students disregard deadlines knowing that they had extra time before their final grade was submitted. She feels that students should be held more accountable for their work. She also asked the board to look again at this program.

II. 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 following meetings were presented for approval as follows: May 10, 2010 (Regular Meeting) and May 12, 2010 (Special Call Meeting)

B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves, Etc.

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Belz, Eugene H S Strength Coach West High	5% \$1,373.00
Carvajal, Manuel Boys' Assistant Varsity Soccer Central High	8% \$2,156.00
Hill, Ryan Sophomore Softball Central High	10% \$2,695.00
Huntly, David 7 th Grade Volleyball Walcott Intermediate	8% \$2,196.00
Kretschmer, Mark Department Head (.5) West High	6% \$823.50
Moore, Nancy Department Head (.5) West High	6% \$823.50
Ott, Renee Assistant Sophomore Softball Central High	7% \$1,887.00
Saladino, Steve Girls' Varsity Basketball West High	25% \$6,863.00

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Werthmann, Christine Food Service Worker Wood Intermediate	Effective: May 17, 2010 Salary: \$8.60/hr Hours: 2.5 hrs/day
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Williams, Russ Assistant Principal Central High	Effective: July 31, 2010 Years of Service: 3 yrs 9 mos
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RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Leigh, Sara 4 Yr Old Program Preschool Children's Village West / CV Buffalo	Effective: June 30, 2010 Years of Service: 1 yr 11 mos
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RESIGNATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Arnold, Julie 9 th Grade Volleyball West High	8% \$2,156.00
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Buller, David Activities Manager Williams Intermediate	20% \$5,390.00
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Bunch, William 7 th Grade Volleyball Wood Intermediate	8% \$2,156.00
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Flaherty, Sandra Assistant Intermediate Co-Ed Track Sudlow Intermediate	5% \$1,348.00
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Huntley, David Assistant 8 th Grade Football Walcott Intermediate	7% \$1,887.00
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Ludtke, Lois Pom-Pom Coach North High	7% \$1,887.00
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Saladino, Steve Girls' 8 th Grade Basketball Williams Intermediate	7% \$1,887.00
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Terronez, Anthony Intermediate Co-Ed Track Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,887.00
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RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Bell, Edward Food Service Van Driver Operations Center	Effective: May 21, 2010 Years of Service: 1 yr 8 mos
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Haas, Mary Administrative Assistant ASC	Effective: June 4, 2010 Years of Service: 20 yrs 10 mos
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Kline, Shirley Food Service Cashier II Washington Elementary	Effective: June 10, 2010 Years of Service: 6 yrs 3 mos
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Poehls, Lois
Food Service Cook-in-Charge
Washington Elementary

Effective: June 10, 2010
Years of Service: 14 yrs 9 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Adams, Michael
Custodian
Walcott School

Effective: May 27, 2010
Years of Service: 1 yr 6 mos

Carroll, Mary Ellen
Para Educator
North High

Effective: May 10, 2010
Years of Service: 5 yrs 8 mos

Hammock, Tanya
Food Service Cashier I
North High

Effective: May 28, 2010
Years of Service: 6 yrs 6 mos

Ridenour, Claudia
Food Service Cashier I
Central High

Effective: May 19, 2010
Years of Service: 1 yr 6 mos

Ware, Melissa
Para Educator
Walcott Elementary

Effective: June 3, 2010
Years of Service: 1 mo

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Young, Scott
Lead Custodian
Harrison Elementary

Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: April 30, 2010 – October 30, 2010

Motion: Director Roberson moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

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

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was recommended by the administration for adoption of the Bills from the bill listing period: May 7, 2010 through May 19, 2010.

Motion: Director Roberson moved the approval of the resolution: Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary/Treasurer, reviewed by the administration and board members, and they are hereby audited and allowed as just claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts. Further resolved, the payment of claims and salaries be approved as presented. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Tupper asked for more information on the check #272426 to the Clarion Hotel. It will be provided to the board.

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

IV. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Textbook Adoption 2010-2011

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board adopt the textbooks and curriculum materials for 2010-2011 as presented at the May 10, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Johanson asked about the future purchases listed as being purchased when funds are available. Juli Staszewski stated that committees make the adoptions on a cycle. We are a bit backlogged and hope to catch up on the approvals during the next year as funds are available. The board would be approving that these will become curriculum materials. Director Roberson asked if the estimates are as accurate as possible. Juli stated that things may change slightly as time is closer; however it is as accurate as possible at the time. The board will be provided the exact amounts when the purchases are final. Director Roberson asked if it creates a hardship in the classroom when textbooks cannot be purchased. She explained that materials are available for the current year and the updates were put off until the following year. Juli reported the current cycle is 10 years. She stated that textbook costs have increased. Vice President Clewell hopes we will continue to explore electronic textbook options. He suggested using the term Curricular Instruction Material Adoption rather than Textbook Adoption. Director Roberson asked what the teachers' opinions are of using electronic formats. Juli stated that the groups that create these recommendations are on board with where we currently are and that we have several formats already available as part of our curriculum. A formal survey has not been done. Director Tupper reiterated that materials are available for all special need students. Mr. Almanza pointed out that teachers are very involved in choosing curriculum. An example is the Project Lead the Way curriculum which was chosen by the people who run the program, teachers, and principals from our District. Director Johanson asked about the line item amount available for textbooks in our budget and whether a 10 year cycle is sufficient. Juli stated that she lives within the budget provided and they are very fiscally responsible. Director Roberson reminded the board that several student board members stated that they like having an actual textbook in addition to electronic formats. Mr. Almanza reminded the board that the district has a new textbook management system to help with this process.

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

B. Teacher Quality Committee Membership 2010-2011

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the recommendation for the following individuals to serve as members of The Davenport School District Teacher Quality Committee for 2010-2011: Juli Staszewski; Virginia Weipert; Kathleen Learn; Bruce Potts; and Kent Ryan. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Krumwiede asked for an explanation of the committee for the audience's benefit. Ms. Staszewski stated this committee is required by state law and has equal representation between teachers and administrators. Money provided by the state through this committee is used for professional development throughout the district. Director Tupper asked about the consistency throughout the district for use of funds allocated for professional development. Juli replied that we have a large district and certain buildings have specific needs and gave several examples of specific training based on those needs. Director Tupper asked what would be required to coordinate in a more comprehensive way because he feels this is an important goal. Juli answered that buildings would lose flexibility and decisions would be made from the top down instead of at building levels.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Krumwiede, Roberson, Johanson, and Clewell. Nays: Tupper. The motion carried.

C. Purchase of Property

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve the recommendation to purchase the property located at 715 E. 36th Street, Davenport for \$90,915.00. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ms. Tangen stated this is a residence close to the Brady Street Stadium where we are looking to expand. The previous owners have asked to store a vehicle in a garage until such time when we choose to do something else with the property which the district has agreed to.

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

V. DISCUSSION

A. Naming of Facilities Request (Terry Lunardi)

Ethel Reynolds reported that there has been a request from Garfield Elementary School to rename their library The Terry Lunardi Memorial Library. In following the procedures as put forth by the board, the administration recommends approving the request. It would be presented to the board for final approval at the June 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. Ms. Reynolds summarized the criteria as

stated in the regulations and feels that the request meets these criteria. Director Krumwiede congratulated Garfield for this request and for the memorial service for Mr. Lunardi that the school hosted recently. He stated that Mr. Lunardi was a phenomenal community partner for the district and supports this request.

B. Policy Review

503.12 Junior Achievement-delete

Discussion: The committee discussed that highlighting one particular organization without highlighting the others seems contrary to other policy. This activity would be covered under 101.08 Community Partners. Director Krumwiede feels that Junior Achievement deals with actual curriculum and the policy was probably written to encourage community partners to come in and teach that curriculum. He sees this as a unique situation and would be concerned about deleting the policy. Director Tupper feels it serves a purpose and should not be deleted. Director Roberson reminded the board that direction from the board was given that organizations not be singled out at a previous discussion.

504.03 Search and Seizure-revision

Discussion: There was a discussion of the words articulable vs specific. It was suggested that the committee check with Lane & Waterman on wording. The committee will take this under advisement. Vice President Clewell suggested listing regulations in the footnotes on policies. This will be discussed at the next Policy Committee Meeting.

504.06 Parent's and Student's Rights-delete

Discussion: Director Krumwiede asked if there are regulations for this policy. The committee reported that they have not been developed, but this information is in the student handbooks.

504.08 Good Conduct Rule-revision

Discussion: None

506.05 Senior Lists-no revision

Discussion: Director Roberson stated that he feels the wording is ambiguous on whether requesting to not have a student's name on the list would actually result in the student's name being removed from the list. Director Tupper asked if some of the lists are required by law. Director Johanson responded that is true and that there is a form that parents/students may

deselect the student from being distributed during the registration process.

506.06 Religious Excuse from Activities and Practices-revision

Discussion: None

903.09/903.10 Agenda/Distribution of Agendas-revision

Discussion: Vice President Clewell asked about the deletion of the section on agenda booklets. Director Johanson answered that IASB does not have any reference to this section and that this is a Freedom of Information Act issue which has no time frame for distribution as stated in the old policy. Mary Gannon from IASB gave the committee this information.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

Vice President Clewell requested job descriptions for Instructional Specialists PK-12 for Vocal and Instrumental Music and Instructional Specialists PK-12 for Creative Arts.

Directors Tupper and Johanson requested a brief report on the effectiveness of the Power of I.

Director Tupper asked for the final Special Education Report and presentation. Mr. Almanza stated the board has received a draft and a final report could be expected in the next 2-3 weeks.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

Director Roberson stated he would like to encourage more participation in community activities and increase our presence in the public. He has recently attended some wonderful events on behalf of the board.

Vice President Clewell recognized Laura McCreery for the Excellence in Science Teaching Award.

Vice President Clewell gave the board's condolences to Sharon Helming's family. She passed away a few weeks ago and she will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Director Tupper moved the Board adjourn. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Tupper, Krumwiede, Johanson, Roberson, and Clewell, all ayes. Vice President Clewell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary/Treasurer