

REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 23, 2008

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, June 23, 2008, 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 Larry Roberson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The following board members were present: Vice President Roberson (chair); Directors Richard Clewell; Nikki DeFauw, Ralph Johanson, and Tim Tupper. Absent: Directors Ken Krumwiede and Patt Zamora. Ethel Reynolds sat in for the superintendent who was not able to be present.

BOARD GOAL, OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES 2007-2008

Director Clewell read the Board Goal: "The Davenport School Board will actively support the efforts of the superintendent, district, staff, and families to ensure continuous student achievement for all students." One of the Board's objectives deals with creating a long-range vision for the District. An ad hoc committee has been formed that will help develop the vision statement. Directors Krumwiede and Clewell are working with focus groups on this process and are meeting with ten groups in the community to see what they want from the school district. It is appropriate to let the community tell us what they want so those ideas are incorporated into the plan.

COMMUNICATIONS

I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **MONDAY, JULY 7 – CANDIDATE FILING BEGINS FOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION** – Candidates must file their nomination papers with the School Board Secretary any time between Monday, July 7 and the deadline at 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 31, 2008. **The School Board Election will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.** ELECTION PACKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BOARD SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT THE ADMINISTRATION SERVICE CENTER.
- B. Monday, July 7, 5:15 PM Closed Session Board Secretary Evaluation, Executive Conference Room; 6:00 PM, Committee of the Whole, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- C. Wednesday, July 9, 10 to 2: Youth Fest @ Fejervay Park – Legislative Advocacy will participate with a booth
- D. Monday, July 14, 7:00 PM, Annual Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- E. Open Forum – Two families spoke about Open Enrollment Appeals and being denied the chance to open enroll out of the district.

1. Heather and Matt Egger, 6741 Cresthill Drive, talked about wanting to open enroll their child to Bettendorf. They toured Fillmore but were not impressed with the school. They believed everybody should have the same opportunity to open enroll and felt this was reverse discrimination because of their income level and their child is smart. All the poor children were allowed to leave the district but because they made more money and had a smarter child, they can't leave. It should be a lottery system and people's names should be drawn so everyone had an equal opportunity. The process shouldn't be based on education abilities and income levels.
2. Dan and Melissa Holtz, 3203 West 66th Street, spoke about the denial of open enrollment for their son. They applied for open enrollment and Mrs. Holtz teaches in North Scott. They live in the Fillmore boundaries but asked to have their son go to North Scott. They will have a problem with childcare and the costs are high. Mrs. Holtz echoed the same concerns about Fillmore and they don't want their son attending this school. She didn't feel the education was the same quality as North Scott. They have their house on the market and will be moving to North Scott, but they don't know when the house will sell. They don't want Austin to have to start at Fillmore and then have to switch over to North Scott in a short period of time. Mrs. Holtz also felt it was a disadvantage to them because they didn't have older siblings already attending North Scott and they didn't feel the rules provided equal opportunities. She felt denying Austin open enrollment was sending a bad message to the public because we were holding their child hostage.

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

NOTE: Director Johanson asked that Item B concerning Denial of Open Enrollment be considered as a separate item after the Consent Agenda. The item was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered after this section.

A. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Regular and Intervening Meetings

The minutes from the last Regular Board Meeting and intervening meetings will be presented for approval as follows: Committee of the Whole June 2, 2008 and Regular Board Meeting June 9, 2008.

B. ~~Denial of Between District Open Enrollment 2008-2009 Appeal (Diversity Plan)~~

~~It is the recommendation of the administration to uphold the Superintendent's decision to deny open enrollment between districts for the 2008-2009 school year based on the District's Diversity Plan and Board Policy 501.16—Open Enrollment Between Districts, for the following students who have appealed:~~

| Student Name | Grade | District Requested | Attendance Center |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Devlin Egger | Kindergarten | Bettendorf | Fillmore Elementary |
| Austin Holtz | Kindergarten | North Scott | Fillmore Elementary |

C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA -- RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

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| <p>Anderson, Jill Preschool Teacher Children's Village Hayes</p> | <p>Effective: June 30, 2008 Years of Service: 3 yrs 10 mos</p> |
| <p>Lewis, Cindy R. Grade 3 Teacher McKinley Elementary</p> | <p>Effective: June 23, 2008 Years of Service: 11 yrs <u>Reason: Other District Employment</u></p> |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

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| <p>Boeding, Jamie Special Education/RES/SCI Wood Intermediate</p> | <p>Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos</p> |
| <p>Bradford, William Social Studies Central High</p> | <p>Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 5 yrs</p> |
| <p>Brown, Christyn Special Education Williams Intermediate</p> | <p>Effective: June 24, 2008 Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos</p> |
| <p>Brunkan, Timothy Math West High</p> | <p>Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 3 yrs 10 mos</p> |
| <p>Grass, Lindsay Reading Recovery (.5) Buffalo Elementary</p> | <p>Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 1 yr 9 mos</p> |
| <p>Hanna, Holly Language Arts Central High</p> | <p>Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 4 yrs 10 mos</p> |

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| Hanna, Joshua Science Central High | Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos |
| McGlynn, Sarah Special Education Wilson Elementary | Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos |
| McMahon, Glenna Family Consumer Science Wood Intermediate | Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 10 mos |
| Parris, Mary Anna Kindergarten Lincoln Academy | Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 30 yrs 7 mos |
| Pearson, Carrie Special Education Monroe Elementary | Effective: June 16, 2008 Years of Service: 4 yrs 10 mos |
| Sierra, Corrine Art Central High | Effective: June 9, 2008 Years of Service: 19 yrs 10 mos |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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| Antle, Marissa Teacher-in-Charge (.33) McKinley Elementary | 15% \$1,304.50 |
| Barsness, Valerie Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate | 6% \$782.50 |
| Berthel, Angela Teacher in Charge (.33) McKinley Elementary | 15% \$1,304.50 |
| Buller, Laura Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate | 6% \$782.50 |
| Christianson, Karen Teacher-in-Charge (.33) McKinley Elementary | 15% \$1,304.50 |
| Figg, Lynn Department Head (.5) Walcott Intermediate | 6% \$782.50 |
| Hamrick, Scott 7 th Grade Football Smart Intermediate | 8% \$2,087.00 |

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| Heskett, Vicki Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate | 6% \$782.50 |
| Leal, Angela Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate | 6% \$782.50 |
| Leal, Angela Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate | 6% \$782.50 |
| Meyers, Lynn Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate | 6% \$782.50 |
| Pasvogel, Shannon Department Head- Intermediate Sudlow Intermediate | 6% \$1,565.00 |
| Roehm, Kelly Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate | 6% \$782.50 |
| Samuelson, Shawn 7 th Grade Girls' Basketball Smart Intermediate | 7% \$1,826.00 |
| Samuelson, Shawn 8 th Grade Girls' Basketball Smart Intermediate | 7% \$1,826.00 |
| Sandon, Tracy Department Head Sudlow Intermediate | 6% \$1,565.00 |
| Schlichting, Mark Assistant 7 th Grade Football Smart Intermediate | 7% \$1,826.00 |
| Schlichting, Mark Intermediate Co-Ed Track Smart Intermediate | 7% \$1,826.00 |
| Schlichting, Mark 8 th Grade Wrestling Smart Intermediate | 7% \$1,826.00 |
| Schlichting, Mark 7 th Grade Wrestling Smart Intermediate | 7% \$1,826.00 |

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| Shook, Marcya | 5% |
| Assistant Intermediate Co-Ed Track | \$1,305.00 |
| Sudlow Intermediate | |

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| Steele, Dale | 5% |
| Safety Patrol (.5) | \$652.50 |
| Lincoln Academy | |

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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| Ashman, Nicholas | 7% |
| Assistant Sophomore Baseball | \$1,866.00 |
| Central High | |

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| Elmore, David | 6% |
| Department Head | \$1,599.00 |
| Sudlow Intermediate | |

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| Finley, Tyler | 20% |
| Vocal Music – 2 nd position | \$5,330.00 |
| West High | |

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| Hoffman, Lindsay | 5% |
| Intermediate Vocal Music | \$1,333.00 |
| Smart Intermediate | |

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| Pena, Karenmarie | 7% |
| Assistant Sophomore Softball | \$1,826.00 |
| Central High | |

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| Schloemer, Colleen | 2% |
| Musical Director | \$533.00 |
| North High | |

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| Thomas, Mary | 6% |
| Department Head | \$1,599.00 |
| Sudlow Intermediate | |

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| Wall, Emily | 5% |
| Musical Book Director | \$1,333.00 |
| Central High | |

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| Wisely, Vicky | 15% |
| Teacher-In-Charge (.5) | \$1,999.00 |
| Buffalo Elementary | |

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA -- June 23, 2008

APPOINTMENT: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

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| Lewis, Cindy R. | Effective: July 1, 2008 |
| Curriculum Specialist | Salary: \$62,770.00 |
| A.S.C. – Curriculum & Instruction | |

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

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| Adams, James Industrial Technology Smart Intermediate | Degree: M.A. – Step 4 Effective: August 18, 2008 Salary: \$35,490.00 |
| Finley, Tyler Vocal Music West High | Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: August 18, 2008 Salary: \$27,300.00 |
| Hoffman, Lindsay Vocal Music Smart Intermediate | Degree: B.A – Step 7 Effective: August 18, 2008 Salary: \$35,490.00 |
| O'Malley, Kathleen Preschool – 3,4,5 Yr Old Room Children's Village West | Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: July 1, 2008 Salary: \$31,727.03 for 215 days |
| Speidel, Nichole Computer – Business Education Smart Intermediate | Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: August 18, 2008 Salary: \$27,300.00 |

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

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| Curry, Paula Para Educator Children's Village Hoover | Effective: March 28, 2008 Years of Service: 2 yrs 5 mos |
| Davis, Jessica Para Educator Children's Village Hoover | Effective: April 11, 2008 Years of Service: 6 yrs 2 mos |
| Dodds, Phillip Para Educator Harrison Elementary | Effective: June 6, 2008 Years of Service: 3 mos |
| Edwards, Matthew Juvenile Court Liaison West High | Effective: June 3, 2008 Years of Service: 2 mos |
| Garrison, Lindsay Para Educator Children's Village Hoover | Effective: April 30, 2008 Years of Service: 2 yrs 5 mos |
| Mayne, Catherine Clerk II – 10.5 Month Central High | Effective: June 19, 2008 Years of Service: 5 mos |
| Nelson, Kimberly Para Educator Harrison Elementary | Effective: June 6, 2008 Years of Service: 3 mos |

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| Nikolopoulos, Anastasia Juvenile Court Liaison Central High | Effective: June 30, 2008 Years of Service: 1 yr 11 mos <u>Reason: Other district assignment</u> |
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| Robinson, Charles Grant Manager Children's Village West | Effective: June 30, 2008 Years of Service: 1 yr 9 mos |
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| Robinson, David Para Educator Young Intermediate | Effective: June 11, 2008 Years of Service: 9 mos |
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| Teel, Patricia FNS – Cashier II Buffalo Elementary | Effective: May 19, 2008 Years of Service: 4 yrs 8 mos |
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RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

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| Williams, Dorothy Food Service Worker Smart Intermediate | Effective: June 11, 2008 Years of Service: 18 yrs 10 mos |
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APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

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| Black, Michael Custodian Lincoln Academy | Effective: June 12, 2008 Hours: 5.0 hrs/day Salary: \$11.57/hr |
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| Nikolopolous, Anastasia Community College/High School Liaison Administration Service Center | Effective: July 1, 2008 Hours: 8.0 hrs/day Salary: \$34,314.00 for 215 days |
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| Stirk, Kathleen Food Service Worker North High | Effective: June 4, 2008 Hours: 3.0 hrs/day Salary: \$7.89/hr |
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ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA -- APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

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| Pethoud, Kay Clerk III 12 month A.S.C. – Curriculum & Instruction | Effective: June 23, 2008 Salary: \$11.59/hour Hours: 8.0 hrs/day |
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MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as written with the exception of Item B (to be considered separately) and with the addition of some resignations and appointments presented to the Board separately (included in bold). Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

SEPARATE ACTION ITEM (Removed from Consent Agenda)

B. Denial of Between District Open Enrollment 2008-2009 Appeal (Diversity Plan)

The administration recommended upholding the Superintendent’s decision to deny open enrollment between districts for two students.

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the Board approve the recommendation of the administration to uphold the Superintendent’s decision to deny open enrollment between districts for the 2008-2009 school year based on the District’s Diversity Plan and Board Policy 501.16 – Open Enrollment Between Districts, for the following students who have appealed:

| <u>Student Name</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>District Requested</u> | <u>Attendance Center</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Devlin Egger | Kindergarten | Bettendorf | Fillmore Elementary |
| Austin Holtz | Kindergarten | North Scott | Fillmore Elementary |

Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

Discussion followed where board members talked about the process for open enrollment and asked questions about whether the outlined procedures in the Board Policy #501.16 had been followed. Director Johanson wanted to know the thoughts of the superintendent relative to the policy and if there was a simple way to address this issue. Mrs. Reynolds shared conversations she had with the superintendent. Mr. Almanza told her when he considered the requests for open-enrollment the thing he looked at was whether procedures were followed. The procedures were followed accurately. Director Tupper wanted to make sure we were in compliance with the policy. Mrs. Reynolds said they were dealing with the new diversity plan and we followed the procedures as outlined in the current plan. We did not deviate from the plan and she was involved with this and can attest to procedures being followed.

Director Tupper stated the administration was not recommending an exception be made to the procedure. Mrs. Reynolds explained this was a very emotional matter and we are not taking it lightly. We are not making a judgment about the families’ reasons for making their requests; but we followed the plan and procedure. If the Board does not support the superintendent’s recommendation, it will open up the way for other students who do not feel they have been treated fairly by the policy.

Director Tupper said he read the statements from the parents and he appreciated them coming to the meeting. They are not challenging that we have followed procedures, but they disagree with the policy. Director Clewell also appreciated the advocacy of parents for their children. However, the Board agreed on the policy that would be in the best interest of all the children in our district. We have to follow through with the procedures in the plan.

Director De Fauw talked about the procedures being clearly identified and the steps have been followed correctly. We do appreciate the efforts of the parents and for their advocacy in this matter. Mrs. Reynolds said she did have a chance to speak to the parents and their concerns depended on how the Board voted. We can work with them to choose another school in the district which would match the needs of their children. Vice President Roberson noted there was a lot of time spent on the diversity plan and policy. Procedures have been outlined and followed. He understood how the parents felt, but he would support the superintendent's recommendation on this matter.

ACTION: The vote on the motion to support the superintendent's recommendation to deny the open enrollment was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Tupper, De Fauw, Clewell, Johanson, and Roberson. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The administration recommended approval of the adoption of the bills.

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the following resolution: "Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, 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 without exception." Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

IV. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. ELECTION TRANSITION RESOLUTION

Vice President Roberson said the Board will have an opportunity for discussion first on this topic. If the Board is ready, we can make a motion tonight. Director Johanson felt the Board should take a vote tonight because otherwise it pushes the Board into having only one option. Director Clewell felt the Board needed to make a decision and saw two options. People objected to having someone serve only one year but he felt board members had been elected to serve three years and it was not right to have this reduced to two years for one of them. Directors Tupper and Krumwiede have election terms coming up in 2008 and he thought we should consider having the person getting the most votes serving three years and the one with the least votes only serving a one-year term. Then there would be three people running again in 2009 for a four-year term. Those who had terms up in 2010 would all receive an extra year and run for election in 2011 instead.

Director Clewell felt this was the fairest way to handling the transition, but he wanted to hear what others had to say. Vice President Roberson said the Board received a letter from Director Krumwiede saying he was not in favor of a one-year term for the 2008 election. Director Johanson talked about the training session with IASB and how we could resolve the transition issues. It will be the Board making the decision in every case on whether a term is increased or decreased at this time. It will be a political decision and we can't just flip a coin on who goes up or down with the term length. He appreciated Director Clewell thoughts, but it was legal for the Board to make the decision in this case.

Director Johanson talked about the 2008 election and didn't know at this point who would be running for the positions on the Board. Director Tupper thought the discussion was interesting and others had reviewed this matter. It seems the least disruptive way would be to look at the terms for directors up for election in 2010. The Board talked about competitiveness of races and more about the term lengths. Director Tupper talked about President Zamora expressing thoughts about the possibility of the legislature making a change in the election law before the 2009 election. Director Clewell didn't expect any change from the legislature on this matter for at least five to six years. It will take time before they understand the problems this causes. They have made the election law changes and we need to develop a transition plan now.

Director De Fauw said she couldn't support a one-year term for the people running in the 2008 election. She was concerned about continuity on the Board and the disruptions this could cause. She felt having the one and three year terms for the 2008 election would discourage people from running because they wouldn't even know if they were running for one or three years. We are challenged to get people to run for the Board now and this would be another obstacle. She suggested the Board either extend or cut the terms of the people up for re-election in 2010.

Vice President Roberson talked about making this too difficult. He didn't think people were dissatisfied with the present system but changes have to be made because of the new law. He supported having a regular election in 2008 with three year terms so two people would then be up for re-election in 2011. Director Johanson supported having the people up in 2010 either having their terms shortened or lengthened by one year. Director Clewell commented that doing nothing to the 2008 election would impact those up for election in 2010. However, if the Board desires to follow through with the three-year terms in the 2008 election, he would volunteer to reduce his seat by one year to be up in 2009 since he was one of the people up for re-election in 2010. Then the other two directors would lengthen their terms by two years and go to 2011.

RECESS: There was a brief recess at 7:30 PM in order to allow time to get the exact wording for the resolution to list the dates and terms required.

The Board returned to the table at 7:40 PM to consider a motion for the transition plan resolution. **(The " Last Elected" and "Original Date for Term to End" columns have been corrected for the record.)**

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the following proposed resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION OF A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT HF 2620
OF THE 82ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the 82nd General Assembly of Iowa has adopted, and the Governor has approved, HF 2620 changing the election laws of the State of Iowa affecting the length of director terms and the time for regular school elections; and,

WHEREAS, this Board of Directors is required to adopt a transition plan to accomplish the election of directors in only the odd numbered years with all of the directors elected in 2009 elected to four year terms and resulting in as nearly as possible one-half of members of the board being elected biennially; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority pursuant to HF 2620 to shorten or lengthen the terms of directors elected in 2007 and 2008 to accomplish the transition so that the terms of these directors shall expire at the regular school election in 2009 or 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Davenport School District as follows:

Section 1. The following terms of office are lengthened or shortened as set out below:

| Director Name (District) | Last Elected | Original Date for Term to End | New Date for Term to End |
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| TUPPER | 2005* | 2008* | 2011 |
| KRUMWIEDE | 2005* | 2008* | 2011 |
| DEFAUW | 2007 | 2010 | 2011 (Plus 1 year) |
| JOHANSON | 2007 | 2010 | 2011 (Plus 1 year) |
| CLEWELL | 2007 | 2010 | 2009 (Minus 1 year) |
| ZAMORA | 2006 | 2009 | 2009 |
| ROBERSON | 2006 | 2009 | 2009 |
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*Corrected election dates

Section 2. The terms of directors elected to three year terms in 2006 shall not be shortened or lengthened.

Section 3. The Board Secretary shall cause this plan to be submitted to the Office of the State Commissioner of Elections upon its adoption.

Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

There was discussion about the “Last Elected” dates showing 2008 for Tupper and Krumwiede which made the assumption they would run and be re-elected. Board members talked about correcting the chart as needed to make this clear. (Last elected dates for Tupper and Krumwiede were changed to 2005; the original date for term to end shows 2008.) **Note: The chart shows the corrections for the minutes of record.**

ACTION: The vote on the motion (as corrected) was called and recorded as follows.

Ayes: Clewell, De Fauw, Johanson, Tupper, and Roberson. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE LOCATIONS FOR 2008-2009

Director Clewell commented on the importance for the Board to step out and share with the community. We need to be out in the schools and start the process again for holding Committee of the Whole meetings in our buildings. He wondered why the chart didn't have all these meetings listed for outside the Administration Service Center. Vice President Roberson said we are looking at the Committee of the Whole meetings at outside locations, but with driving from work and fuel prices, we were suggesting some meetings still held at the Administration Service Center for convenience. Director Clewell personally wanted this to happen for all the meetings because he hears people say they want to see us. We need to go where the people are and spend more time in our buildings.

Director Tupper asked if the Board would identify the buildings they wanted to visit tonight, or at least get their ideas to the Board Secretary. We should notify the public in advance so people are aware ahead of time and can mark this on their calendars. When we did this before, the only ones who came were the building administrators and in the winter people don't want to come out to evening meetings. That was another reason why we didn't have all the Committee of the Whole meetings in our schools because of travel and weather.

Director Tupper suggested visiting buildings where the principals were new or had worked less than one year. Also he wondered if we should visit buildings where we haven't been to before? Vice President Roberson said we should visit buildings with new leadership so they can meet the Board and also visit schools we haven't been to in some time. That way we can meet new people and community members can attend. We want input from everyone on the Board for these locations. Director Tupper agreed we should go to schools with new leaders and others where we haven't been to in a few years.

Director De Fauw was in full support of having meetings in buildings and especially having the Board accessible to the public for the Committee of the Whole settings. She suggested having us work with the PTA and finding out if they are having a meeting at 7 PM. Maybe we can move our meeting back one-half hour and we could be in the building for the PTA group and families.

Director Johanson asked if there were additional costs associated with holding meetings in schools. Vice President Roberson wasn't sure except for the lights and utilities for the meeting space. With fuel costs up, it will be more expensive for board members and staff to drive to the meetings at various locations. Mrs. Reynolds mentioned the principals may feel the need to provide some refreshments at buildings and that could be an expense for them, but they would enjoy hosting the meetings.

Director Clewell would like to have the agenda committee look at ways to get student board members to the Committee of the Whole meetings and report or participate in the discussion. We really should consider having the students report at each meeting and that might keep them more interested in attending. Director De Fauw did suggest we start with a Committee of the Whole meeting at Fillmore School in September. The calendar for board meeting dates will come back for approval on July 14.

B. BUDGET CALENDAR 2008-2009

Mrs. Tangen answered questions about the budget calendar for 2008-2009. The calendar has been provided so board members can have input or check points in the development of budget areas. She needed to know whether this budget calendar worked for them. She suggested moving the Board review of the budget to December and to have a five-year plan and update. She asked if this met the needs of the Board. Director Tupper asked what was the vision for the District and what do we see ourselves trying to provide for our students. We need to look at specific things we want and what type of funding do we need. He felt that should be the first part of the process to look at necessities and funding. Then we need to have feedback from the administration on the estimated costs. Can we do the things people want or not? Is there funding available to cover the things needed and what are the choices the Board can make? We don't give the administration information at the start but some generalities. We need to rearrange the process so the Board has input in September and it has to be more than a wish list. There will be trade offs and we need to give the administration direction on where we want to go early in the process. You can then say this is what we can do and these are the trades we have to make to accomplish this task.

Mrs. Tangen felt this made sense and after the September election there should be input from the Board on what they want. Then the administration can give you specific measures and tell you the trade offs. So we will look at budget priorities by September/October and have input from the Board in December and by January at the latest. Director Tupper said it was more than priorities but based on ratios of students in buildings too. What will this plan cost? If we do something like reduce class size, what will it cost and what is the benefit or impact on student achievement?

Director De Fauw echoed the same response and wanted to look at equity between our buildings and where we want to be. This conversation has to be early and frequent at the Board table. Director Johanson appreciated getting this information now and all the work involved especially with things like the balanced calendar. He asked if the administration could provide more trend data so the Board can look over a few years and see the total picture. They should look more at salary and benefits, numbers of teacher and numbers of students so they can form some patterns for planning. Mrs. Tangen said that was part of the five-year plan and you will be able to see end results.

Director Johanson wondered about priorities and if we get together in October and November to establish those, will it be too difficult to work into the budget at that time? Mrs. Tangen said if we have some ideas by late October and early November, we can put those things into the budget. We

can look at cash reserve levels and build things into the budget. In the fall we can build things into the budget for the next year. Vice President Roberson talked about budgets based on enrollment and with declining numbers or State cuts in funding, how accurate can we be with the figures? Mrs. Tangen said numbers can sway with the budget but she has live birth information from the Scott County Health Department and we estimate Allowable Growth and trends now for 4-year-old funding. The new budget next year adds 75 lines for all the changes we have to make. We look at 4-5 areas for allowable growth and it is important to revisit every five years. She can get the Board some estimates a year ahead of time. Vice President Roberson said he wanted this information out because doing the budget is not easy. People question why we come up short but it is not because we figured things wrong. He said the Board needed to support the administration so they can do their job. So when Mrs. Tangen requests things from us, we really need to respond in a timely fashion.

C. IASB PRIORITIES

Directors Clewell led the discussion on five priority items to list for IASB to consider for legislative action during the 2009 session. There were five areas that seemed to come to the top of the priority list:

- #2 – Supports building on student and taxpayer equity investments begun in 2006, ensure they are fully funded as part of the foundation formula, buy down the highest additional property tax levies, and hold harmless districts with additional property tax levies below the state average.
- #3 – Supports full state funding to implement the Iowa Professional Development Model
- #7 – Supports funding to ensure that all three and four-year-olds have access to a high quality public school preschool program
- #14 – Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts. It should be set no lower than 6 percent.
- #15 – Supports a school foundation formula that recognizes and adequately funds changes in demographics, including declining and increasing enrollment challenge.

Those are the five we picked and now should discuss if there are others that board members want to add to the list. Vice President Roberson talked about having an interest in finance and allowable growth. Director Clewell talked more about this and having to make up funding when we do not get the right amount to do the job. Our insurance and utilities have gone up beyond 6% and we only get 4% allowable growth but with declining enrollment it is less. He talked about the ICN workshop on emerging issues that UEN conducted. They want to promote allowable growth at a 10% level and feel we should shoot high. It was noted even when we have asked for 6% the most we get is 4%.

Director De Fauw felt 6% was a reasonable request for allowable growth but we have to renew this every year. The state should fully fund 100% of the ISL instead of less than 80%. Mrs. Tangen agreed this was a huge issue and it could make a big difference.

Director De Fauw asked to have #17 added to the list of priorities as follows:

#17 – Supports full funding of the state’s portion of the instructional support levy.

They talked about whether #17 should replace #15 in the list. Director Johanson said he liked doing something difference and innovative. He talked about salary increases for the State being high and yet the allowable growth for schools remains at 4%. The Iowa Code allows up to 8% allowable growth which means the legislature has a definite maximum. He agreed with Director De Fauw in substituting #17 for #15 because it is more innovative. Others also agreed and talked more about the priorities. It was suggested by the Vice President that we included a six priority instead of taking one off the list and the order of the priorities wasn’t important.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

There were no administrative reports by Mrs. Reynolds at this time.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

Director Clewell mentioned focus group meetings and how they met with the early childhood advocacy group at the Children’s Village West. There were eight to nine responses and they talked a lot about visibility.

Director Clewell requested that the Early Childhood Council (4 year old group) have an opportunity to make a presentation on their collaborative efforts.

Director Tupper hoped all the students have a great summer and come back prepared to learn in the fall.

Director Johanson talked about supporting early childhood advocacy efforts and giving them support. He appreciated the work of the administration as they look at doing the right things for our children.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Tupper seconded the motion. By consensus all board members agreed to adjourn.

Vice President Roberson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary