

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009
7:00 PM

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, October 12, 2009, 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. President Patt Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Director Johanson read the Vision Statement: Education that challenges conventional thinking, prepares all students to compete in a global society, and inspires our students, parents, staff, and community to answer the question, "What if?"

I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. October 13 @ 6:00PM, Annual District Retirement Dinner, Clarion Hotel
- B. October 14 @ 3:45PM, Board Policy Committee Meeting, Conference Room B, Administrative Service Center
- C. October 26 @ 7:00PM, Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administrative Service Center
- D. Open Forum for Community Input-7 students asked to speak at forum
 - 1. Andrew Devries, 2141 W 40th St, Davenport: He spoke about how he thinks there are too many unnecessary rules at school. Why are there so many rules that do not affect the learning during the day? The rules don't accomplish anything.
 - 2. Miranda Pfannenstiel, 14540 Fern Ave, Davenport: She believes that \$25 for a parking pass is too high. Detentions are given for parking and not having a pass. It is especially unfair to people who are in extra-curricular activities when there is no bus available. She proposes to cut the cost and more may be able to afford it.
 - 3. Nic Bacus/Jeremy Scott, 2650 Woodale Ave/2024 W 4th St, Davenport: They think that athletes should be able to take off their shirts during cross country practice. It is too hot, there are no water breaks, and loose sweaty shirts are distracting when running. They suggested wearing the shirts while on school premises and being able to take it off after 1 mile.

4. Ryan Ellenberg, 1830 W. 36th St, Davenport: He thinks there should be no open enrollment. He thinks it can create unfair athletic teams, is hard on friendships and has been used in ways that were not intended. He believes transferring/open enrollment should not be allowed.
5. Dane Schroeder, 1719 W. 17th St., Davenport: He would like to see further enlightenment on the ID issue. Students are required to wear badges. What is the purpose of these ID's? Teachers are not actually checking ID badges.
6. Jordan Crookshanks, 6341 115th St, Blue Grass: He believes it is unfair and difficult to get to school in inclement weather. There should be snow days if the weather is bad. Students are counted absent if they are late due to weather. He believes that parents should be able to call in an absence if it is unsafe to drive or ride the bus.
7. Mimzy Braun, 967 N. Thornwood Ave, Davenport: She believes the cell phone policy should be changed to include use during passing classes and lunch. It would not be disruptive at those times.

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 will be presented for approval as follows: September 28, 2009 (Organizational/Regular Meeting) and October 5, 2009 (Committee of the Whole Meeting)

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

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Busher, Danielle	6%
Department Head (.5)	\$808.50
Smart Intermediate	
Douglas, Pamela	6%
Department Head (.5)	\$808.50
Smart Intermediate	
Petersen, Kevin	5%
Assistant Boys/Girls Intramurals	\$1,348.00 (prorated to \$1,107.55 for 152/185 days)
Central High	
Stevens, Michelle	19%
Sr High Cheerleading	\$5,121.00
West High	
Strouth, Jeffrey	5%
Bowling	\$1,348.00
North High	
Swetalla, Ray	7%
Boys/Girls Intramurals	\$1,887.00 (prorated to \$1,550.40 for 152/185 days)
Central High	

Zertuche, Abel	5%
Boys' Assistant Varsity Golf	\$1,348.00
West High	

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Bentley, Kelly	Effective: October 5, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.94/hr
Washington Elementary	Hours: 6.0 hrs/day

Burke, Chelsey	Effective: October 6, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.94
Washington Elementary	Hours: 6.5 hrs/day

Cathcart, Linda	Effective: October 5, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.94/hr
Buffalo/Wilson Elementary	Hours: 5.0 hrs/day

Croegart, Elizabeth	Effective: October 5, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.94/hr
Wood Intermediate	Hours: 6.5 hrs/day

Cusack, Roberta	Effective: October 6, 2009
Hearing Interpreter Para	Salary: \$13.15/hr
Children's Village West	Hours: 6.25 hrs/day

Johnson, Geri	Effective: October 5, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$10.30/hr
Children's Village Hoover	Hours: 6.25 hrs/day

Larson, Jessica	Effective: October 5, 2009
Lead Para Educator	Salary: \$12.15/hr
Children's Village Hoover	Hours: 7.5 hrs/day

Meade, John	Effective: October 12, 2009
Plant Maintenance Mechanic II	Salary: \$19.69/hr
Operations Center	Hours: 8.0 hrs/day

Mooney, Randall	Effective: September 28, 2009
Food Service Cashier I	Salary: \$8.81/hr
Walcott	Hours: 3.0 hrs/day

Revelle, Tracey	Effective: October 12, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.94/hr
Wilson Elementary	Hours: 6.0 hrs/day

Stoltenberg, Peggy	Effective: September 28, 2009
Food Service Worker	Salary: \$8.60/hr
Walcott	Hours: 4.25 hrs/day

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Hansen, Theresa	7%
Boys/Girls Intramurals	\$1,887.00
Central High	

Swetalla, Ray 5%
 Assistant Boys/Girls Intramurals \$1,348.00
 Central High

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Aldana de Anzola, Luz Nelly Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence
 Para Educator Effective: October 2, 2009 - October 12, 2009
 Children's Village West

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SCHOOL	STEP	FROM	TO	SALARY
Alexander	Julie	McKinley	12	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$42,780.00
Allbee	Rachel	Jackson	10	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$41,400.00
Andresen	Rebecca	Williams	41	M.A. +30	M.A. +60	\$60,720.00
Baldry	Megan	Williams	14	M.A. +15	M.A. +30	\$52,440.00
Barsness	Valerie	Smart	6	B.A. +15	M.A.	\$38,640.00
Buechel	Julie	Central (188 days)	7	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$42,071.35
Buening	Rebecca	Central	11	B.Ed	B.Ed+15	\$42,780.00
Buffenbarger	Katrina	Blue Grass	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,500.00
Busher	Daniele	Smart	5	B.A. +15	M.A.	\$37,260.00
Clyde	Jennifer	Williams	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$31,740.00
Crossen	Trisha	West	16	M.A.+30	M.A.+60	\$56,580.00
Conner	Denise	Blue Grass	8	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$44,160.00
Dodds	Lori	KCAE	9	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$40,020.00
Dornburg (Easley)	Carlene	West	13	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$42,780.00
Douthart	Steve	Sudlow	2	B.A	B.A.+15	\$30,360.00
Ewald	Eric	Sudlow	4	B.A.	B.S.+15	\$33,120.00
Flick	Lynn	Central	15	MA+15	MA+30	\$53,820.00
Foehrkolb	Kelley	Central	9	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$42,780.00
Gamble	David	Young	12	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$46,920.00
Gibbs	Shannon	Harrison	4	B.A.	M.S.	\$35,880.00
Gray	Jennifer	Smart	12	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$42,780.00
Hall	Kimberly	Sudlow	7	B.A	B.A.+15	\$37,260.00
Hamrick	Scott	Wood	13	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$48,300.00
Hankins	Jessica	KCAE (188 days)	4	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$37,864.22
Harris	Carol	Fillmore/ASC	16	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$42,780.00
Harrison	Michael	Lincoln	11	B.A.+15	M.E.A.	\$45,540.00
Hauf	Paula	CV West (215 days)	11	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$49,717.30
Huggins	Kristin	Young	5	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$37,260.00
Hughes	Rebecca	Garfield	8	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$38,640.00
Hunter	Erin	Truman	6	B.A.+15	M.A	\$38,640.00
Hunter	Jennifer	Williams	12	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$42,780.00
Johnson	Sara	Walcott	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$31,740.00
Lafrenz	Jill	Central	16	M.BA	M.BA+15	\$53,820.00
Lahann	Jeanne	Williams	11	M.Ed.+30	M.Ed.+60	\$49,680.00
Lechtenberg	Melissa	Williams	7	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$37,260.00
Losasso	Cyndra	Harrison	33	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$59,340.00
Love	Peggy	North	29	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$57,960.00
Mangrich	Sara	Wood	7	B.A.+16	M.S.	\$40,020.00
Marple	Laurel	Harrison	33	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$59,340.00
Mattecheck	Darcie	Garfield	17	B.S.+15	M.A.	\$48,300.00
McCreery	Kyle	North	10	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$44,160.00
McCreery	Laura	North	7	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$40,020.00

McMahon	Annie	Central	6	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$38,640.00
Miller	Christopher	Jefferson	11	B.A. +15	M.S.	\$45,540.00
Mussman	Abby	Central	7	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$37,260.00
Pancratz	Kathryn	Sudlow	8	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$38,640.00
Parrish	Tarraah	Wilson	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$31,740.00
Patterson	Nicholas	Central	44	M.A.+30	M.A.+60	\$60,720.00
Petersen	Kevin	Central	7	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$40,020.00
Peterson	Jennifer	Sudlow	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$35,880.00
Pitts-Thompson	Christie	Central	15	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$53,820.00
Porter	Judith	KCAE	7	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$42,780.00
Ramos	Marjorie	Wood	12	B.S.+15	M.A.	\$46,920.00
Rasler	Sarah	Sudlow	7	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$40,020.00
Reagan	Edward	Jackson	11	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$45,540.00
Reinsch	Nicole	Washington	4	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$33,120.00
Reiter	Nora	Wood	20	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$55,200.00
Roehm	Kelly	Williams	6	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$38,640.00
Ryan	Chad	Central	10	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$45,540.00
Schmidt	Janette	Eisenhower	19	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$53,820.00
Schorg	Carol	Central	16	M.Ed.+15	M.Ed.+30	\$55,200.00
Schrader	Rochelle	Walcott (.5)	9	B.M.	B.M.+15	\$20,010.00
Spies	Corry	Walcott	10	B..A.	B.A.+15	\$41,400.00
Stahl	Duane	West	22	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$42,780.00
Stephens	Lori	Smart	10	M.S.	M.S. +15	\$45,540.00
Sullivan	Sally	Central (188 days)	36	M.A.+30	M.A.+60	\$61,704.65
Swanson	Kamie	Smart	6	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$38,640.00
Vanspeybroeck	Andrew	Jefferson	12	B.A. +15	M.S.	\$46,920.00
Wesenberg	Rhonda	Williams	7	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$40,020.00
Willis	Christine	Truman	6	B.S.+15	M.A.	\$38,640.00
Wilske	Michele	Jackson	8	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$41,400.00
Wright	Jennifer	Lincoln	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,500.00
Wurdinger	Craig	Central	13	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$51,060.00
Ziegler	Julie	Wood	9	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$40,020.00

Motion: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: De Fauw, Roberson, Clewell, Tupper, Johanson, and Zamora. 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: September 24, 2009 through October 7, 2009.

Motion: Director Tupper 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, there were no voided checks. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

IV. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. 28D Agreement-City of Davenport (Police Liaison)

Motion: Director Tupper moved the board approve the 28D Agreement between The City of Davenport and the Davenport Community School District to continue to provide a police liaison officer as outlined in the agreement. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: President Zamora asked if the officer is operating during school break times. The Superintendent stated that there are set amounts that will be paid and any overtime would be covered by the city. Director Roberson asked if the officer is actually working for the city when they are not working for the school and are we picking up the tab on that. The Superintendent answered yes. Approximately 6-10 weeks the officer does not work for the district during the school breaks. The Superintendent stated that we do need to get this approved quickly as we need to get a New person in the position since Mike Cole's retirement. This arrangement ensures our students a safe environment.

Amended motion: Director Tupper moved to continue this discussion to the next meeting and postpone a vote. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Tupper asked if there are other ways we can utilize the officer during the off time or can the city share the cost for that time. The Superintended stated he will investigate options.

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

B. Children's Village West

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board select the DMA (Davenport Museum of Art) and the Weiss Building as the relocation site for CVW (Children's Village West) and to direct the Superintendent to prepare all necessary documents to initiate the transfer of property to the Davenport Community School District within terms previously discussed. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Tupper asked the administration to discuss how the recommendation came to be. The Superintendent stated that the current CVW lease (\$33,000/month) is coming to an end. Many options were looked at including staying at that location, building on our own site, or investigating using the DMA. Issues that were considered were traffic, locations, and cost. Remodeling the DMA not only is the lowest cost option, it also strengthens the district/community relationship. The surrounding areas provide an excellent environment for children.

Director Roberson believes that the best choice is building new according to our own specifications for the exact space we need. Although the DMA space and surroundings has some benefits, the building is not specific to children.

Director Johanson asked where the money will come from. The Superintendent answered that sales tax dollars will be used for building/remodeling costs and the

general operating budget will sustain it. The transfer of property of the DMA and Weiss Building will be at no cost to the district. Only renovation costs will be incurred. Sources of income for the operating budget for the program come from state, special education, empowerment (human services), Title I, and fees. Will the announced lost funding affect this program? Funds will be more difficult to come by, but the board has continued to affirm the importance of early childhood education.

Director De Fauw is confident that the building can meet the need of the students and the site itself was designed for children.

Director Clewell is proud of our early childhood program and that Davenport has a good reputation in the implementation of it.

President Zamora believes old buildings have value and this will be a very appropriate site for our children.

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

V. DISCUSSION

A. Board Committee Assignments

Policy Committee: Directors Johanson, De Fauw, and Krumwiede if he so chooses

Legislative Advocacy: Directors Clewell, Krumwiede, Johanson

Technology: Director Roberson

Curriculum Committee possibility: Director Clewell found out that the Iowa City committee is a district committee, not a board committee. No further discussion.

Finance Committee possibility: Director Tupper will define the tasks and bring the information back to the board for further review.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

President Zamora recognized the student board members and the students from Mr. Ach's American Government class from West High School.

Superintendent Almanza stated that the administration is studying the announcement of the state budget cuts and how the district will be affected. In a letter the governor talked about going to the legislature and suggesting a requirement that districts must use their cash reserves before any other options. The options in these circumstances are usually cutting costs where possible, using cash reserves, or raising taxes. Director Tupper would like to address the use of the stimulus money in regards to these cuts. Marsha Tangen reported the only money we may have some discretion over would be from a special education relief fund of \$1.3 million for 2010 school year. Only \$6.5 million dollars of our reserves are available for use out of the \$10 million we have. Director Tupper asked that travel budgets and concurrent enrollment costs be tracked and reported to the board.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

Director Clewell reported that he attended "The Boys Next Door" and that it was an outstanding performance.

ADJOURNMENT

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

President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary/Treasurer