

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2002

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, October 14, 2002, pursuant to law and the rules of said Board. The meeting was held at the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, in the Board Room. President Susan Low called the committee meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Susan Low; Directors Richard Clewell, Alan Guard, Steve Hunter, Anne Losasso, and Dan Portes. Absent: President Jim Hester. Student board members present were William Baresel, Coletta Sanchez-Warner (Central); and Marie Ripslinger (North).

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. North High School * *Jim Andrews, Principal*

Principal Jim Andrews talked about the North High Cafeteria Design receiving national attention. Some of the people involved in work on the cafeteria design were Greg Kanzen, Shive-Hattery, Laurie Peyton, Sharon Seemann, and Bill Good, Davenport Schools. North High's unique cafeteria and food court have been showcased for innovative design. The project was featured in the August 2002 "Educational Interiors Showcase" issue of *American School & University* and was found at the publication's website at www.SchoolDesigns.com <<http://www.SchoolDesigns.com>>. North High's cafeteria and food court were nominated for this latest recognition by Shive Hattery, Inc., the project architect, and was selected on the basis of adaptability/flexibility, aesthetics, functionality, innovation/creativity, maintainability, safety/security, and technology. The North cafeteria and food court feature eight food stations with a wide variety of choices--including Chinese, Italian, and Mexican fare. Seating options include booths, counter and stools, and traditional tables with flexible-back chairs. The walls display large prints with motivational inscriptions in the cafeteria that additionally serves as a study hall and is open to the community during non-school hours. The North cafeteria and food court was featured in other trade magazines and newsletters last year.

Shive-Hattery, Inc. received a Special Achievement Award for work on the Davenport North High School Performing Arts Center. The recognition was presented at the 31st Annual Engineering Excellence Awards Program. It was explained the North High facility would provide opportunities for students to perform plays, concerts, and cultural events in a venue that rivals area college facilities. It provides a high quality space for students and audiences to congregate and interact for drama, band, choral, and dance performances. Adjoining the auditorium space is a spacious lobby that can accommodate receptions, a black box rehearsal classroom for smaller groups, and a drama classroom. There are support spaces that include a scene shop, wardrobe area, faculty lounge/workroom space, audio and visual control rooms, and public restrooms. Mr. **Bruce Harding**, representing Shive-Hattery, presented the two award plaques to President Susan Low. President Low expressed appreciation for sharing the awards given to Shive-Hattery; she complimented them for doing a wonderful job on the auditorium and cafeteria. Dr. Blanche added a special thanks to the staff at North High for their input and work. One award was for Shive-Hattery, Inc, "Recognized for Educational Interior Design Excellence in American School & University 2002", and the second award was a Special Achievement Award Consulting Engineers

Council of Illinois for "projects worthy of special recognition of the engineer and the owner/client for achieving engineering excellence."

B. Central High School Freshman Orientation Program * Jeff Craig, Principal

Principal Jeff Craig thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to highlight his school. Mr. Craig said the students would explain this innovative program. Mr. Craig also said it took a lot of work to make this happen, and he recognized the staff members who gave their time: **Lynnell Edwards-DeKalb, Benita Gonzales Anderson, Barb Hess, Chris Diamond, Jim Detter, Betty Griffin, Amy Campanile, Jeff Craig, and Tom Voorhees.**

Bridget Wild and **Carey Wiese** talked about the Central High Freshman Orientation Program which was designed to help freshmen make a smooth transition into high school. The purpose was to help students feel a sense of belonging and to get them off on the 'right foot' regarding academics and discipline. Every freshman attended two assemblies held the first two days of school. These assemblies consisted of presentations put on by two seniors, Bridget Wild and Carey Wiese. Students viewed creative videos and live skits about the rules, regulations, and expectations the school has for incoming freshmen. They learned the school song and school cheers. This was far preferable to a 'dry' presentation in which students sit and listen to adults tell them what they should or should not do.

Bridget talked about 200 students, who an outstanding high school career and great character, becoming mentors for incoming freshmen. They wanted to make it fun for the new students, and so the video was produced. Board members had an opportunity to watch a clip from the video on "closed campus." Carey explained the students learned the school song and some cheers, so they could feel a part of the student body at football games. Thanks to grant funding, each freshman was provided a T-shirt that they could wear for free admission to the "Freshman Frolic", a dance where they learned how to dance and then had fun interacting with upperclassmen called the **Blue Crew**. The Blue Crew consists of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are their mentors. These mentors are being used in various ways to help the freshmen with their transition to high school. The first days of school, Blue-Crew members helped with directions, schedule questions, or with general information about the school. The Blue Crew also helped during the second week when the freshmen participated in the "Picnic-on-the-Patio," a special event just for freshmen who earned the privilege of a free picnic ticket for using their student agendas. Other events are planned throughout the year to expand and reinforce skills that freshmen need to help them feel welcomed and to be successful while at Central. Other activities included adopt a freshman, help with homework, and encouraging people to go to freshman games. They hope to have a hunger drive, club fair, and a recreation night. Dr. Blanche congratulated the students and said they represented the school well and were examples of what everyone wanted for their students.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, October 15, 11:30 AM, Ribbon Cutting @ Wood Intermediate
- B. Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 PM, District Retirement Dinner, Davenport Holiday Inn
- C. Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 PM, District #6 IASB Meeting in Marion
- D. Monday, October 21, 4:30 PM, Special Call Meeting -- Board Relations Workshop with Mary Jane Vens from the IASB as facilitator, **DSASC, Board Room**
- ~~E. Thursday, October 24, 5:00 PM, Local School Improvement Advisory Committee (cancelled)~~
- F. Monday, October 28, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- G. Tuesday, October 29, 11:30 AM, Sports Center, Haunted Hunger Luncheon hosted by West

High School Senate

H. Open Forum for Community Input -- No one asked to speak during open forum

CONSENT AGENDA

III. CONSENT AGENDA

To conserve time and focus attention on non-routine matters on the agenda, the Board considered a number of items grouped together as a Consent Agenda, all items to be approved in one motion.

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

The minutes from the last regular board meeting and intervening meetings were presented for approval: Special Call Expulsion Hearing September 30 @ 5 PM and Regular Board Meeting September 30 @ 7 PM. ~~and Committee of the Whole on October 7, 2002.~~

B. Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report

It was recommended that the Treasurer's monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending August 31, 2002 be approved.

C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Weyers, Julie Spanish Teacher Wood/Williams/Central	Effective: 10/18/02 Years of Service: 2 mos.
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RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Gill, Robert Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball West High	12% \$2,860.00
Wolf, Chad Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach West High	8% \$1,907.00

SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS:

Bass, Marcus Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach (.5) North High	8% \$953.50
Benhart, Scott Intermediate Band 2 nd Williams Intermediate	4% \$953.00
Eckhardt, Skip Assistant Boys' Varsity Track Coach North High	10% \$2,384.00

Josund, William	10%
Assistant Girls' Varsity Track Coach	\$2,384.00
North High	

Striegel, Scott	7%
Intramurals Head Coach	\$1,668.00
Central High	

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

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Valleroy, Bridget	Degree: B.A. – Step 1
Literacy Support (.5)	Effective: 9/30/02
Fillmore Elementary	Salary: \$12,242.50 prorated to \$10,389.50 for the Remaining days in the 2002 – 2003 school year

Nickell, Carol	Degree: ASOC – Step 9
Nurse	Effective: 10/10/02
Truman	Salary: \$25,788.00 prorated to \$ 20,910.00 for the Remaining days in the 2002-2003 school year

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Donahue, Patricia A.	Effective: September 21, 2002
Para-educator	Yrs. of Service: 6 years, 10 mos.
Fillmore Elementary	

Gordon, Diane	Effective: October 2, 2002
Food Service Worker	Yrs of Service: 5 mos
McKinley Elementary	

Jones, Denise	Effective: October 2, 2002
Food Service Cashier	Yrs of Service: 17 days
Smart Intermediate	

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Argenta, Karen	Effective: October 2, 2002
Para-educator	Salary: \$6.55
Buchanan Elementary	4 hrs/day

Balddry, Deborah	Effective: September 23, 2002
Para-educator	Salary: \$6.55
West High	6.5 hrs/day

Bogan, Alecia	Effective: October 7, 2002
Para-educator	Salary: \$6.55
Lincoln Elementary	3.17 hrs/day

Dorta, Caridad	Effective: October 30, 2002
Para-educator	Salary: \$6.55
Lincoln Elementary	3.42 hrs/day

Hart, Sue Clerk II Smart Intermediate	Effective: October 1, 2002 Salary: \$9.40 8 hrs/day
Hinton, Diane Para-educator Lincoln Elementary	Effective: September 30, 2002 Salary: \$6.55 4.17 hrs/day
Roth, Jackie K. Para-educator (Hearing Interpreter) Wood Intermediate	Effective: September 17, 2002 Salary: \$11.10 7 hrs/day

* Not a Teacher ** Substitute Teacher *** Not a Replacement

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda, excluding the October 7 Committee of the Whole minutes so they can be reviewed and corrections made and brought back to the Board at the next regular meeting. Director Portes seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Guard, Portes, Clewell, Hunter, Losasso, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was recommended by the Administration for adoption of the payment of bills.

MOTION: Director Hunter resolved that 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. Director Clewell seconded the motion. The motion was amended by Hunter to exclude one voided check #124112. Director Clewell agreed with the amended motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Hunter, Clewell, Guard, Portes, Losasso, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. School Budget Review Committee Request -- Increased Enrollment

The administration recommended requesting on-time funding budget adjustment up to 100% of the enrollment increase, by making a request to the School Budget Review Committee that would amount to \$4,557 for each additional student over the 2001 enrollment total.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board recommend the District request an on-time funding budget adjustment up to 100% of the enrollment increase, by making a request to the School Budget Review Committee that would amount to \$4,557 for each additional student over the 2001 enrollment total. Director Guard seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Guard, Hunter, Losasso, Portes, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

B. School Budget Review Committee Request -- Open Enrollment

It was recommended we request to apply for modified allowable growth to the School Budget Review Committee for 124 open enrollment students who were not included in the 2001 Davenport District enrollment count, and for who we are paying tuition to receiving districts. This request would grant Davenport an additional \$565,068 in allowable growth.

MOTION: Director Guard moved the District request to apply for modified allowable growth to the School Budget Review Committee for 124 open enrollment students who were not included in the 2001 Davenport District enrollment count, and for who we are paying tuition to receiving districts. This request would grant Davenport an additional \$565,068 in allowable growth. Director Losasso seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Guard, Losasso, Clewell, Hunter, Portes, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

C. School Budget Review Committee Appearance -- Costs of ESL Program

The administration recommended we request an appearance before the School Budget Review Committee to apply for additional spending authority for excessive costs associated with providing "Limited English Proficiency" programs for its ESL population, after the expiration of the three-year period specified in section 280.4. The request is for additional allowable growth for the difference between actual costs and the additional weighting we receive for ESL costs for 2003.

MOTION: Director Hunter moved the Board approve the District's request for an appearance before the School Budget Review Committee to apply for additional spending authority for excessive costs associated with providing "Limited English Proficiency" programs for its ESL population, after the expiration of the three-year period specified in section 280.4. The request is for additional allowable growth for the difference between actual costs and the additional weighting we receive for ESL costs for 2003. Director Losasso seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Hunter, Losasso, Clewell, Guard, Portes, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Temporary Easement Agreement for Temporary Sidewalk (Buchanan School)

President Low noted Board members just received a revision to page two of the agreement because of our discussion last week at the Committee of the Whole.

The administration recommended approval of a Temporary Easement Agreement.

MOTION: Director Hunter moved the Board approves the Temporary Easement Agreement between the District, the City of Davenport, and Seiffert Development Co. for construction of a temporary sidewalk along the Westerly side of Fairmount Street, in order to provide a safe and convenient pedestrian route from the Five Seasons Mobile Home Park to Buchanan Elementary School, with the change in the agreement that was circulated to the Board and with the revision in paragraph #3 on page 2. Director Portes seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Hunter, Portes, Clewell, Guard, Losasso, and Low. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the signed agreement will be placed in the minutes of record.)

E. Board Policy 103.02 Complaints Against Personnel Revisions

The administration recommended approval of the revisions and additions made in Board Policy 103.02-- Complaints Against School Personnel or Contract Service Provider, as discussed at previous Committee of the Whole meetings.

MOTION: Director Losasso moved the Board approve the revisions and additions made in Board Policy #103.02--Complaints Against School Personnel or Contract Service Provider, as discussed at previous Committee of the Whole meetings. Director Portes seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Losasso, Portes, Clewell, Guard, Hunter, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Bid #675 ADA Improvements to Buchanan/Public Hearing

MOTION: Director Hunter moved the Board approve Bid #675 for ADA improvements to Buchanan Elementary School for the low bid from Precision Builders in the amount of \$62,900. Director Guard seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on bid # 675 for ADA improvements to Buchanan. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Hunter, Guard, Clewell, Losasso, Portes, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Bid #676 Sudlow Intermediate Concrete Parking Lot Installation/Public Hearing

MOTION: Director Portes moved the Board approve Bid #676 for the installation of a new parking lot at Sudlow Intermediate School for the low bid from McCubbin Construction in the amount of \$33,050. Director Hunter seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on bid #676 for the concrete parking lot installation at Sudlow. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was then declared closed.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Portes, Hunter, Clewell, Guard, Losasso, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Bid #675 ADA Improvements to Buchanan Elementary School/Public Hearing

Bids and Quotations

RE: Bid No. 675
For Board Meeting - October 14th 2002

1. Item, material or service being bid, with a brief description:

ADA improvements to Buchanan Elementary School.

2. Rationale:

Implementations of ADA study recommendations.

3. Department and person responsible for the expenditure of the budget:

<u>Support Services</u>	<u>Bill Good</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>PPEL</u>	<u> </u>
Department	Administrator	Budget or Estimate	Fund	Req. Number

4. Number of bids sent to vendors: 6 **Date:** September 23rd, 2002

5. Number of bids received from vendors: 4 **Date:** October 7th 2002

6. Listing of Vendors:

Hillebrand Construction – Davenport, IA. - \$90,000.00

Precision Builders – LeClaire IA. - \$62,900.00

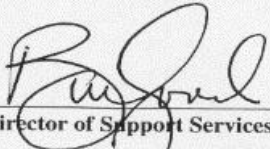
Swanson Construction – Davenport, IA. - \$79,808.00

Tricon Construction Group – Dubuque, IA. - \$78,800.00

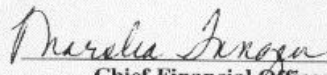
7. Recommended Bid:

The low bid from Precision Builders in the amount of \$62,900.00.

8. Other Comments:



Director of Support Services



Chief Financial Officer

G. Bid #676 Sudlow Intermediate Concrete Parking Lot Installation/Public Hearing

Bids and Quotations

RE: Bid No. 676
For Board Meeting - 10/14/2002

1. Item, material or service being bid, with a brief description:

Installation of a new parking lot at Sudlow Intermediate School.

2. Rationale:

Replace parking lost as a result of new school entrance.

3. Department and person responsible for the expenditure of the budget:

<u>Support Services</u>	<u>Bill Good</u>	<u>\$30,600</u>	Local Option	<u> </u>
Department	Administrator	Budget or Estimate	Sales & Service Fund	Req. Number

4. Number of bids sent to vendors 17 **Date:** September 20th 2002

5. Number of bids received from vendors: 9 **Date:** October 7th 2002

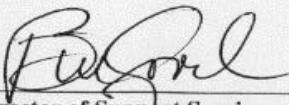
6. Listing of Vendors:

- Anderson Concrete, Davenport, IA. – Total Bid: \$41,142.00
- Beert Construction, Davenport, IA. – Total Bid: \$33,710.00
- Brandt Construction, Milan, IL. – Total Bid : \$59,400.00
- General Constructors, Inc., Bettendorf, IA. – Total Bid: \$59,460.00
- McCubbin Construction, Davenport, IA. – Total Base: \$33,050.00
- Treiber Construction, Davenport, IA. – Total Bid: \$35,000.00
- Alliance Foundations, Eldridge, IA. – Total Bid: \$36,391.00
- Contracting Corp of Midwest, Moline, IL. – Total Bid: \$46,400.00
- Kelly Construction, Davenport, IA. – Total Bid: \$35,890.00

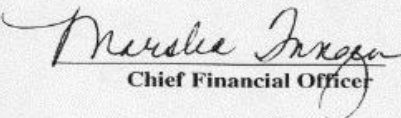
7. Recommended Bid:

The low bid from McCubbin Construction in the amount of \$33,050.00

8. Other Comments:



Director of Support Services



Chief Financial Officer

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Modified Allowable Growth Application for Drop Out Prevention/Drop Out Services**

Rachael Mullins presented materials explaining the Modified Allowable Growth application being prepared for programs dealing with drop out prevention and drop out services in the District for the 2003-2004 school year. The final application is due by November 1, 2002 with total funding at \$4,293,421. Ms. Mullins talked about the on-line reporting system for State reports that allows everyone to streamline work. She answered questions about the shift in the formula representing an increase in funds. The drop out prevention and services program has continued for 15 years. There were questions about who makes decisions regarding funds used at buildings. Ms. Mullins responded the site councils work with their budgets and they use the free and reduced lunch lists for projects. The final application and budget will be brought back on October 28 for Board approval before submission to the State in order to apply and receive the funding for these programs.

B. **Service Book Funds 2003-2004**

Members of the administration talked about curriculum studies being conducted by several committees throughout the district, looking at possible textbook adoptions that will need to be considered to expend service book funds for the 2003-2004 school year. Mr. Thiessen said tonight would provide education on the process that might lead to a recommendation for a replacement or addition of a service book. Dr. Betsey Fair talked about math, science, and world languages. There are four proposals for textbook adoptions: Algebra I, Chemistry, and two phase in books for French and Spanish. She talked about each area and the need for changes. The process involved forming a committee of teachers, parents, and students to look at the materials. They consider aspects such as multicultural content, nonsexist language, and readability. They talk about the benchmarks and standards with the course descriptions, and they develop criteria and an evaluation form. She explained some of the steps the committee uses to make their selection. Dr. Fair answered questions about the textbooks and areas concerning algebra that included encouraging students to continue with math courses. Director Hunter said the Board would be interested in hearing more about the Algebra for All program and how it provides opportunities for students to make choices for courses available in high school. There were questions about the heavy emphasis on reading and if we were doing enough in elementary school. Dr. Fair said they were working on this area and there was a correlation between reading and math, especially with the word problems that need reading strategies. Bill Thiessen said there are plans for expanding the math curriculum.

John Bernatz talked about some music textbooks that were adopted for kindergarten in 1998-1999, 1-3 grade in 1999-2000, 4-5 grade in 2001-2002, and now for sixth grade. Committees have been formed and use the same type of process that Dr. Fair outlined. The costs and additional recommendations will come back later, and only six sets of books will need to be ordered with one set for each of the intermediate buildings.

Betty Griffin spoke about the areas dealing with careers and life skills courses. The textbooks are outdated and they are falling apart. Textbooks date back to 1991 and we need new materials to entice students to take certain classes. Director Portes asked about the change in the business world and if there were other methods to use instead of textbooks for these areas. Mrs. Griffin talked about computer textbooks for some courses, but the problem was making sure there were enough computer lab stations available for all the students to use. She said they have a lot of guest speakers to help keep students current in these areas. There was a question about the process used to consider the mix of

classes offered in certain areas, and whether changes should be made in course offerings. Mrs. Griffin commented that the enrollment was the driving force in keeping classes. She talked about the Carl Perkins grant resources and evaluations. There was an interest in learning about the process used to evaluate the course offerings. Board members wondered if the books were outmoded, and maybe that was the reason for the lack of interest in certain classes. Dr. Blanche clarified this was not part of the work the department chair does. There were some areas that changed more rapidly than others.

Kay Hall talked about the art content area and how they were beginning to study textbook editions for 2001. The sixth graders now have materials from a 1987 copyright, and the seventh and eighth graders use books with a 1985 copyright date. They were not sure if these textbooks will come off the shelf or will be aligned with other materials. Introductory staff development time was devoted to revising changing markets. In the world of art, there are only two publishers and they are good. The key elements to look at are discipline based dominant models, program materials that are multicultural, reading and writing support in literature, and developing critical thinking skills and having an abundance of quality studies in art careers. Director Low noted that art classes were no longer considered easy courses for students. Mrs. Hall said they were working on rubric assessment and the teacher defines what is important. Student achievement will shoot up and they learn that art is a discipline to accomplish.

Student board member William Baresel asked if any English textbooks were being considered for changes. Mr. Thiessen remarked that Kathy Learn would be updating the board members at the next meeting on recommendations for Language Arts and Social Studies, but she was not available tonight to do a presentation.

C. Innovate Programs Calendar Waiver

Ethel Reynolds said the State requires the District to make two waivers. One is for innovate programs and one is for early starts that we do with the district calendar for the spring BEDS report. She explained the application process for receiving a waiver from the State to establish an early start date for the innovative program at the Children's Village at Hoover, which has a year-round calendar. The waiver request has to be filed by November 1 of the preceding school year. The request includes a list of the savings and goals to be attained under the innovative school year.

Kathy Erickson said the Children's Village at Hoover provided services for children six weeks old to five years of age. There were 11 holidays shown on the innovative calendar for 2003-2004. There were 250 days on the calendar for this program, not the same as for students in the regular school setting. Every time they do something that is different from the regular method, they have to go to the State for permission. The innovative programs don't include Monroe, which has a continuous calendar with the same number of days scheduled as the regular programs. The Board also will be required to hold a public hearing on any proposal for innovative programs with early start dates prior to submitting the waiver request to the Department of Education. This innovative calendar applies to the Children's Village at Hoover. The public hearing will be planned for the next regular meeting on October 28, 2002.

D. Urban Education Network District Legislative Issues 2003

Director Clewell talked with board members about the selection of legislative issues of most concern to our district. Board members were asked to complete the matrix and turn it into the board secretary ranking their top ten issues from the list provided. Director Clewell explained UEN has eight larger districts in its membership, and they have a finger on the pulse of the larger districts. Director Clewell said since he didn't attend the UEN August sessions, he wasn't sure about details for the items listed. The Board discussed areas to try to clarify certain points listed. There were two areas shown for Phase III; one for professional development and one for professional growth. Mr. Thiessen explained many districts use Phase III for their staff development. We use Phase III for achieving building goals in the CSIP plans. We don't use it specifically for professional development. It is listed twice on the list, but is probably just two ways of saying the same thing. Director Clewell said this would give UEN a closure on what the interests are for next year. The list will be brought back to the Board for approval in October.

Director Hunter asked for information about the high school report that was generated through UEN. Dr. Blanche said copies were available last year and principals got them. Our former associate principal Chris McCreight had worked on this project for modernizing high schools. Director Hunter would like the report for background information if copies of the study were still available.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

Dr. Blanche reported he had attended a workshop on technology. It was of interest because of our curriculum discussions about textbooks, and he learned how some school districts were looking at paperless environments. They are using technology with computers for students instead of books. It is not certain that the staff wants to teach without textbooks, but it is happening around the country in some school districts.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Director Guard requested an agenda item for discussion, at perhaps a Committee of the Whole meeting, to begin a review regarding graduation requirements. The meeting could include possible strategies, what trends are out there, or what some of the issues are surrounding this in our district. Bill Thiessen responded that just last week, the administration had a meeting on this topic. They will be doing a survey of people on the Board and the community at large. They are just in the process of undertaking this work.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Hunter moved the Board adjourn. Director Guard seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Hunter, Guard, Portes, Clewell, Losasso, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary