

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2001

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in regular session, pursuant to law and the rules of the Board, on Monday, November 12, 2001 in the Board Room of the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa. President Jim C. Hester called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: President Jim Hester; Directors Richard Clewell, Steve Hunter, Steve Imming, Mavis Lee, and Susan Low. Absent: Director Patt Zamora. Student board members present for the meeting at 7:00 were Kyle Peterson and Nichole Taylor (North High); Minh Nguyen (West High).

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. American Education Week Proclamation * *President Jim Hester*

Board President Jim Hester read a proclamation statement designating November 11-17, 2001 as the 80th annual observance of American Education Week. The proclamation recognizes the important role of education and the work of district employees who equip our young Americans with the skills and intellectual abilities needed for the future. The proclamation further recognizes volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials who bring together adults and children in our community in an educational setting.

B. Hayes Elementary * *Roger Beier, Principal*

Hayes Elementary School would like to recognize their Literacy Support Teachers, **Bobbie Jo Clark** and **Angie Leal**. The State Reading Excellence Grant provides help for Hayes School to have these literacy support teacher positions. As these support teachers work with the children, we are seeing improved student performance in the areas of reading and writing skills. Bobbie Jo and Angie are giving extra help to our classroom teachers so the teachers can provide one-on-one attention to some of their students and it even allows the teachers time for activities in small groups. Angie Leal and Bobbie Jo Clark took this opportunity to share their experiences with the Board. Angie works with the kindergarten and first graders, and Bobbie Jo works with the second and third graders. The Board saw journals, games, and other materials the students used at Hayes School to improve their reading and writing skills. The children have learned techniques to proofread, create sentences, and build paragraphs. They work together in brainstorming activities and with games that help re-enforce what they are learning from the teachers. Bobbie Jo brought a bag of samples to share with the Board showing them the wonderful things the students were doing in school. Board members interacted with the presenters and looked at examples of the students' work. Mr. Beier said he was tracking the students from where they were at the beginning of the year to the end. He noticed that the students who moved on to third grade were still using the techniques they had learned earlier.

Director Low emphasized that reading was so basic and important. If children can learn to read and write, the world will be open them because they can tell people what they want. The enthusiasm of these teachers was very impressive. President Hester expressed appreciation for the energy displayed and thought there should be an award for bringing the most items in the biggest bag to a board meeting to share with everyone.

B. West High School * Chris Gallin, Principal

- Ms. Sue Swords, West High Language Arts teacher, nominated **Sara Pohlmann** for the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Award. Sara Pohlmann is a senior at West High School and was recognized for winning this prestigious award. Her superior achievement was a reflection on her teachers and the English program at the school. Ms. Swords listed numerous organizations and clubs where Sara was involved and said Sara shares her time volunteering to help the community. Sara also has a GPA of 4.0 to her credit for six semesters. Dr. Blanche thanked Sara's parents, Lee and Susan Pohlmann, for their support and said Sara was the type of student our teachers would like to take credit for in their classrooms. Ms. Swords was also thanked for her excellent work in mentoring Sara.
- Mr. Andrew Zinn presented **Vocational Welding students** who were participating in an extended job shadow opportunity at John Deere. The students were **Casey Jones, Josh Davis, and Ken Chavis**. Mr. Zinn explained the unique program involving the Davenport District and John Deere in Davenport. Mr. Zinn shared that John Deere in Davenport was the only plant in the nation trying this type of job shadowing program with students. West High was pleased to offer this caliber of career awareness to the Vocational Welding students. Mr. Zinn credited Dennis Schnoor from John Deere for developing the training program. The students have opportunities to learn many skills during the nine-week session that relate to welding and manufacturing. The school was working on an articulation agreement with Scott Community College so the students could earn college credit for this work in the future. President Hester talked about job opportunities and the number of skilled workers that will be needed in the future. Employees will need at least two years of college to work in industry and there was a lot of technological skill required for these positions. Dr. Blanche thanked the students and Mr. Zinn for his involvement in this program. Mrs. Gallin commented that in order for the program to work, it required an instructor who was flexible and connected with the community.
- The following **Davenport West High Teams** and students representing the teams were recognized for receiving Academic Achievement Awards from the State Athletic Associations:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Student Athlete</u>	<u>TEAM GPA</u>	<u>Total Team</u>
Girls Tennis	Christopher Lopez	Maureen Krairallah	3.537	31
Girls Golf	Eric Jobgen	Jessica Mueller	3.370	17
Baseball	Tom Souhrada	Brian Nagle	3.017	56
Softball	Steve Saladino	Amy Joines	3.3667	28
Girls Track	Cory Williams	Jennie Sadd	3.203	44
Boys Tennis	John Shie		3.284	16
Boys Track	Dave Broadie	Andrew Kopf Greg Hanna	3.135	51
Girls Soccer	Chris Johnston	Monica Gray	3.282	71
Boys Soccer	Bill Jensen		3.079	39

A GPA of 3.00-3.24 is Excellence and a GPA of 3.25 or above is Distinguished for boys.
A GPA of 3.20-3.60 is Excellence and a GPA of 3.61-4.00 is Distinguished for girls.

C. J. B. Young Intermediate * Dr. Erica Goldstone, Principal

Mr. Goldstone said J. B. Young Intermediate was led by the motto that our students "Work Hard, Are Kind, Play Hard and Dream Big." Tonight many students were being recognized for their accomplishments. The following students embody our motto and make us very proud. We recognize them because they dare to dream and work to make their dreams come true.

J. B. Young Orchestra: Mr. Ken Scodeller, Associate Principal, introduced Ms. Tabitha Kaminsky, orchestra teacher. Ms. Kaminisky recognized three students who will represent J.B. at the Iowa Junior String Orchestra Festival on November 16th in Ames, Iowa. There will be 58 schools at the festival and the students will perform in concert in the evening after a day of rehearsal. The students selected from J. B. Young were **Aubrey Keimig, Scott McDonald, and Chelsea Bernhardt**

PowerPoint Presentation: Mr. Tom Gray, Business Teacher, recognized **Max Mayfield** and **Chris Burbridge**, who created a PowerPoint slide show about their school. The students worked together on the life skill of "flexibility" and read through the computer manual to learn the PowerPoint program. They developed a PowerPoint presentation with 15 slides that will be shown at orientation to fifth graders. Max and Chris previewed some of the slides talking about the life skills of organization and common sense. Director Clewell asked about the four minutes between classes. Max thought it was okay because you had a chance to visit with friends and make it to classes.

J.B. Young Vocal Music: Mr. Tadlock, Vocal Music Teacher introduced the three students who will represent J.B. at the Iowa Choral Directors Association OPUS Honors Choir in Ames, Iowa on November 16. The students selected from J. B. Young were **Maura Cook, Zach Becker, and Kaitlin Hofeldt**. Over 4000 students auditioned during the first six weeks of school and 480 were selected for positions in the OPUS Honors Choir.

Stepping Stones Dance Troop: Helen White talked about her work as a site facilitator at J. B. Young. There are 96 students enrolled in the Stepping Stones program that helps to provide after-school activities for students. They meet from 3:15 to 5:30, enjoy a snack, and do one hour of homework together. John Border is the founder and director of the program and has worked on the grant that expanded the program to other sites in the district. The 21st Century Grant has allowed the program to operate and to make it so successful. Stepping Stones has worked because of the support of the staff, families, and other individuals in the community. Of the 110 students in year two of the program, 77 have maintained or improved their GPA in language arts and math. The students gain confidence and build relationships, and it is a safe alternative for students after school. Doreen Byrd, Director, has worked with some of the students on dance lessons, and her young ladies performed at the Davenport Museum of Art for an African Forms Exhibit. The following students did a dance interpretation for the Board.

**Tashyia Calvert
Marcella Turner
Amber Rogers**

**Cavetta Jackson
Whitney Hughes
Vionce Howard**

**Shantel Hill
Barbara Wilkerson
Tiffany Cooper**

Dr. Goldstone said the students are available to perform at social functions and it helps them receive recognition as they perform. Dr. Blanche thanked all the young people for coming and sharing their talents. President Hester commented that all the recognitions tonight show the impact we are having on the children in our district and it makes us feel a part of their lives.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 PM, Davenport Schools Foundation, DSASC Board Room
- B. November 14-16, IASB Convention at the Polk Convention Center in Des Moines
- C. November 22-23, Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed; no school)
- D. Monday, November 26, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- E. Monday, December 3, 5:30 PM, Adams Elementary Media Center, Committee of the Whole (A tour of the facilities will begin at 5:00 PM.)
- F. Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 to 9:30 PM, Iowa Association of School Boards ABLE Workshop, DSASC, Board Room
- G. Monday, December 10, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- H. Open Forum -- No one requested time to speak at 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 following board meetings were presented for approval: Special Call Expulsion Hearing October 19; Regular Board Meeting October 22; Special Call Expulsion Hearing November 1; and Committee of the Whole November 5, 2001.

B. Financial Report

It was recommended the Treasurer's monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending September 30, 2001 be approved.

C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

McGrath, John	Effective: November 30, 2001
Social Studies	Year of Service: 32 yrs.
North High	

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Albee, John	Health Leave with Pay
Language Arts	Effective: 10/08/01 – 6/03/02
Young Intermediate	Reason: Health

Soehl, Jolene	Health Leave with Pay
Grade 5	Effective: 8/21/01 – 10/05/01
Blue Grass Elementary	Reason: Health

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SCHOOL	STEP	SALARY	FROM	TO
Verdon	Stephen	West High	4	\$32,920.00	M.B.A.	M.B.A.+15

RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Ellis, Patrick 9 th Girls Basketball North High	Effective: 10/31/01 \$1,863.00 Reason: Personal
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Flynn, Jon Asst. Sophomore Baseball West High	Effective: 10/19/01 \$2,374.00 Reason: Personal
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Graves, Stephanie Asst. Sophomore Girls Basketball North High	Effective: 8/1/01 \$2,374.00 Reason: Personal
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Holtz, Karen Interm. Band Sudlow Intermediate	Effective: 6/8/2001 \$1,424.00 Reason: Bid to Position at Wood
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Ringdahl, Michael 9 th Grade Wrestling Coach West High	Effective: 10/23/01 \$1,863.00 Reason: Personal
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Saladino, Joy Head 8 th Girls Volleyball Williams Intermediate	Effective: 10/26/01 \$1,889.00 Reason: Personal
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SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Benisch, Heather Assistant Boys Swim Central High	10% Salary: \$2,374.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
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Bos, Kendra Asst. Sophomore Girls Basketball North High	10% Salary: \$2,374.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
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Congdon, Todd Varsity Boys Tennis North High	7% Salary: \$1,661.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
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Eagle, Thomas Head 9 th Boys Basketball Central High	8% Salary: \$1,899.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
Frajman, William .5 Teacher in charge Johnson Elementary	7.5% Salary: \$1,780 for 2001-2002 academic year
Hobart, Pam 7 th Girls Basketball Smart Intermediate	7% Salary: \$1,661.00 for 2001-2001 academic year
Hosch, Joann Band Smart Intermediate	6% Salary \$1,424.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
Lawler, Tomas Head Girls Varsity Basketball North High	25% Salary: \$5,934.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
Less, Bethany Asst. Varsity Girls Basketball North High	12% Salary: \$2,848.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
Lucas, Kathryn Freshman Girls Basketball North High	8% Salary: \$1,899.00 for 2001-2001 academic year
Miranda, Tony 8 th Grade Wrestling Sudlow Intermediate	7% Salary: \$1,661.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
Pitts, Christie Asst. Sophomore Girls Basketball Central High	10% Salary: \$2,374.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
Ryan, Gina Head 9 th Girls Basketball Central	8% Salary: \$1,899.00 for 2001-2002 academic year
Saladino, Steve Head Varsity Girls Basketball West High	25% Salary: \$5,934.00 for 2002-2002 academic year
Terronez, Tony Asst. 8 th Boys Basketball Sudlow Intermediate	7% Salary: \$1,661.00 for 2001-2002 academic year

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Riley, Mary	Degree: B.S.+15 – Step 7
Special Education/MultiCat	Effective: 10/30/2001
Fillmore Elementary	Salary: \$32,920.00 prorated to \$24,200.65 for the remaining 136 days in the 2001-2002 school year

RETIREMENT: CLASSIFIED

Reiling, Leah Rae	Effective: January 15, 2002
Clerk II – 10 ½ mos.	Reason: Retirement
Walcott	Yrs of Service: 26 yrs

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Biddle, Emily	Effective: October 31, 2001
Executive Administrative Assistant	Reason: Personal
Administration Service Center	Yrs. of Service: 3 mos

Chandler, Starshannda	Effective: October 26, 2001
Food Service Cashier	Reason: Family Responsibilities
North High	Yrs. of Service: 2 mos

Christenson, Karilyn	Effective: October 1, 2001
Food Service Head Cook	Reason: Resignation
Central High	Yrs. of Service: 5 Yrs.

Gales, Louise	Effective: November 1, 2001
Food Service Worker	Reason: Voluntary Termination
Central High	Yrs. of Service: 2 mos

Lee, Jacqueline	Effective: October 26, 2001
Food Service Worker	Reason: Voluntary Termination
Central High	Yrs. of Service: 18 days

Lopshire, Deborah	Effective: November 2, 2001
Food Service Worker	Reason: Medical/Personal
Smart Intermediate	Yrs. of Service: 11 Yrs 2 mos

Schillig, Cynthia	Effective: November 1, 2001
Food Service Worker	Reason: Voluntary Termination
Lincoln Elementary	Yrs. of Service: 3 wks

Siefker, Vickie	Effective: October 25, 2001
Food Service Baker I	Reason: Job Dissatisfaction
Bakery	Yrs. of Service: 1 mo

Staggs, Rebecca	Effective: November 1, 2001
Food Service Worker	Reason: Personal
North High	Yrs. of Service: 1 Yr. 2 mos

Sweetland, Tina	Effective: October 19, 2001
Custodian	Reason: Voluntary Termination
West High School	Yrs of Service: 8 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Huizar, Juana Para-Educator Jefferson-Edison Elementary	November 2, 2001 through start of 2003-04 school year Reason: Family Responsibilities
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APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Binkowski, Peggy Para-Educator Monroe Elementary	Effective: October 12, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 6 hrs/day
Brady, Denise Food Service Worker Smart Intermediate	Effective: October 23, 2001 Salary: \$6.50 2.75 hrs/day
Clark, Chalondra Para-Educator Harrison Elementary	Effective: October 15, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 4 hrs/day
Converse, Barbara Food Service Worker Blue Grass Elementary	Effective: October 31, 2001 Salary: \$6.50 1.75 hrs/day
Greer, Candy Para-Educator Harrison Elementary	Effective: October 15, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 6 hrs/day
Miller, Monique Para-Educator Harrison Elementary	Effective: October 15, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 6.5 hrs/day
Parkhurst, Lisa Para-Educator West High	Effective: October 18, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 5 hrs/day
Player, Jennifer Para-Educator Children Village at Hoover	Effective: November 5, 2001 Salary: \$9.80 8 hrs/day
Spies, Cory Para-Educator West High	Effective: October 31, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 8 hrs/day
Turkal, Cathy Para-Educator Smart Intermediate	Effective: October 19, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 6 hrs/day

Ullrich, Brianna Para-Educator Young Intermediate	Effective: September 25, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 6 hrs/day
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Willhoite, Jacqueline Food Service Worker West High	Effective: October 29, 2001 Salary: \$6.50 3 hrs/day
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* Not a Teacher ** Substitute Teacher *** Not a Replacement

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Clewell, Hunter, Imming, Lee, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following resolution was recommended by the Administration for adoption --

“Resolved that all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and the Board ad hoc committee, 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.”

MOTION: Director Imming moved the resolution for payment of bills be accepted as presented with one exception, Check #102306 that was voided. Director Low seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Low, Lee, Hunter, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. School Budget Review Committee Appearance

The administration recommended the Davenport School District request an appearance before the School Budget Review Committee to ask for additional spending authority for excessive costs associated with providing "Limited English Proficiency" programs for its ESL population in the amount of \$658,152 for the 2001-2002 school year budget.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation that the Davenport School District request an appearance before the School Budget Review Committee to ask for additional spending authority for excessive costs associated with providing "Limited English Proficiency" programs for the ESL population in the amount of \$658,152 for the 2001-2002 school year budget. Director Imming seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Imming, Lee, Hunter, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

B. IASB Unemployment Compensation Claims Program

The administration recommended district participation in the IASB Unemployment Insurance Claims Administration Program, with the Gates McDonald Company, for the 2001-2002 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2001. Assessment will not exceed \$1.70 per full-time equivalent employee, and the annual registration fee will be \$75, due on or before November 15, 2001.

The FTE as of July 1, 2001 was $2,223.545 \times \$1.70 = \$3,780.03$ + the \$75 registration fee for a total cost of \$3,855.03)

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board accept the recommendation of the administration for participation in the IASB Unemployment Insurance Claims Administration Program, with the Gates McDonald Company, for the 2001-2002 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2001. Director Low seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Low, Lee, Hunter, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution for Setting Public Hearing Date on Sale of Perry School Property

The administration recommended approval of a resolution that sets the date of November 26, 2001 for a public hearing on the sale of the Perry School Property.

MOTION: Director Imming moved approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING -- (Perry Elementary)

WHEREAS, Davenport Community School District is the owner of certain real estate located at 5121 Wapello Avenue, Davenport, Iowa, and described as approximately 6.51 acres in the City of Davenport, Iowa, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Davenport Community School District has received an offer to sell said real estate to Steve and Kelli Grubbs for the sum of \$106,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Davenport Community School District is agreeable to selling said real estate to Steve and Kelli Grubbs and is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed transfer pursuant to Iowa Code §297.22.

RESOLVED that a Public Hearing shall be held at the Administrative Service Center on Monday, November 26, 2001 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of considering the sale of real estate owned by the School District located at 5121 Wapello Avenue, Davenport, Iowa;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary shall publish Notice of Sale of Real Estate and Notice of Public Hearing in the Quad City Times at least once not less than ten (10) days but not more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Director Low seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Low, Lee, Clewell, and Hester. Abstaining: Hunter. Motion carried.

D. Resolution for Setting Public Hearing Date on Sale of Property @ 60th & Fairmount

The administration recommended approval of a resolution that sets the date of November 26, 2001 for a public hearing on the sale of property at 60th & Fairmount.

MOTION: Director Imming moved approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING -- (60th and Fairmount)

WHEREAS, Davenport Community School District is the owner of certain real estate located at 60th and Fairmount Streets, Davenport, Iowa, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Davenport Community School District has received an offer to sell said real estate to Rivaldd Farms, Inc. for the sum of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Davenport Community School District is agreeable to selling said real estate to Rivaldd Farms, Inc. and is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed transfer pursuant to Iowa Code §297.22.

RESOLVED that a Public Hearing shall be held at the Administrative Service Center on November 26, 2001 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of considering the sale of real estate owned by the School District located at 60th and Fairmount Streets, Davenport, Iowa;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary shall publish Notice of Sale of Real Estate and Notice of Public Hearing in the Quad City Times at least once not less than ten (10) days but not more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Director Low seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Imming, Low, Lee, Clewell, and Hester. Nay: Hunter. Motion carried.

E. Board Policy Revisions

The Board acted on approval of the revisions to several board policies and deletion of one policy that were reviewed and discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 5, 2001.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board accept the revisions to Board Policy 502.12 Artificial and Real Trees as discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 5, 2001. Director Lee seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Lee, Imming, Hunter, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board accepts the recommendation for revisions to Board Policy 503.07 Honors and Awards as previously discussed. Director Lee seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Lee, Imming, Hunter, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board accept the revisions to Board Policy 503.09 Credits Earned in a Foreign School as previously discussed. Director Lee seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Lee, Imming, Hunter, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board accept the revisions to Board Policy 503.13 Accelerated Graduation as discussed on November 5, 2001. Director Imming seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Imming, Lee, Hunter, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board accept the revisions to Board Policy 505.03 School Publications as previously discussed. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Clewell, Hunter, Imming, Lee, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board **delete** Board Policy 401.37 Safety Committee as it is no longer needed in that capacity. Director Imming seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Imming, Hunter, Clewell, Lee, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Summer Literacy Academy for Second Grade Students

Bill Thiessen and Ken Krumweide reported on the 2001 Summer Literacy Academy, a district intervention specifically designed to help students achieve the second grade reading standard. Mr. Thiessen presented information that focused on academy results, compared this year's results to last year's, and provided data regarding the number of students who successfully achieved the second grade reading standard and the number of students who were retained in second grade. The Summer Literacy Academy for second grade students has been improved and involves the parents in the process. The Board reviewed the number of students recommended for the program, and learned 65 of the 96 students either successfully completed the academy or otherwise met the

reading standard prior to beginning the current school year. The remaining 31 students comprised four groups: 15 retained in second grade; 9 promoted to third grade as a result of IEP team meetings; 3 were placed in the solution-focus process; and one moved out of the district. There were 26 more students this year than last summer, who met the standard at the academy; and the growth is wonderful.

Mr. Krumweide had the opportunity to review the programming provided in the Summer Literacy Academy. This is the fourth reading academy and it gets better each year. The Board received a list of pre-academy activities showing tasks to be completed and target dates. They looked over the student progress needs form for grade 2 and saw the post intervention data sheet. Mr. Krumweide said the best teachers are working with reading and they started early to hire people for the summer academy. By spring 30 teachers were hired with 28 from the Davenport District and two out of district. There were 96 students who qualified with below the 2.5 level marks and transportation was provided for the students to attend the academy during the summer. The program was held in the afternoon at Truman because many of the Title Programs are conducted in the morning and have lunch provided. Then the students can get on the bus and ride to Truman School that is air conditioned for the Academy. There was more consistent collection of data being done, and there were changes in the testing schedule. We use the test scores from May and then post-test at the end of the Academy.

Eight people were hired to do the assessment work, and Jodi Hoogland had workshops with parents on reading strategies to use at home. We try to help the parents learn about reading to their children and completing homework responsibly. The attendance is watched closely and we call parents to work with them to get the students to school. Staff development is every Friday with Rhonda Byrd and the reading coordinators. We had pre-signed letters for the students and so after the last day of school, the scores could be easily processed and the parents got the information on Saturday.

Board members asked questions about the parental component and survey sheets. Mr. Thiessen will provide more information on this to the Board. The Board also thanked the staff for their hard work with this wonderful program. There were comments about early intervention and reading recovery help for students. One of the reasons the Academy is held at Truman was because of the advantages of air conditioning in the hot summer. Mr. Thiessen explained the students were being tracked to see if there is a difference down the way with students retained and those students who were promoted because of success at the academy. They talked about attendance requirements and Mr. Krumweide explained the parents are informed that if the children don't attend, they miss out on the instruction, and the children may be retained if they don't pass the tests. We do monitor the students. Mr. Krumweide thanked Dr. Jane Grady and Mr. Bill Thiessen for their help in providing the resources needed for the academy.

President Hester asked about consistency in reading from building to building. It was explained the schools use the balanced literacy model except for Lincoln and Jefferson who have their own curriculum. There are instruction strategies that are used and it is consistent. There was more discussion about selection of the students, monitoring, assessment in May, and reading recovery. President Hester expressed concerns about not making this mandatory for the children. Mr. Thiessen answered that the new policy adopted by the Board last year made it clear that the students would be retained if they did not meet the standard. It is a family's decision on what needs to be done in the summer to make sure the student passes the tests to be promoted. Mr. Krumweide said the policy is in place and it goes out in Kindergarten, first and second grade. The buildings also use solution focus and parents have information about the summer academy.

B. Computer Assisted Diagnostic Program for Reading

Ken Krumweide, Principal at Truman, introduced Monica Jahns, a reading specialist at Truman. Ms. Jahns reported on the computer-assisted diagnostic program for reading that was being used at the Truman. The Board had an opportunity to learn about this educational opportunity. They heard about the testing and staff development aspects of the diagnostic reading program. Ms. Jahns explained reading recovery was designed for the lowest achieving children. She has four children to work with at a time and each day they get 30 minutes of reading. She teaches strategies to be successful, and the children become active participants in their learning. Before the students were passive and now they are responsible and can do things to learn to read and write. Not all children graduate from the program, but there is a safety net before special education. The Board heard about group situations, Americorp volunteers, establishing relationships, and achievements. Mr. Krumweide commented about the importance of early literacy and reaching children and their families early to set up strategies to teach children to read.

The AEA shared information with Monica about the computer assisted diagnostic program and it was discussed at Truman. One of the elements of the program is the assessment and the scores are mailed to the AEA and results are computed. The Board heard about the ELA System involving assessment instruments, expert system, assessment results, and teaching strategies. They looked over examples of what is tracked for each child, developmental patterns, and suggestions that could be used. Ms. Jahns told the Board teachers felt the testing situation was too long; however, the element of staff development was very valuable. There were no group summaries available with the materials either. An advantage of the diagnostic tool was that teachers got a second opinion on how students were doing and were motivated through the staff development offerings. Ms. Jahns emphasized the importance of early programs for children, and also felt the half-day kindergarten was not adequate to meet the needs of the students. If the District could offer full-day kindergarten programs, it would help more children achieve. President Hester had questions about the disadvantages of the program. Ms. Jahns felt the kindergarten teachers were already doing similar assessment and the added testing duplicated efforts with a very lengthy process. We administer other tests and that gives us more information. However, the advantage of the program was the staff development aspect. Ms. Jahns talked about social-economic elements effecting reading, and how we should continue with preschools for all children to build on the academic and literacy structures. President Hester felt we needed to look at the topic of preschool and all-day kindergarten. Dr. Blanche commented we have many excellent examples of instruction and leadership being modeled through the programs that were shared tonight.

C. Fire and Life Safety Grant

Bill Good explained the District had received the Fire and Life Safety Grant a couple of times before. The grant was for \$250,000 for upgrades in fire protection items in our schools. The Board will see bids associated with this grant coming up in the future. The grant provides us with the funds needed to equip our schools with fire and life safety items.

D. Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant

Bill Good also talked about how we received the Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant money for the first time last year. The funds were used at Williams, Smart, and Sudlow and involved about \$500,000 in funding. The grant helps us with innovation construction projects in our buildings. We hope to apply these funds to other projects again this year.

NEW ITEMS FOR ACTION

VII. NEW ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Fire and Life Safety Grant

The administration recommended approval to apply for a Fire and Life Safety Grant that would provide up to \$250,000 in facilities and equipment upgrades with no match required.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation to apply for a Fire and Life Safety Grant that would provide up to \$250,000 in facilities and equipment upgrades with no match required. Director Imming seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Imming, Hunter, Clewell, Lee, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant

The administration recommended approval to apply for the Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant from the Iowa Department of Education up to \$500,000 for new construction and renovation with our Local Option Sales Tax providing the 75% required match.

MOTION: Director Hunter moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation to apply for the Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant from the Iowa Department of Education up to \$500,000 for new construction and renovation with our Local Option Sales Tax providing the 75% required match. Director Imming seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Hunter, Imming, Lee, Low, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

There were no further administrative reports.

IX. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no board reports or requests for information.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board adjourn. Director Lee seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Lee, Hunter, Imming, Clewell, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hester declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

M. Smith, Board Secretary

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