

REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2009 (Corrected)

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, February 23, 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, Ralph Johanson, Larry Roberson, and Tim Tupper. Absent: Director Ken Krumwiede. Superintendent Julio Almanza and other administrators were present. Three student board members attended: Austin Laugen and Rebecca Briesmoore from Central; Nicole Woodson from North High.

BOARD GOAL, OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES & VISION STATEMENT 2008--2009

Director De Fauw read the mission and vision statements: "The Davenport School Board will actively support the efforts of the superintendent, district, staff, and families to ensure continuous student achievement for all students. Board Vision: 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?* She noted there would be a report from the Legislative Advocacy Committee about their recent trip to Des Moines which involved a number of our students participating.

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. **The Cat in the Hat; Theodore Geisel's Birthday March 2 (Dr. Seuss): Sue Wiele, Retired Teacher, & Jodi Tupper, North High Teacher**

Sue Wiele (dressed as the Cat in the Hat) and **Jodi Tupper** presented a recognition and thank you to all the people who help the children of Davenport. Mrs. Tupper noted we ask much of ourselves and of each other. And, we all know there are times when we wish we could do more. Mrs. Tupper asked everyone do something personal tonight and join in with "The Cat in the Hat". She asked people to commit to taking a half hour on March 2, 2009, to read with a child since this is the anniversary of the birthday of Theodore Geisel, who is better known as Dr. Seuss, the author of "The Cat in the Hat". He was also an author of many more wonderful children's stories and his books have led generations of children to discover the joy of reading.

Mrs. Tupper explained the efforts of the National Education Association, Iowa State Education Association, and Davenport Education to honor Dr. Seuss on March 2 by sponsoring a celebration of reading which they call the NEA's "Read Across America." The goal is to have every child in every school reading with a caring adult for at least 30 minutes that day. Cosponsors include the American Library Association, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the International Reading Association, National PTA, Kiwanis International, Girl Scouts of the USA, and the Screen Actors Guild Foundation.

Mrs Tupper and Ms. Wiele (dressed as the Cat in the Hat) invited the Board to join them by endorsing this program. They asked board members to personally commit to reading on March 2 at a School in Davenport. And they asked the Board to do whatever they can to publicize this celebration. Mrs. Tupper donated her hat to President Zamora and asked that she and the other board members explore the possibility of joining them in the goal of having every child in every school in our community reading with a caring adult, to celebrate the joy of reading and Dr. Seuss's 103rd birthday. When we work together as a community to encourage our children to read, to quote Dr. Seuss, "there's no limit to the places we can go." (A copy of a letter from the Office of the Governor will be included in the minutes of record.)

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monday, March 2, ~~5:30~~ **6:30 PM**, Committee of the Whole, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center (Closed Session 5:30 PM)
- B. Wednesday, March 4, 3:45 PM, Legislative Advocacy Committee, Administration Service Center, Conference Room A
- C. Monday, March 9, 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- D. Wednesday, March 11, 3:45 PM, Board Policy Committee, Administration Service Center, Conference Room B
- E. Monday, March 16 @ 5:30 (Possible Committee of the Whole -- pending)**
- F. Thursday, March 19, 6:30 PM, Local School Improvement Advisory Committee, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- G. Spring Break March 23 through 27 – No school
- H. Monday, March 30, 5:30 PM, Closed Session Superintendent Evaluation; 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center
- I. Open Forum for Community Input – There were 14 people who spoke.
 - 1. Kent Dubberke, 6441 131 St, Blue Grass, IA noted he had students interested in music and he felt the band room at Walcott needed improvements. Students don't really have a place to practice and they are bothered by other students. In the morning staff members are preparing food and it is very distracting. Students who are in music advance in math and English and should be rewarded for the efforts and engage them in their artist pursuits.

2. Rosalie Dubberke, same address, spoke about problems with teaching jazz band at Walcott in the morning and getting students able to focus with all the disruptions around them. In second period they have band when the elementary students are coming in for lunch and it is very difficult to perform when the other students are coming and going from the same area as where they have class.
3. John Dubberke, same address, was a fifth grader at Blue Grass and will go to Walcott next year. At this age students are easily distracted and will have issues concentrating. He hoped the Board would look at improvements being made in the music area at Walcott.
4. Donna Dubberke, same address, addressed concerns with inadequacies of the band room and facilities for music at Walcott. She provided a letter stating her concerns with before, during, and after school conflicts. She outlined her thoughts and shared with the board members. She noted on Wednesday morning, when the schedule is compressed, it is not a quiet time to learn music. We would not ask students to learn reading or math in these conditions in the corner of a cafeteria. It is important for the instructions of the teacher to be heard and that was almost impossible. She hoped a resolution to this problem would be made.
5. Kim McDonald, 9 Elmwood Drive, Blue Grass, shared thoughts about the Walcott school band room lack of adequate facilities
6. Kyle Burney, 12435 70th Avenue, Blue Grass, talked about going to Blue Grass, Walcott, and now being at West. He shared how kids at Walcott disrupted the music students and that would cause them to make mistakes. That kind of environment lowers self esteem when kids throw things at the music students. Kids can't concentrate under those circumstances. He hoped the Board would consider making changes to the music and band areas so students could have a good place to practice and learn music.
7. Jeff (Smiley) Rehm, 2410 Nevada Avenue, shared how he went to Williams and had children and grandchildren there. The Board asked for the parents' support over the years and he wondered why they weren't supporting parents now. He questioned the reasons for using an "out of town" contractor for the work at Williams. The one-cent tax dollars make a difference and this was to create jobs in our town. But the Board was hiring out-of-town people. This won't do anything for the people in Davenport who were born and raised here. He wanted to have his kids know he got to work on the construction and it upsets him the Board was looking at another company. He would like to see the Board support a Davenport company on this bid for the gym renovations.
8. Toby Schroder, 1304 18th Street, Princeton, also talked about the Williams' gym renovation work and bid being presented. He encouraged the Board to pick a local contractor that hire local people. We are the lowest, responsible contractor and he would like to have a better definition of what the Board thinks this means to be responsible. They pay people good wages, provide health insurance, and have certified apprenticeship programs. They hire people who go through the training programs and use some of our students. He hoped the Board would take time to reconsider the decision and go with a local contracting company.

9. Fred Nimke, 2271 1st Street East, Milan, presented his views about the Williams' gym renovation bid. He shared he was on a school board and understands their position. He said the Board didn't have to go with the lowest bidder and the firm being recommended was not a local contractor. The Board can select a local company. He had questions about the other firm being as responsible as a local firm. He was a carpenter for 30 years and people in our town want to do the work.
10. Kathy Koranda, 3824 Kelling, teacher, shared insights on her experience with the Legislative Advocacy trip to Des Moines on February 16 and bringing her students from West High. She had 14 students participating and they talked with legislators about issues that were important to them, especially the drop out age. They shared ideas on having a quality classroom experience and had an opportunity to go with Director Johanson to meet legislators. This was her first year being able to go on the trip, and she was very impressed.
11. Kyle Burney, 12435 70th Avenue, Blue Grass, thanked Directors Johanson and Clewell for taking them to Des Moines and meeting the legislators. Students got to talk with legislators and see how this all works. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to have this experience. Other students were looking forward to having the opportunity to go on the trip next year.
12. Daniel Flaherty, 2137 Warren Street, teacher at Central, thanked the Board for allowing his students to go to Des Moines on the Legislative Advocacy bus trip and meet the legislators at the Capitol. They met all of the area legislators, and were recognized by the Senate during their meeting. The best teaching occurs when you can place the classroom in a real-life experience. He expressed thanks to all the people who did work behind the scene handling the little details that made the trip such a success – Cindy Lewis, Rachael Mullins, Laura Bozarth, John Border, Mike Garnica, and Linda Smith Kortemeyer. This was an experience his students will never forget.
13. Vince Jurgena, teacher at Central, shared his thoughts about the experience he had traveling with students to the Capitol and getting a first hand opportunity to visit the senators and representatives. He got to accompany the other teachers on this trip with the students from West and Central, plus board members. It was a really gratifying experience and his students got to meet Elisha Gayman and Shawn Hamerlinck. He appreciated the opportunity and thanked the Board. He hoped he could participate in the trip next year.
14. Heather Bennett, 4801 Taylor Street, thanked the Board for the opportunity to go on the Legislative Advocacy trip. It was so great to meet the legislators and see all the people who represent us.

AGENDA ORDER

President Zamora asked if there was any objection to changing the agenda order to have the discussion item on Legislative Advocacy moved to this point since several people in the audience wanted to hear that conversation. Board members agreed to the change in the agenda order.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report on Des Moines Bus Trip

The Board heard a brief report on the recent bus trip to Des Moines by the Legislative Advocacy Committee. Director Clewell appreciated having the discussion item moved up since a number of teachers and students were here for that item on the agenda. He asked some of the guests to think about this question, "What is it that you brought to the legislators?"

Director Clewell explained how the group had one large session in a huge room and visited with legislators. The students were articulate as they spoke and asked great questions. Student board member Austin Laugen looked at the trip from a different perspective. He said the legislators make laws but don't get to see what goes on afterward. They talked with people about class size and drop out rates. Austin thanked the Board for this opportunity and wonderful learning experience. Rebecca Briesmoore said she visited with legislators and talked about class size and AP classes. She also appreciated going with the Legislative Advocacy people and thought it was a great time.

Director Clewell said the group used the goals from the committee as talking points and Mrs. Schulte shared her expertise about early childhood education. Director Johanson was very impressed with the dedication of the teachers and staff members to give up the holiday to travel with students to Des Moines. The staff members are great leaders and should be recognized as well as people who work behind the scene for our committee. They are dedicated people and handle all the details to make the trip successful. Director Johanson said he was amazed at the students' ability to articulate on the subjects being debated with legislators. They visited with Elisha Gayman in an engaging and enthusiastic manner. He thanked the Board for the chance to be a part of this trip.

Director Clewell asked board members to picture the two school buses in front of the Capitol with all the students and staff members. What a powerful message that is sending to our legislators. President Zamora thanked the students, staff, and board members who attended the gathering in Des Moines and for sending a strong message to the Capitol.

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 February 9, 2009 were presented for approval.

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

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Van Hulle, Michael	14%
Girls' Varsity Track	\$3,731.00
North High	

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Harding, Melissa	Effective: February 10, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$9.90/hr
Children's Village Hayes	Hours: 6.25 hrs/day

Jessen, Michelle	Effective: February 17, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$9.90/hr
Children's Village Hayes	Hours: 6.25 hrs/day

Orman, Wendy	Effective: March 2, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.79/hr
ASC – District Floater	Hours: 6.5 hrs/day

Pojar, Denise	Effective: February 9, 2009
Food Service Worker	Salary: \$8.21/hr
Madison Elementary	Hours: 2.75 hrs/day

Schneckloth, Dawn	Effective: February 9, 2009
Food Service Worker	Salary: \$8.21/hr
North High	Hours: 3.75 hrs/day

Sparbel, Kristin	Effective: February 9, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$9.90/hr
Children's Village West	Hours: 6.25 hrs/day

RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Souhrada, Linda	Effective: End of 2008-09 school year
TAG	Years of Service: 18 yrs 9 mos
Harrison/Blue Grass Elementary	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: NON-BARGAINING CERTIFICATED

Martin, Anita	Effective: February 26, 2009 (corrected)
Curriculum & Instructional Specialist	Years of Service: 5 mos (corrected)
PreK-12 Science	
ASC	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Anderson, Miriam	5%
Safety Patrol (.5)	\$1,333.00
Lincoln Academy	

Byrne, Daniel	12%
Assistant Varsity Football	\$3,198.00
North High	

Schlichting, Mark	7%
7 th Grade Wrestling	\$1,866.00
Williams Intermediate	

Schlichting, Mark	7%
8 th Grade Wrestling	\$1,866.00
Williams Intermediate	

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Roseke, Verdeen	Effective: End of 2008-09 School Year
Para Educator	Years of Service: 19 yrs 2mos
Central High	

Westphalen, Mary	Effective: February 5, 2009
Para Educator	Years of Service: 15 yrs 5 mos
Walcott Elementary	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Cline, Helena	Effective: February 3, 2009
Food Service Worker	Years of Service: 2 mos
Sudlow Intermediate	

Engelbrecht, Hannah	Effective: February 6, 2009
Para Educator	Years of Service: 6 yrs
Children's Village Hoover	

Grubbs, Valerie	Effective: February 10, 2009
Para Educator	Years of Service: 6 yrs 4 mos
West High	

Gutierrez, Sarah	Effective: February 25, 2009 (Corrected January 28, 2009)
Food Service Worker	Years of Service: 5 mos (Corrected to 4 mos)
Williams Intermediate	

Huffaker, Bethany	Effective: April 3, 2009
Para Educator	Years of Service: 4 yrs 6 mos
Children's Village West	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Rotherham, Mary	Effective: February 23, 2009 – April 3, 2009
Para Educator	
Wood Intermediate	

MOTION: Director De Fauw moved the Board accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the corrections made. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was recommended by the Administration for approval of bills.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board approve the following: "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, with the exception of three voided checks: #257623, 257695, and 257829 (wrong vendors). Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Change Order Jackson Elementary Climate Control

The administration recommended a change order at Jackson for the filtration system.

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the Board accept the recommendation of the administration for a \$25,192 change order to adjust the contract for the Jackson Elementary Climate Control Renovation project for the filtration system. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

B. Bid #589 – Jackson Window and Door Replacement

The administration made a recommendation for Bid #589 for Jackson window and door replacement.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to approve the lowest responsible Bid #589 received from Midwest Glazing in Davenport, IA in the amount of \$135,722 for window and door replacement at Jackson Elementary School. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Director Johanson asked questions about the need to replace the windows and doors at this time. Scott Martin answered the concerns and explained this project was like the work at Eisenhower. He outlined the work and presented details for the replacement of windows and doors. Director Johanson asked about the manufacturer of the windows and if the companies use the same source. This was confirmed by Mr. Martin.

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

C. Bid #596 – Williams Gymnasium Renovations (Action Postponed)

The administration made a recommendation for Bid #596 for renovations of the Williams' gymnasium.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to approve the lowest responsible Bid #596 received from Todd Hackett Construction in the amount of \$1,715,095 for the Williams Intermediate School gymnasium addition. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion followed with questions from board members about getting a definition of lowest, responsible bids. Mrs. Tangen reviewed a summary of public construction bidding requirements based on the Code of Iowa. She went over awarding of the contract covered in Iowa Code 26.9 which says the contract for the public improvement must be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. She shared definitions from the Iowa League of Cities for lowest responsive, responsible bidders. The responsibility focuses on the bidder and a responsible bid is a bid submitted by a bidder having the financial and technical capability to perform the work, as well as the ability to complete the work. Responsiveness focuses on the bid and a bid is considered responsive if the bidder agrees to do everything required by the plans and specs and other bid documents without conditions or qualifications.

Director Johanson was concerned with the definition of "local" and what that actually meant for the Board. He also wondered about the sense of urgency with this project and if they could wait to get additional information about the law. Mr. Martin said they were working with a time frame to try and finish the project by next winter break so it would be ready for the second semester. The longer this is put off, the more it would affect the students.

Director Clewell asked whether the quality of work was considered as part of the definition of responsible bidding. He also wasn't clear on what "local" meant in the definition and wondered if that meant it would be an Iowa source or targeted businesses or what. Mrs. Tangen went through the wording in Iowa Code 23A.3

dealing with noncompetition by government and local purchases. If bids are the same, this can be used as a tie breaker with everything else being equal. Director Roberson appreciated the information and he would like to move forward. The Board is responsible to the tax payer and the bid shows the lowest responsible bidder; however, with questions raised and not having time to go over all the legal materials, he thought they needed time to look at this more.

Director Tupper believed the Board had previously looked at this and there was a district court opinion dealing with local preferences. He was confused with the opinion from our legal firm and thought the Board needed to look more closely at the terms. He also talked about inequities between projects at Williams and the needs at Walcott for music and band rooms. He wanted a better process for selecting priorities for buildings. He supported the idea of moving the action on this bid to another meeting in order to give the Board more time.

Superintendent Almanza summarized his attempts to get a legal opinion and code definitions for the Board on this matter. We have requirements from the state code and in our own policy book. The administration was making the recommendation after discussion previously on the work to be done at Williams. He was not around when the original priorities for the local option sale tax funding was made, but there was a process for the requests and renovation work recommendations. The enrollment at Williams is much larger so they need more space to accommodate students' needs there than at Walcott. The administration looks forward to the Board's response to long-range planning in the future.

Director De Fauw talked about being good financial stewards and being good to our constituents. We would benefit from legal counsel and need more time to review the materials and code language. She also supported tabling the action until they had more time to consider the details. Director Johanson also wanted to talk about the restroom renovation at Walcott and had concerns because of the economic conditions in our area. We have a process in place to move along with projects but he questioned some of the priorities coming up. He also wondered if the IASB would have more information on the definition of local preferences.

MOTION TO POSTPONE:

Director Johanson moved the Board postpone the motion on Bid #596 at this time and having the agenda committee set a date for action on the motion. Director Tupper seconded the motion to postpone.

Director Roberson said the Board needed to get more information and have time to review the material. They want to make sure they understand this before taking action on the bid. Director Tupper commented this was not a criticism of the Williams bid project, but a chance to look more closely at the bid. President Zamora said with due respect to the bidder, the Board was not saying anything about being responsible but they need to look at the definition of local.

The vote on the motion to postpone was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Johanson, Tupper, De Fauw, Roberson, Clewell, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously. The motion on Bid #596 was postponed for action.

D. Architect for Walcott Restroom Renovation Project

The administration recommended an architect for the restroom renovation at Walcott.

MOTION: Director Johanson moved the Board accept the recommendation by the Administration to select Larrison and Associates Architects for the design for general renovation of six (6) boys and girls restrooms at Walcott Schools. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Director Johanson talked about the relationship between the band rooms at Walcott and the restroom renovation. He wondered how we determine priority needs and the process used. Apparently this was a request some time in the past but he didn't see how this related to student achievement. Maybe that wasn't the determining factor when projects were first discussed. What is a higher priority for Walcott – restrooms or a band room? Director Roberson said he thought the process included getting input from the building and this is what they wanted and needed first.

Superintendent Almanza pointed out this was a request from the school for some time to renovate the bathrooms and the boys' bathroom is unique. Mr. Martin talked about the outdated restroom facilities and problems. They are not ADA accessible and don't provide any privacy for the boys. The cafeteria and kitchen also need remodeling at Walcott but that is part of a bigger plan for the school. We will look at space issues at the building and multiple use classrooms later. We are doing the due diligence in these projects and looking at things that help all the students. President Zamora noted we got a list of requests from schools and they had priorities from the first ten-years of local option sales tax dollars. This was their choice to make.

Director Johanson respected the schools having a right to express their choice but the Board is charged with making the decisions. With concerns from parents over the past few weeks concerning the band room, he felt that was of a higher priority than restrooms. Mr. Martin clarified this project was much less expensive than what it would cost for a new band and music room. Director Johanson felt he would still have to vote against this project.

Superintendent Almanza said he visited Walcott and looked at the band room situation. We are looking at this for the next round of projects as one of the higher priorities. Director Johanson appreciated that news but in spite of the response, he still believed the Board's responsibility was to look at ways to assist with student achievement. He didn't believe the bathroom project had anything to do with achievement. President Zamora asked if for the same amount of money could make changes in the cafeteria or a band room. Mr. Martin said the cost wouldn't even closely cover the expenses for a band room or cafeteria improvements. He explained on July 1 new money would be available for projects and we will place the other recommendations on our priority list at that time. Mr. Almanza said the executive directors have emphasized the importance of tying in student achievement with future projects. His understanding was the Board wanted the process established to be kept but board members could make changes.

Director Tupper asked how the projects during the last five years were related to student achievement. Mr. Almanza responded he wasn't here during several of those years and didn't know the rationale used. Director Roberson said the bathroom was about \$150,000 but not close to the cost of a band room or new cafeteria. In July there is a new process started with new items on the list. Mr. Martin said the band room issue is a larger discussion and we will look at it. The bathrooms are definitely a privacy issue and really shouldn't be put aside.

Director De Fauw asked how some of these projects were considered for work. Mr. Martin reminded the Board he only started last March and some of these items were on the list to finish. He also added that something not listed was the need for exhaust fans in the bathrooms which are needed to handle smells which move into the next door classroom. That needs to be addressed also with this project. Director De Fauw hoped they would look at significant remodeling and work on a band room at Walcott in the future. Mr. Martin also added that the entrance at the building has work to be done to determine the needs for safety and access. There was more discussion about supporting fine arts at the schools and good use of our resources in making these choices. Director De Fauw felt we needed to look at the dignity of our children with regard to the bath rooms and also look at the music needs over the next ten years.

Director Johanson had concerns because he wasn't clear on the process used and how things were done. He was having trouble with acknowledging what things would have a higher priority over others. Austin commented that although he had never been to Walcott, he felt there should be a separate area for band and music classes. Mr. Almanza talked about addressing the needs for how areas are used in buildings for classroom space. Director Clewell noted we created a list of priority items for the first round of local option tax dollars and we are finishing up on the things we agreed to do. He asked about how close we were to developing a system for a long-range plan. Mr. Martin said the plans would be discussed further at the next Committee of the Whole.

Mrs. Tangen said they will bring back results from surveys and meetings and share information on planning at the Committee of the Whole in March. We would like to get going on with the construction process and move along.

ACTION: The vote on the motion to approve the architect firm of Larrison and Associates for the Walcott Schools restroom renovation was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Tupper, Clewell, Roberson, De Fauw, and Zamora. Nay; Johanson. Motion carried.

E. Architect for Central High Restroom Renovation Project

The administration recommended an architect for the restroom renovation at Central High.

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to approve Larrison and Associates Architects for design of a boys and girls restroom on the lower level near the new Central gymnasium. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Director De Fauw recalled the original plans at Central included the restrooms but then they were removed from the design. She wondered if the drawings were still available and could be used. Mr. Martin said yes but they are not complete and need some refinement now. Director De Fauw asked if the needs

have changed for this area and why we need another architect approved. Mr. Martin said this was part of the board policy requiring approval of an architect prior to major construction projects being started. Mr. Almanza asked if we would be paying for another architect to design this again. Mr. Scott said this is just part of the approval process he was following per board policy on major construction work. They will be looking at the specifications and plans for the final bid work on the construction.

Donna Cooper was asked to clarify more about the work being done. She said this was part of an earlier design but the work would cost more than \$57,000 so it would be bid and we need to assign an architect to the project. We will only pay for the fine tuning of the design plans. Director De Fauw talked about being good stewards and how we are now enhancing the original project. She wondered what the impact would be from this project. President Zamora asked questions about the cost and recent estimates. Director Johanson thanked Mr. Martin for following through with the board policy requirements. These were recently discussed at a committee meeting concerning hiring an architect for major projects. Student board members talked about the restrooms and weren't sure if they were really necessary. People can just go up one flight of stairs to locker rooms to use bathrooms there. President Zamora responded that there are not enough bathrooms for the size of the facility and not at an accessible level. Austin didn't feel this was needed and really won't help with a big event because those are held in the big gym instead.

Mr. Martin said the administration has looked at this for Central and felt the additional bathrooms were needed. It was a security and safety matter that also was being considered. These bathrooms would be easier to monitor and make sure everyone is safe when the smaller gym is being used.

ACTION: The vote on the motion to approve Larrison and Associates Architects for design work on the Central High rest rooms was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Tupper, Roberson, Clewell, Johanson, De Fauw, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Board Policy Revision #501.04 Entrance & Immunization Requirements

The Policy Committee recommended revisions in Policy 501.04.

MOTION: Director Johanson moved the Board accept the Policy Committee recommendation to approve the revisions made in Board Policy #501.04 Entrance and Immunization Requirements as discussed. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

Request for information: Director Johanson would appreciate a presentation or discussion on the effect of proposed legislation on district construction costs. It would help if this occurs before the legislation is passed so the Board and community would be properly informed.

Evaluation Sessions: Director Tupper noted an early closed session was listed for March 9 for the superintendent's evaluation but Mr. Tupper would not be available until 7:00 PM that night. Director Clewell added he would not be at the meeting on March 9. Director Johanson had a conflict with the March 30 date for an early evaluation session. Director Tupper expressed concerns about time constraints the Board had on the superintendent evaluation process that needed to be addressed. President Zamora suggested the Board talk about the evaluation process at a Committee of the Whole meeting. She was trying to get an evaluation instrument together for the Board to review and then have a discussion on this topic later.

Committee of the Whole: Vice President Roberson talked about not having enough time to fully talk over matters at regular meetings and wanting to have additional committee of the whole meetings. President Zamora asked that a list of things board members wanted to have discussed at the additional committee meetings be provided to her. Vice President Roberson felt that important topics had been eliminated from discussion at the committee of the whole meetings and that makes for a longer regular meeting. He would like to have more committee meetings for discussion of topics.

Congratulations: Director Clewell congratulated West and Central High for the Great River Show Choir Spectacular. It was a wonderful performance and he wanted to thank all the staff members and parents who participated also. It is a lot of work putting a show together of such quality. President Zamora added recognition for the students and complimented them on their performances.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

Ad hoc Vision Committee: Director Clewell reported he and Director Krumwiede were going out to local focus groups and making sure they understood we have a new vision and want to engage them with us as a resource. They have set up meetings with United Neighbors, principals, and Community Education Advisory Committee. We want to make sure they understand the vision statement and bring them together with us in accomplishing the vision.

Request Response: Superintendent Almanza asked for clarification with regard to the request from Director Johanson on proposed legislation and how to present the sides in this matter. He knows there are administrative concerns but who do they want to present the other side of the legislation? Director Johanson said it wasn't meant to be taking sides, but answering what is the perceived effect for our district finances. He would like a reaction or interpretation of the prevailing wage issue and maybe an analysis on how it affects our work. Director Tupper was concerned this would be a long discussion on a matter that the Board can't control but is up to legislators. He felt the Board should be more focused on matters that need our input directly. We could spend a lot of time on the bills being considered at the Capitol, but it doesn't help with the matters we need to review at the board table.

President Zamora stopped the discussion and reminded board members this topic was not listed on the agenda and shouldn't be discussed further. This was a time for board reports and time meant for a request of information at this point.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Roberson seconded the motion. By consensus the Board agreed to adjourn.

President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary