

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

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:00 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the counties of Scott and Muscatine met in open session for their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 12, 2010 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, Larry Roberson, Tim Tupper, Nikki De Fauw, and Ken Krumwiede. Other administrators were present for the meeting. Ralph Johanson arrived at 7:30 PM.

Director De Fauw read the vision statement.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing for the Amendment of the Current 2009-2010 Budget

President Zamora announced this was the time and place for the Board to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current school budget by changing estimates of expenditures in the areas of instruction and total support services. President Zamora stated any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed amendments.

There were no requests to speak during the Public Hearing on the amendments to the 2009-10 budget; no written objections were presented. President Zamora declared the public hearing closed. It was noted a copy of the amendments to the current 2009-2010 budget appeared in the *Quad City Times*, on March 30, 2010. Action on the budget amendments would take place later in the meeting to meet the April 15, 2010 deadline.

B. Public Hearing for the Proposed District 2010-2011 Budget

President Zamora announced this was the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed 2010-2011 school district budget. She stated any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

There were no requests to speak during the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for 2010-11; no written objections were presented.

President Zamora then declared the public hearing closed. It was noted a copy of the detailed budget appeared in the *Quad City Times* on March 30, 2010. Action on the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget would take place later in the meeting to meet the April 15, 2010 deadline.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. April 14 @ 3:45 PM Policy Committee Meeting,
Administration Service Center, Executive Board Room
- B. April 19 @ 5:30 PM Closed Session-Superintendent Evaluation
Administration Service Center, Executive Board Room
- C. April 26 @ 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting,
Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- D. Open Forum for Community Input-No one spoke

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 following meetings were presented for approval as follows: March 22, 2010 (Regular Meeting)

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

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Mosier, Jeremy	Degree: B.A.+15 – Step 11
Social Studies	Effective: August 13, 2010
(building to be determined)	Salary: \$43,555.00

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Moylan, Aimee	10%
Girls’ Assistant Varsity Swimming	\$2,745.00
District-Wide	
Yotter, Megan	5%
Assistant Intermediate Co-ed Track	\$1,348.00
Young Intermediate	

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Baker, Linda	Effective: April 6, 2010
Food Service Worker	Salary: \$8.60/hr
Sudlow Intermediate	Hours: 2.5 hrs/day

Clinton, Deborah Para Educator Children's Village Monroe	Effective: April 6, 2010 Salary: \$10.30/hr Hours: 6.25 hrs/day
Connors, Alexander Para Educator Lincoln Academy	Effective: March 22, 2010 Salary: \$8.94/hr Hours: 5.5 hrs/day
Martell, Deborah Para Educator Jackson Elementary	Effective: April 6, 2010 Salary: \$8.94/hr Hours: 4.0 hrs/day
Ryder, Susan Para Educator Children's Village Hoover	Effective: April 19, 2010 Salary: \$10.30/hr Hours: 6.25 hrs/day

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Connell, Diane FCS/Tech Ed Walcott /Young Intermediate	Effective: April 8, 2010 Years of Service: 42 days
Kaiser, April Social Studies Central High	Effective: end of 2009-10 school year Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos
Kongkousonh, Elizabeth Spanish Smart/Walcott/Young Intermediate	Effective: March 31, 2010 Years of Service: 3 yrs 7 mos
Oyen, Aimee Special Education Blue Grass Elementary	Effective: end of 2009-10 school year Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Bowrey, Lance Activities Manager - Intermediate Wood Intermediate	20% \$5,390.00
Dietz, Jeffrey Assistant Sophomore Football North High	10% \$2,695.00
Fox, Michael Assistant 8 th Grade Football Wood Intermediate	7% \$1,887.00

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Marshall, Michael	12%
Boys' Varsity Golf	\$3,234.00
North High	
Ratkiewicz, Megan	10%
Assistant Sr High Cheerleading	\$2,695.00
North High	
Tadlock, Andrew	5%
Boys' Assistant Varsity Golf	\$1,348.00
North High	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Cox, Mark	Effective: April 9, 2010
Custodian	Years of Service: 1 yr 1 mo
Williams Intermediate	

Fox, Michael	Effective: March 26, 2010
Para Educator	Years of Service: 1 yr 5 mos
Wood Intermediate	

Kensrud, Liza	Effective: April 9, 2010
Technology-as-a-Second-Language Director	Years of Service: 8 yrs 8 mos
Jefferson Edison	

Mosier, Patricia	Effective: June 4, 2010 Correction
Para Educator	Years of Service: 18 yrs 4 mos
Truman Elementary	

Pojar, Denise	Effective: April 14, 2010
Food Service Worker	Years of Service: 1 yr 2 mos
Madison Elementary	

Ryder, Susan	Effective: April 16, 2010
Clerk III, 10 ½ mos	Years of Service: 5 yrs 10 mos
Adams Elementary	Reason: Other district employment

Schlue, Martha	Effective: June 22, 2010
Clerk II, 10 ½ mos	Years of Service: 7 yrs 11 mos
Operations Center	

RETIREMENTS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Hoogland, Joann	Effective: June 29, 2010
Principal	Years of Service: 7 yrs (+33 yrs as teacher)
Buffalo Elementary	

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED Correction

Mosier, Patricia
Para Educator
Truman Elementary

Effective: June 4, 2010
Years of Service: 18 yrs 4 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Dill, Susan
Math
West High

Effective: 2010-11 & 2011-12 school years

Moore, Emily
Grade 5
Hayes Elementary

Effective: 2010-11 & 2011-12 school years

Noe, Casey
Math
West High

Effective: March 2, 2010 - TBD
Reason: Military Leave

RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Larson, Julie
Para Educator
Buffalo Elementary

Effective: April 7, 2010
Hours: 2.4 hrs/day
Salary: \$8.94/hr

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Ogden	Debra	Wood	13	B.A. +15	M.A.	\$48,300.00
Weaver	Ellen	E Locust St Program	22	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$53,820.00

CORRECTION (deletion) TO 3/8/10 BOARD MINUTES—SALARY ADJUST

Ogden	Kelly	Madison	7	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$40,020.00
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Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda with the amendment to the personnel section as presented. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was recommended by the administration for adoption of the bills from the bill listing period: March 19, 2010 through April 7, 2010.

Motion: Director De Fauw moved the approval of the resolution: Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary/Treasurer, reviewed by the administration and board members, and they are hereby audited and allowed as just claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts. Further Resolved, the payment of claims and salaries be approved as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Amendment to the 2009-2010 Budget

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board amend the 2009-2010 Certified Budget in the area of Instruction from \$116,468,905 to \$117,565,766 and Total Support Services from \$45,870,461 to \$47,335,164. The reasons were redefinition of functional expenditures and identification of additional funding sources. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

B. Proposed 2010-2011 Budget

Motion: Director De Fauw moved the board adopt the Proposed Budget Estimate and the Tax Levy rate for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year for total requirements as published and presented. The proposed property tax rate per \$1,000 taxable valuation will be 17.08257; the total requirement for the proposed 2010-2011 budget will be \$233,132,611. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Tupper asked about the impact of this budget on teaching staff. Mr. Almanza reported that as previously discussed there will be 8 positions reduced due to a change in the intermediate team time. There are an additional 6 positions that will be reduced at the high school level due to lower enrollment levels. There is a potential that 6 positions from the pool may be reduced due to lack of positions available. Ms. Weipert explained that this will not be determined until all retirements and resignations are completed. Director Tupper expressed his opinion that he would like to see a more specific protocol in terms of information so we could track these positions more easily.

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

C. Budget Guarantee

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve the following resolution regarding a budget guarantee: “RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District, consistent with Iowa Code Section 257.14, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2010-2011 in order for the regular program district cost to be 101% of the 2009-10 regular program district cost as allowed under section 257.14 Code of Iowa. “ Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director De Fauw asked Ms. Tangen to explain why it is important to have this guarantee. She explained that the district wants this in place in case the 2% allowable growth is not funded from the state. It would allow us to levy at least 1% for additional funding if necessary.

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

D. District Calendar for 2010-2011 Traditional Schools

Motion: Director Krumwiede moved the board approve the dates shown on the 2010-2011 district calendar for traditional schools. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

E. DMA and Weiss Building Project Architect/Engineer

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve Shive-Hattery of Moline, Illinois as the architects and engineers for the DMA and Weiss Building Project. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

F. West and Adams HVAC Projects Engineer

Motion: Director Roberson moved the board approve KPE, Inc. of Bellevue, Nebraska as the engineers for the HVAC projects at West High School and Adams Elementary School. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

G. Klemme Motors

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Davenport Community School District desires to acquire the property located at 3423 Brady Street for the purposes of expanding the existing athletic complex NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized and directed to purchase the property located at 3423 Brady Street for a price not to exceed \$850,000 pursuant to the attached purchase agreement; that the Board President is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the purchase agreement for the acquisition of such property; and the administration is directed to take such other actions as may be necessary to complete the purchase of the property. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director De Fauw asked if we had met the expectations that were requested at the last meeting before completing the purchase of this property. Mr. Martin reported that they completed an environmental study. They discovered a leaking underground storage tank which has been resolved many years ago and has been deemed to be a low risk. The previous leak has DNR “no further action needed” documentation available. Director Tupper asked if a soil sample had been taken. Mr. Martin stated they had not, but there is documentation that it is a safe environment. Director Tupper asked if we could potentially be liable for any problems. Mr. Martin stated that since it is going to be a parking lot that there should not be any future problems. If there was going to be building done on the site then further testing would have been recommended. Director Roberson asked if we are putting future use of the property at risk by not doing additional testing now. Mr. Martin stated that due to the intended purpose the business risk did not warrant the extra cost of testing. If a future board wanted to build on that site, Mr. Almanza would recommend additional testing at that point in time. Director Tupper asked if we could continue leasing this property rather than purchasing it. Mr. Almanza stated that Mr. Klemme wants to retire and sell the property. Director Tupper feels there are other capital projects that were previously discussed that have been put aside for this project, why? Mr. Almanza saw an opportunity to solve the parking issue for the stadium when this property became available. Director Roberson feels that it is important to have assurance of the environmental issues involved. Director Johanson asked some questions that were answered before he arrived and Mr. Martin recapped for him. The hydraulic reservoirs will be removed and if the soil has been impacted, it will be removed at that time. It will be visually evident if remediation is necessary. Mr. Martin will provide the board with a summary of the environment report.

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

H. Policy Reviews/Revisions

Motion: Director Johanson moved the Board approve the following policies as presented. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

- 903.06 Closed/Exempt Sessions
- 902.03 School Board Secretary/Treasurer
- 101.04 Duplicated or Printed Materials
- 101.05 Distribution of Printed Materials
- 102.01 Parent-Teacher Associations/Organizations
- 103.15 Tobacco Free Environment
- 201.01 Superintendent
- 302.07 Leases and Rentals of Property
- 203.12 Administrative Regulations
- 401.10 Employee Medical Examination
- 504.02 Personal Appearance of Students

Discussion: Director Clewell asked how the administration will enforce policy 504.02 Personal Appearance of Students without regulations. Dr. O'Melia reported that the policy itself allows some discretion for the administration to determine if dress is disruptive to the learning environment. If it is too specific, the danger is that if an item is not specifically listed then it can be argued that it is allowed. The principals and administration need to use their best judgment in these decisions. The administrators were satisfied with this policy. Director Clewell is not convinced that it is currently being enforced consistently. Director De Fauw agreed that there does seem to be inconsistency in enforcement. She would like to see regulations dealing with enforcement issues. Student board member Mickey Herman, stated that his concern regards how often the principal actually deals with this issue instead of the teachers. He feels the administration should discuss it with those at the level who are dealing with these issues on a daily basis. Director Krumwiede also agrees there should be some type of regulations to enforce consistency. Director Tupper feels that regulations should be developed to create a consistent standard. President Zamora is also concerned about enforcement issues. Mickey Herman asked how a "modification" in dress is made when determined the student is dressed inappropriately. Mr. Almanza suggested the school keep cheap t-shirts available for a student to wear for the remainder of the day. The consensus of the board is that the administration should develop regulations for this policy.

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

VI. DISCUSSION

A. Investing In Innovation (i3) Grant

Mr. Almanza reported that there will be additional financial difficulties in the future. With this in mind, the administration is working on additional financial resources that are available besides the RTTT. The i3 grant is one of these opportunities. Davenport is partnering with other

districts and community and state groups to submit an application. Identification and intervention of drop-outs is an integral part of this proposal. Rachael Mullins, Juli Staszewski and Dawn Anderson Rascher made a presentation on the work done on this grant application to this point. This money is a part of the ARRA Education Funding available from the federal government. It is a competitive grant to applicants with a record of improving student achievement. The goal is to develop a strategic approach that prepares all Iowa students for post-high school success and strengthen their future economic and social prospects. The application deadline is May 11 with awards being announced in August.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

Mr. Almanza reported on a water main break at Walcott School today. Mr. Martin reported that water has been restored at the school. School was dismissed at 10:30AM. At this point it is planned that school will be in session tomorrow. The school is under a boil order for approximately 2 days. Bottled water will be provided and meals will be provided from an alternate location.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion. By consensus all board members agreed. President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary/Treasurer