

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 14, 2001

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in exempt and regular sessions pursuant to law and the rules of said Board on Monday, May 14, 2001 in the Executive Conference and Board Rooms of the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said school district. President Hester called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM, which followed an Exempt Session for negotiations from 6:00–6:30 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: President Jim Hester, Directors Jamie Howard, Steve Hunter, Steve Imming, Mavis Lee, Susan Low, and Patt Zamora. Student Board Members attending the regular session were Kevin Miller and Patti Donnelly (Central), and Brianne Zobrist and Abby Kardel (West). In the absence of Dr. Blanche, Deputy Superintendent Howard Hunigan filled in during the regular meeting.

6:00 PM SESSION--NEGOTIATIONS

EXEMPT

The Board held a 30-minute closed session in the Executive Conference Room to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer for employees covered by a bargaining agreement, as provided in Chapter 20.17 (3), Code of Iowa. At 6:30 PM the session finished so board members could attend their reception.

6:30 PM RECEPTION

SCHOOL BOARD

A reception was held in the Board Room at the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. to recognize the Board of Education and student board members for their contributions to the District. Members from the community attended to show their appreciation during this celebration week.

7:00 PM RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. **School Board of Directors * Howard Hunigan, Deputy Superintendent**

Deputy Superintendent Howard Hunigan commented that School Board Recognition Week, May 13-19,2001, was an opportunity to say thanks to the more than 2,100 men and women who serve our communities as board members. This year's theme--"Leaders Building Achievers"--recognized that board members were community leaders dedicated to ensuring students learn the skills they need for success. Local communities elect board members in an election held the second Tuesday of each September. They serve three-year terms, with part of the Board elected each year to maintain continuity and experience. School board members receive no pay. Their reward is the satisfaction they receive from public service. The District and community recognized the significant amount of time and effort our school board members devote to making a difference for students. Board members were presented with a certificate of excellence from the IASB for their leadership and services. There was also a proclamation from the City of Davenport recognizing the dedication of the Board for their countless hours of service to education.

School Board Members 2000-2001

President Jim Hester	Vice President Jamie Howard
Director Steve Hunter	Director Steve Imming
Director Mavis Lee	Director Susan Low
Director Patt Zamora	

B. Sudlow Intermediate School * *Bruce Potts, Principal*

Sudlow Intermediate School recognized six of their students who took First Place in the State Destination Imagination Competition in Grinnell, Iowa. In addition to Iowa, 47 states and 15 countries will participate at the World Destination Imagination Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee from May 22 to May 26, 2001. The Sudlow students representing Iowa are **Lily Arbisser, Katie Arp, Renee Dickerson, Jennifer Livermore, Michelle Mampre, and Amy Whitehead**. Destination Imagination is an international, creative problem solving activity provided by the Talented and Gifted Program. The students used an array of research skills, creative skills, and critical thinking to solve one of five possible "Team Challenges." The Sudlow students won the Regional Competition in Cedar Rapids in February. They took first place at the state competition in Grinnell during March. Students were required to research several categories--Innovators, Cultural Performers, and Important World Landmarks. On tournament day, one scenario was selected and the team had 30 minutes to blend research, props, and its scenario into a dynamic improvisational performance. **Diane Wirtz** was the teacher who worked with these students from Sudlow Intermediate School.

C. African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center of Iowa * *Joseph McGill*

Joseph McGill, Executive Director of the African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center of Iowa, recognized the efforts of all school board members. He said the African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center was located in Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids. They hoped to build near the Czechoslovakian Slovakian Museum. In the midst of the Capital Campaign, there had been outreach programs throughout the state. They wanted to make sure African American history didn't go back on the shelf after February. There was a traveling museum and it has been in schools in Davenport. A print has been created and placed in elementary schools to help emphasize African American history. There will be a brown bag luncheon at United Neighbors on Tuesday to help with supporting their efforts. A poster has been created of the African American elected officials in Iowa. There were 21 people on this poster, two people not photographed, and one judge. That made a total of 25 people and tonight the poster was unveiled to the public. Each board member had posters to distribute, which were free. Mr. McGill also had 100 posters that would be left with the board president. Mr. McGill thanked board members for being good-will ambassadors. President Hester thanked Mr. McGill for coming from Cedar Rapids to speak, for unveiling the poster tonight, and for his hard work with the museum.

D. Student Board of Directors * *Jim C. Hester, Board President*

President Hester explained how the Student Board of Directors included non-voting members from the student body of each of the District's high schools. Their duties included attending open sessions of board meetings, submitting items for discussion, presenting a report on a specific issue to the Board, being responsible for communicating board decisions and information to the school, presenting recommendations from the student body or student government, or discussing concerns from the community. Student representatives for the 2000-2001 school year were:

Central High

Kevin Miller and Patti Donnelly

North High
West High

Andrea Patrick and Darbie Little
Jenny Jennings, Brianne Zobrist, and Abby Kardel

Kevin Miller, Patti Donnelly, Brianne Zobrist, and Abby Kardel were present for the meeting and received their certificates of appreciation from the District.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Thursday, May 17, 5:15 P.M. Local School Improvement Advisory Committee, at Hayes
- B. Sunday, May 20, 2 to 4 P.M., Mississippi Hall @ the RiverCenter, Davenport School District Employee Service Recognition Program Open House
- C. Monday, May 28 -- Memorial Day Holiday Observed -- No School
- D. Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- E. Thursday, May 31, 7:00 P.M., West High, Graduation for 2001 students
- F. Monday, June 4, 5:30 P.M., DSASC, Board Room, Committee of the Whole
- G. Friday, June 8, 7:00 P.M., North High Gym, Graduation for North High students
- H. Saturday, June 9, 10:00 A.M., Palmer Auditorium, Graduation for West High students
- I. Sunday, June 10, 3:00 P.M., Palmer Auditorium, Graduation for Central High students
- J. Monday, June 11, 7:00 P.M., DSASC, Board Room, Regular Board Meeting
- K. Open Forum for Community Input

1. Sherry Conklin, 21905 Maysville Road, Walcott, spoke to the Board about the denial of her daughters open enrollment application to North Scott. She explained the family had recently moved to Maysville and were only two blocks from the North Scott line. Her children were involved with neighborhood children and they wanted to attend the same school. Because her one daughter is ADHD, it would be too much of an adjustment for her to make another change. She provided the Board with a letter from her children's pediatrician and a counselor. They have spent money helping her daughter and they did not have anything against the Davenport District. It just would be better for all of them if the children attended North Scott.

President Hester informed Mrs. Conklin that someone from the administration would follow up with her following the discussion and any action taken.

Director Low asked that the Open Enrollment Denial be removed from the Consent Agenda and be considered as a separate action. Director Howard agreed with the request, so the item regarding Open Enrollment Denial was removed from the Consent Agenda at this time, and action on this request followed.

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 All Intervening Meetings

SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Abdo, Sara 8%
Head Freshman Volleyball
Central High School Salary: to be determined
For 2001-2002 season

Rasche, Lisa Effective: May 14, 2001
Assistant Sophomore Softball Coach
Central High School Salary: \$1,630

Solis, Quentin Effective: March 10, 2001
Assistant Co-ed Track Coach
J. B. Young Intermediate Salary: \$1,164

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

** Graham-Schroeder, Deborah Degree: B.A. – Step 11
School Nurse (.7) Effective: May 9, 2001
Buffalo/Blue Grass Elementary Salary: \$25,132.10 prorated to \$2,988.68 for the
Remaining 22 days in the 2000-2001 school year

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Cover, Shirley Effective: June 7, 2001
Para-Educator Years of Service: 11 yrs.
West High

Werthmann, Betty Effective: June 7, 2001
Para-Educator Years of Service: 24 yrs 9 mos
Buchanan Elementary

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Dunn, Debora Effective: ~~April 25, 2001~~ **Corrected: May 9, 2001**
Clerk I-Activities Office Reason: Other Employment
North High School Years of Service: 7 yrs. 8 mos.

Fisher, Nicole Effective: ~~April 4, 2001~~ **Corrected: April 24, 2001**
Food Service Cashier Reason: Other Employment
North High School Years of Service: 23 days

Kappeler, Kathy Effective: April 30, 2001
Para-Educator Reason: Other Employment
Grant Elementary Years of Service: 2 yrs. 6 mos.

Strodtbeck, Susan Effective: ~~April 26, 2001~~ **Corrected: May 11, 2001**
Clerk I-Activities Office Reason: Personal
North High School Years of Service: 11 yrs. 4 mos.

Zecevic, Mirsada Effective: April 27, 2001
Para-Educator Reason: Personal
Williams Intermediate Years of Service; 1 yr

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Barnett, Victoria Food Service Worker Williams Intermediate	Effective: April 17, 2001 Salary: \$6.50/hr. 2.75 hrs/day
Engesser, Carol Food Service Worker West High School	Effective: April 23, 2001 Salary: \$6.50/hr. 2.75 hrs/day
Langfildt, Lois Food Service Worker North High School	Effective: April 25, 2001 Salary: \$6.50/hr. 2.5 hrs/day
Schmalfeldt, Rebecca Food Service Cashier North High School	Effective: April 26, 2001 Salary: \$6.70/hr. 2.5 hrs/day
Williams, Tyna Food Service Worker North High School	Effective: April 25, 2001 Salary: \$6.50/hr. 2.5 hrs/day

* Not a Teacher ** Served as Guest Teacher *** Not a Replacement

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda with the addendum corrections at their places, and without the Open Enrollment Denial. Director Imming seconded the motion.

(NOTE: Corrections were made in effective dates for: Debora Dunn and Susan Stordtbeck. Human Resources Department later noted an additional correction for the effective date of Nicole Fisher. Corrections were made in the permanent minutes for all three effective dates.)

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

D. Open Enrollment: Denial Out of Davenport 2000-2001

It was the recommendation of the administration that the Davenport Board of Education deny the following students open enroll out of Davenport into another district due to late applications.

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>District Requested</u>	<u>Davenport Attendance</u>
Brittany Conklin	4 th	North Scott	Walcott
Bridget Conklin	1 st	North Scott	Walcott

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Open Enrollment recommendation of the Administration be accepted and that the Board deny the request for open enrollment out of Davenport for the 2000-01 year. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Director Howard asked for clarification about where the family lived and what district they were in since they moved. The Conklins live in Maysville which is in the Davenport District. Director Low asked when the family moved here. Mrs. Conklin was available for questions and she responded the family had moved a few weeks ago from Pleasant Valley. They had previously lived in Ohio and moved to Pleasant Valley last September. Mrs. Conklin said she was informed they couldn't enroll the children at North Scott because it was after the cut off date. Director Low stated the Board was consistent in their action on open enrollment, and we didn't want parents to move children out of our District. However, she also knew the importance of having consistency for a child with special needs. She felt compassion should be shown to this family, and she would recommend approval of this request rather than having the children go from Pleasant Valley to Davenport and then in another year to North Scott. Mr. Hunigan explained the application was for a request for the current 2000-01 school year. Mrs. Conklin indicated that the woman she spoke to said it was also too late for a request for the 2001-02 school year. The children were in first and fourth grades and presently were continuing school in Pleasant Valley for the remainder of the semester. Mrs. Conklin was driving them from Maysville to Pleasant Valley every day, which was a long distance to travel. They have never attended school in Davenport and would be going from Pleasant Valley to North Scott. Mrs. Conklin indicated there was also an application for the 2001-02 school year that had been turned in to Marcene. Mr. Hunigan said the administration was not aware of the second application. Mrs. Conklin repeated she wanted the children to attend school with other neighborhood children and her concern was for consistency. This would be easier for all of them in the children went to North Scott.

Director Zamora said she felt a great deal of sympathy for the family. However there have been other families with good reasons for requesting the same thing, and we have not changed the rules for them. If we change the rules now, it would create a great deal trouble. Director Hunter noted the Board was actually voting on the application for the 2000-01 year, and if the application for 2001-02 comes up, they will have to vote on that request later. This application was really for only the three weeks remaining. President Hester called for the vote on the motion to deny the Open Enrollment request.

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

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 Board approve the payment of bills as presented with one exception, Check #092913 that was voided. Director Howard seconded the motion.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Maintenance Contract 2001-2002

The Board considered a recommendation from the administration regarding the Maintenance Contract proposed for the 2001-2002 school year.

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board approve the recommendation from the administration regarding the Maintenance Contract proposed for the 2001-2002 school year. Director Lee seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Zamora, Lee, Howard, Hunter, Imming, Low, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously. (The summary of changes in the contract with the Maintenance Association, for a total package increase of 4.32%, will be included in the permanent minutes.)

B. Secretarial Contract 2001-2002

The Board considered a recommendation from the administration regarding the Secretarial Contract proposed for the 2001-2002 school year.

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the recommendation from the administration regarding the Secretarial Contract proposed for the 2001-2002 school year. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Zamora, Howard, Hunter, Imming, Lee, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously. (The summary of changes in the contract with the Secretarial Union, for a total package increase of 3.9%, will be included in the permanent minutes.)

C. Great Minds Program

The administration recommended the Davenport District make a commitment for in-kind services estimated at \$100,000 over a seven-year period for the development and implementation of the Great Minds Program which was previously discussed. The Davenport School Foundation will assume the cost of salary and benefits for an individual to assist with development and implementation of the pilot program.

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board approve the recommendation as read: The Davenport District make a commitment for in-kind services estimated at \$100,000 over a seven-year period for the development and implementation of the Great Minds Program which was previously discussed. Director Imming seconded the motion.

Director Howard thanked the Davenport Schools Foundation for coming up with this wonderful program. Mr. Larry Minard, President of the Davenport Schools Foundation, addressed the Board and thanked the school district and board members for their cooperation in this work.

Mr. Minnard said that everyone was anxious to get the program started. He thanked individuals who worked on the Great Minds Program and he recognized their efforts. They hope to start in the fall with the pilot program and will be raising \$1.4 million over the years. The program will gradually evolve and expand to other schools in the district. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn. Beth Dietz indicated the Foundation invited schools to fill out an application. At this time, there is one department at West High that will be involved, and Sudlow, McKinley, and Truman schools. President Hester remembered when the Davenport Foundation was just beginning and praised them for their successes through the years.

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

D. IJUMP Agreement

The administration presented a resolution regarding approval of the District's participation in the Iowa Joint Utility Management Program (IJUMP). This participation agreement needs Board action at our May meeting according to the IASB.

MOTION: Director Howard moved the Board approve the resolution regarding approval of the District's participation in the Iowa Joint Utility Management Program (IJUMP). Director Zamora seconded the motion.

Marsha Tangen explained this was a statewide program that tries to help school districts get energy at the cheapest price. It has helped smaller districts and we have three schools involved in the program now. There will be some savings associated with this especially as energy costs go up.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Howard, Zamora, Hunter, Imming, Lee, Low, and Hester. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the membership and participation agreement will be included with the permanent minutes.)

E. Bid #616 -- Replacement of Boilers at Blue Grass Elementary School

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board approve the low Bid #616 from Johnson Contracting in the amount of \$115,200 for replacement of boilers at Blue Grass Elementary School. Director Imming seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #616 for boiler replacements at Blue Grass. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was closed.

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

E. Bid #616 -- Replacement of Boilers at Blue Grass Elementary School

BIDS AND QUOTATIONS

**RE: Bid No. #616
For Board Meeting - 5/14/2001**

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

Replacement of boilers at Blue Grass Elementary School.

2. Rationale:

The existing boilers at Blue Grass are original equipment and are inefficient. Replacing them will reduce annual fuel consumption by increasing the efficiency from approximately 73% to 85%. Maintenance cost would be reduced along with increased dependability.

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

<u>Support Services</u>	<u>Tom Hunt</u>	<u>\$ 125,000</u>	<u>PPEL</u>	<u> </u>
Department	Administrator	Budget or Estimate	Fund	Req. Number

4. Number of bids sent to vendors: 5 Date: April 13th 2001

5. Number of bids received from vendors: 5 Date: May 1st 2001

6. Listing of Vendors:

Hometown Plumbing & Heating - Davenport, IA. - \$128,650.00

Northwest Mechanical, Inc. - Davenport, IA. - \$129,320.00

Ryan & Associates, Inc. - Davenport, IA. - \$120,200.00

Ragan Mechanical Inc. - Davenport, IA. - \$124,145.00

Johnson Contracting Company - East Moline, IL. - \$115,200.00

7. Recommended Bid:

The low bid from Johnson Contracting in the amount of \$115,200.00

8. Other Comments:

Work to be completed by the end of the summer of 2001.

Bill Good
Director of Support Services

Marsha Tangen
Chief Financial Officer

F. Bid #617 -- Addition and Renovation to Williams Intermediate School

BIDS AND QUOTATIONS

**RE: Bid No. #617
 For Board Meeting – May 14th 2001**

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

Addition and renovation to Williams Intermediate School.

2. Rationale:

Implementation of facility study recommendations.

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

<u>Support Services</u>	<u>Bill Good</u>	<u>\$3,016,104</u>	<u>Local option</u>	
Department	Administrator	Budget or	sales and services	Req. Number
		Estimate	Fund	

4. Number of bids sent to vendors: 8 Date: March 27th 2001

5. Number of bids received from vendors: 5 Date: April 26th 2001

6. Listing of Vendors:

ABS Construction, Rock Island, IL. - **Total Bid: \$2,768,000**

Contracting Corp of Illinios, Moline, IL. - **Total Bid: \$2,844,500**

Construction Partners, Rock Island, IL - **Total Bid: \$2,733,836**

Hillebrand Construction, Davenport, IA - **Total Bid: \$2,726,000**

Priester Construction, Davenport, IA. – **Total Bid: \$2,750,000**

7. Recommended Bid:

The low bid from Hillebrand Construction in the amount of \$2,726,000.00

8. Other Comments:

- Total project costs (not part of this contract) include equipment, technology, architectural fees, and other miscellaneous costs such as asbestos removal.
- Work is scheduled to start June 2001.
- Bid alternates for window replacement, boiler replacement and elevator installation are included in bid price.

Bill Good
Director of Support Services

Marsha Tangen
Chief Financial Officer

F. Bid #617 -- Addition and Renovation to Williams Intermediate School

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the low Bid #617 from Hillebrand Construction in the amount of \$2,726,000 for the addition and renovation to Williams Intermediate School. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #617 for the addition and renovations at Williams. No one came forth to be heard. The public hearing was closed.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Student Board Members Report

A panel of student board members presented ideas and comments about their future careers and the people who have influenced them during high school. The panel answered questions from board members and shared suggestions for helping other students become successful learners. The Board had an opportunity to dialogue with the students about educational needs, discipline, and training issues. Patti Donnelly read a letter from Andrea Patrick, North High representative. Andrea was unable to attend the meeting but wanted the Board to know what she was planning as a career path and to express her thoughts on the importance of extra opportunities in high school. Students shared information about future schooling and career plans. Kevin Miller will go to Iowa State and major in hotel and restaurant management; Patti Donnelly plans to attend the University of South Carolina. Brianne Zobrist wants to attend school in St. Louis and then the University of Arizona majoring in interior design. Abby Kardel is looking at Colorado State University with studies in liberal arts. Board members took turns asking the student panel questions and the students responded with their ideas.

Director Zamora asked what the student board members have done to help others become interested in being on the student board next year. President Hester asked for advice on making the board meetings more interesting and if the Board was on target with discipline. He asked how students reported back to their buildings following board meetings. Director Howard asked about the influence of parents or relatives on setting priorities for the students. Director Imming asked what the students did to encourage other students to be as successful as they were. He also wanted to know what students thought about the plan for reinventing high school and what was offered. Director Low asked what the students' least favorite and most favorite remembrances were of high school days. Director Hunter asked for a response from a recent article about how the senior year was a waste of time. He wondered what thoughts the student board members had on this topic.

Responses were made from the student panel members after each question. Kevin has talked with some interested people and shared how much work the Board does. This has been a very influential experience for him. Patti also felt she had learned a lot from the time on the

board. Abby felt the district was doing a fine job and had no complaints on how business was handled. Patti felt the board adequately discussed decisions and their votes were justified. Kevin would have liked more information sent to the students ahead of time on the topics discussed. He said reports were made back to the student council at his school following board meetings. Abby talked about the positive influence her dad had on her and he helped her understand the importance of getting a college education to prepare her for work in the future. Patti said her mom allowed her to make her own decisions and to understand the consequences of things. She has learned responsibility and that will help her in the next year at college. Abby said her parents helped her keep on task. They said she could do anything that she put her mind to and that there were options for her future. Kevin agreed his parents influenced him and gave him people's skills. He learned how to feel confident about his abilities and be positive. Students couldn't remember unfavorable experiences from high school, but talked about favorite teachers in elementary and high school who made learning fun and enjoyable. These teachers were positive and cheerful, and they helped the students apply themselves. The student panel members also liked the senior year in high school and talked about this year as being an opportunity for closure and good byes. It prepared them for going to college or into the world of work and they needed this time to visit colleges, and complete some extra classes that would benefit them. President Hester thanked the students for their participation on the panel and for the time they put into attending board meetings throughout the year.

B. Early Start Calendar Waiver Request

Ethel Reynolds updated the Board on a report to the Iowa Department of Education asking that the Board hold a public hearing on an early start date waiver. She explained the waiver was for a request for the 2001-2002 school year and must be made prior to July 1. The Board will be asked to determine that a starting date on or after the earliest starting date specified in Iowa Code section 279.10 subsection 1 will have a significant negative educational impact. A recommendation for approval of the waiver request and the public hearing will be scheduled for May 29, 2001.

C. The Child Abuse Council

The Child Abuse Council represented by Ms. Sue Swisher, Executive Director, and Mrs. Judy Fleming-Wiegand, Board President, made a presentation about the role of the Child Abuse Council in the Quad Cities community. They took this opportunity to share information about what their organization does to help improve the lives of children. Ms. Swisher explained the Child Abuse Council was 24 years old and a community based organization. They provide assistance for people and offer support for families when abuse has occurred. They have a very strong planning process and lots of research is done. They have developed a mission statement, beliefs, and goals. Materials were given to the Board to review further. The two points that the Council wanted to emphasize was the network of partnerships and the innovative programs available. They have focused more on prevention and would like to help the community become aware of their educational programs. Since everyone in the educational circle is considered a mandatory reporter, the Child Abuse Council would like to help the district with training for employees.

Ms. Fleming-Wiegand talked about her role as a teacher for 24 years. She saw gaps in the system from when a people reported and what type of feedback they received. Every five years the teachers receive training that consists of a video and there was little opportunity to understand the process. The legislators have taken steps to improve the training. Ms. Fleming-Wiegand shared her experiences with reporting and problems with interaction. She would like to see more collaboration between the district and the Child Abuse Council. Ms.

Swisher said she would like to see how we could work together to develop a high quality training program for the district.

Mr. Hunigan commented the administrative team had been discussing staff development options, and he would like to have Ms. Swisher and Ms. Fleming-Wiegand talk with Dr. Urbatsch about developing some opportunities for teachers and other staff members in learning about mandatory reporting and child abuse issues. Ms. Swisher said much of the material they have deals with Pre-K to fifth grade students and that was the best time for intervention. Board members thanked the representatives for coming to the meeting and sharing this information. They appreciated the work the Council was doing in preventing abuse of children and working with families.

D. Recommendations for Expending 2001-2002 Service Book Funds

Dr. Jane Grady requested authorization to expend 2001-2002 Service Book funds. She explained the Instructional Department was requesting Board authorization to expend Service Book funds in two areas. The breakdown was for: (1) instructional materials to support the District's elementary concept-based, brain-compatible curriculum and (2) instructional materials recommended for secondary offerings in art, business, family and consumer sciences, industrial technology, language arts, mathematics, and world languages. Coordinators and curriculum contacts from curricular areas identified were present to respond to questions from Board of Education members. The recommendation would come back to the Board for approval on May 29.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Howard Hunigan, Deputy Superintendent, thanked the Food Service Department for providing refreshments at the reception for the Board at the beginning of the meeting. He expressed appreciation from the District to board members for their hours of dedicated service and the work they accomplish being on the Board. Mr. Hunigan thanked Linda Smith, Board Secretary, for organizing the details for the reception this evening.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

President Hester reminded board members of upcoming meetings. (1) Local School Improvement meeting on Thursday, May 17, at 5:10 PM at Hayes. (2) Special Call Expulsion hearing on Friday, May 18 at 11:30 AM; and (3) The Davenport Schools Employee Service Recognition on Sunday, May 20 from 2 to 4 PM at the RiverCenter. We will recognize current employees with 10, 20, 30, and 40 plus years of service. President Hester thanked Howard Hunigan for filling in for the superintendent, who was absent due to a family emergency.

Request for Information: Director Imming mentioned the UEN meeting and the issue of redefining of high school. He hoped there could be an agenda item in the future discussing this topic. This information was in the summary materials from UEN and Director Imming would like information about the costs to implement such an endeavor. Director Howard indicated that this was an agenda item planned for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Direct Howard moved the Board adjourn. Director Low seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Howard, Low, Lee, Hunter, Imming, Zamora, and Hester. President Hester declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary