

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MAY 18, 2009

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, May 18, 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 Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 PM, following adjournment of a closed session evaluation at 5:40 PM.

The following board members were present: President Patt Zamora: Directors Richard Clewell, Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, Larry Roberson, and Tim Tupper. Absent: Director Nikki De Fauw. Superintendent Julio Almanza and other administrators were present. No student board members attended tonight.

BOARD GOAL, OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES 2008--2009

Director Clewell read the following statements: **VISION:** The Davenport Community School District's vision statement is: 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?" **MISSION:** The Davenport School Board will actively support the efforts of the superintendent, district, staff, and families to ensure continuous student achievement for all students.

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. **Marsha Tangen, CFO – ** *Julio Almanza, Superintendent***

Superintendent Almanza talked about Marsha Tangen, CFO, being recognized as the 2008 Iowa ASBO Professional Leadership Award winner. This is the highest honor the state association bestows upon its members and is given to school business officials who have demonstrated excellence in service to their school district, communities, and profession.

Mr. Leslie Finger, President-elect of IASBO and Director of Business Services in Iowa City explained how the award was judged, and he presented a scholarship check for \$1,500 to the District in Mrs. Tangen's name. Mr. Finger also noted the scholarship will be divided between Central, North, and West High School per an agreement between IASBO and Mrs. Tangen. The scholarships will go to three graduating high school seniors from the recipient's school district and preference may be given to students entering an education or business course of study. Mrs. Tangen received a plaque and an award for registration, airfare, and lodging to attend the next ASBO International Conference.

The Board learned how Mrs. Tangen served the District for 23 years in a variety of positions. She has been involved in Iowa ASBO as the president and served as regional director. She has been on the professional growth committee and has mentored to beginning school business officials. During the past five years, Marsha has made ten presentations at state and international levels. She has shown her commitment to professional development and is a member of the first graduating class of the Iowa School Business Management Academy. She has been involved at meetings of School Administrators of Iowa and the Iowa Association of School Boards. Mr. Finger noted the committee looked at leadership in the schools, leadership in the profession, professional development, and leadership in the community. Mrs. Tangen showed exceptional leadership qualities in all the areas and was being recognized with this special award and certificate.

President Zamora expressed the Board's appreciation to Mrs. Tangen for her outstanding contributions to education and the families served by the Davenport School District.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day Observed – no school
- B. Thursday, May 28, 7 PM, Kimberly Center Graduation at North High in the Performing Arts Center
- C. Monday, June 1, 5:30 PM, Closed Session Superintendent's Evaluation, Conference Room B – lower level; 6:30 PM Committee of the Whole, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- D. ~~Wednesday, June 3, 3:45 PM, CANCELLED Legislative Advocacy Committee, Administration Service Center, Executive Conference Room, third floor~~
- E. Sunday, June 7, Graduation Ceremonies at the I-Wireless Center as follows: 12:00 West High; 2:30 Central High; and 5:00 PM North High
- F. Monday, June 8, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- G. Monday, June 22, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- H. Open Forum (Four people spoke during Open Forum.)
 - 1. Tammy Roseman-Burton, 15907 106th Avenue, Davenport, thanked the Board for their service to the community. She spoke about involvement in the world language program and her support of offering languages to students. She shared experiences about the importance of learning Spanish and how it influenced her life. She also has been an employee for 19 years and has children in the district who want to learn Spanish or other languages. These courses are challenging to students and are part of a rigorous, global education. She wished all children could get the consistent, quality education she received and that we would continue to place an emphasis on world language in schools and not eliminate this because of the budget.
 - 2. Amy Miller, 5308 Hillandale Road, Davenport, appealed the denial of open enrollment for her daughter, Hayden Miller. Mrs. Miller explained conflicts with their family schedule with people being in three schools and her teaching in Riverdale. Truman doesn't offer before school session but they do like the after-school program there. It would offer more stability for her daughter if

- they were on the same schedule because of child care and the flexibility needed with her husband's work. Mrs. Miller provided a letter to the Board explaining reasons for requesting the open enrollment out of district.
3. Dr. Lynn Boelger, 2542 E. 46th Street, spoke about the denial of open enrollment for her child who currently attends Trinity Lutheran. She talked about home schooling and concerns she had for safety in the neighborhoods around the schools in Davenport. She had heard about fights, gangs, drugs and security in buildings. She was afraid going to her car near Central because of groups of people in the areas. She heard kids were afraid to enter Central early because of fights breaking out but she didn't know why. She was from New York and has been with a diverse group of people. She received information from Pleasant Valley and was impressed with the school. She preferred a traditional school schedule instead of the balanced calendar, and she felt Pleasant Valley offered more things for her son. She understood the district wanted diversity and you should allow those who want to leave to go to other districts if they choose. Dr. Boelger will keep her other child in the 7th Day Adventist School through 8th grade.
 4. Joe Monaghan, 223 North Rowe Lane, Walcott, addressed concerns with the open enrollment and appealed the superintendent's decision to deny the request for his son, William. He reminded the Board there was more in making this decision than just dollars. It involves a child's future and you can change this. His son will be attending the largest school in the district and because of past experiences he knows this will not work for his son. He hoped the Board would consider the circumstances and allow his son to go to a smaller school in Durant instead of West High.

CONSENT AGENDA

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

The minutes from the last regular board meeting and intervening meetings were presented for approval as follows: May 4, 2009 Committee of the Whole, May 11 Closed Session Board Secretary Evaluation; and May 11, 2009 Regular Board Meeting.

B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Gaston, Lisa	Effective: May 6, 2009
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.44/hr
Buffalo Elementary	Hours: 5.0 hrs/day
Gibson, Kristi	Effective: May 18, 2009
Food Service Cashier II	Salary: \$8.58/hr

Walcott	Hours: 4.0 hrs/day
Martin, Sharon Clerk III 12 mo ASC	Effective: May 11, 2009 Salary: \$12.42/hr Hours: 8.0 hrs/day
Mayne, Catherine Clerk III 12 mos Wood Intermediate	Effective: July 1, 2009 Salary: To Be Determined Hours: 8.0 hrs/day

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Tappendorf, Tracy Special Education West High	Effective: June 8, 2009 Years of Service: 2 yrs 10 mos
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RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Reed, Lois Para Educator Williams Intermediate	Effective: June 5, 2009 Years of Service: 28 yrs 4 mos
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Wilwerding, Ruth FNS Cashier Central High	Effective: June 5, 2009 Years of Service: 4 yrs 6 mos
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Phillips, Ray Custodian West High	Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective: April 24, 2009 – October 24, 2009
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RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Harlan, Candace Para Educator Jackson Elementary	Effective: May 19, 2009 Salary: \$10.30/hr Hours: 6.0 hrs/day
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MOTION: Director Krumwiede moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented by the administration. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MOTION: Director Roberson moved approval of the resolution, “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 one voided Check #260673 to Hy Vee for \$12.62, wrong vendor. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

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A. Denial of Between District Open Enrollment 2009-2010 Appeal (Diversity Plan)

The administration recommended upholding the Superintendent’s decision to deny open enrollment between districts.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board uphold the superintendent’s decision to deny open enrollment between districts based on the District’s Diversity Plan and Board Policy 501.16 – Open Enrollment Between Districts, for the following six students who have appealed.

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>District Requested</u>	<u>Attendance Center</u>
Alexander Thola	11th	Pleasant Valley	Moving into district
Anthony Smith	5th	Pleasant Valley	Moving into district
Samuel Skarich	K	North Scott	Buchanan
Hayden Miller	2 nd	Pleasant Valley	Truman Elementary
William Monaghan	9th	Durant	Walcott Intermediate
Daniel Bloom	9th	Pleasant Valley	Trinity Lutheran School

Director Tupper seconded the motion.

Director Tupper suspected the administration had looked at each situation for the individual students and he asked if they believe the District could provide an appropriate education for the children. Superintendent Almanza talked about the way he considered the appeals was by looking to see if we used the correct process. He talked to the families and understands the issue as they relate to the children. After reviewing the process, he had to deny the requests and there is an appeal process provided to come to the Board. The parents were honest about their requests and he was sensitive to their needs.

Mr. Almanza felt we could provide the children services in our district, but he wasn’t sure they were convinced. We will continue to monitor the children throughout the year. Our process allows them to appeal to the Board for a decision. It is difficult and we understand their concerns. We have explored

options at other schools in the district, but the parents still wanted to appeal to the Board.

Director Clewell hoped the administration would follow up with these students during the year to make sure the issues they had were addressed adequately. Mrs. Reynolds added the administration can work with them to find a good match for the children in our district. Director Krumwiede said this is based on our diversity plan and we have a process. He hoped the parents understood the policy and diversity plan involved with open enrollment. Mr. Almanza said he believed they understood but they didn't agree with the diversity plan. This is what we have to implement and the process is being following correctly.

President Zamora said as unfortunate as it was for these families, we have to treat everyone fairly and we can't allow personal reasons to change the decision or avoid the process used.

ACTION: The vote on the motion to uphold the Superintendent's decision to deny the open enrollment requests was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Clewell, Tupper, Krumwiede, Johanson, Roberson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Traditional Calendar 2009-2010 Correction

The administration recommended a correction in the recently approved calendar for traditional schools.

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation regarding the correction to the Traditional Calendar 2009-2010, which was approved on May 11. (The change will be corrected for an end of quarter and early out date.) Director Roberson seconded the motion.

President Zamora noted the Board has wanted to end the first semester before the Christmas break for a long time and we are also having the year end at the end of May. She wondered how this was achieved. Mrs. McClurg said there was a lot of discussion with the teachers union and staff. This was an important issue for parents and students. Our principals agreed to have a shorter first semester with 85 days. We want to see how this will work and evaluate the impact on our students this coming year. Mr. Almanza explained this was part of our agreement with the DEA and they had input. Mrs. McClurg noted that holiday breaks are topics for discussion with the union.

Director Krumwiede asked about the conference days listed and believed the traditional and balanced calendars were having similar time frames. Mrs. McClurg talked about the conference times and schedule changes. Director Krumwiede said many people are very pleased we have worked out this schedule to accommodate their calendars.

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

C. Textbook Adoption 2009-2010

The administration recommended adoption of the textbooks and curriculum materials for 2009-2010.

MOTION: Director Krumwiede moved the Board approves the administration's recommendation to adopt the textbooks and curriculum materials presented at the May 11 board meeting as outlined. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Director Tupper asked where the research was on the textbook selection. Mr. Almanza said the administration was still working on getting everything together and the majority of the research material was on the computer. We are pulling this together for the various areas but it isn't ready at this point. President Zamora asked when it would be ready for the Board to see.

Director Tupper specifically had questions about the elementary science program and had questions about the presentation on this topic from the last week. Mr. Almanza explained the presenter was an interim staff member who came with a background in science. She was interested in more hands-on type of activities and less teacher activities. We believe the kits being recommended align themselves with our curriculum. The science person wanted to expand the work in science even more with less teacher-director activity and more student inquiry work.

Director Tupper asked if there would be additional staff development with this material. The Board heard about a pilot program at Truman and how they felt this was very nice material. There were glowing remarks from the principal about the work students did and the student achievement improved. Director Tupper said he still would like to see the research before approving the textbook adoptions.

Director Krumwiede talked about the selection process for textbooks from his first-hand experiences. Juli Staszewski said we will use some of our kits and revamp or replace some items. The new kits are very good. The teacher study committee spent a lot of time looking at research materials. The textbook committee members are very savvy and develop their curriculum strategies. They study and see the impact of the materials. Director Krumwiede was impressed that the teachers took time to look at the materials with regard to the Iowa Core Curriculum. There was additional information shared.

Director Tupper said he was sure there was wonderful research; however, he wanted to see it before voting. He felt this should be made available to him and he had asked for it last week. He had concerns about this and how the Board didn't get the research. Director Clewell talked about teachers being engaged with the Iowa Core Curriculum. He appreciated the work of the teachers being involved in the process and the diligence they took in making a recommendation. He felt the materials were of good quality and he hoped next year there would be more alignment with the digital process for textbook purchases.

Vice President Roberson was concerned that his colleague had not gotten the research he wanted and wondered if the Board should wait until June to take action so Mr. Tupper could study this more. President Zamora said this was up to the Board; however as a teacher she had been involved with curriculum study and she trusted the judgment of the professionals to be able to look at the research and make a good decision. Mr. Almanza said if the Board wanted to wait until they got more information, they could; however, there would be consequences getting the textbooks delivered in time for implementation and teacher training by waiting.

Director Krumwiede talked about the huge process involved with distribution of the textbooks and he believed there would be a problem with the time frame by waiting for board action until June 8. Mrs. Staszewski expressed concerns about having the delay and problems it would cause for teachers because they wouldn't get their copies early. She apologized for not getting all the research materials together since last Monday but she was gone several days and had meetings today. Mr. Almanza repeated if the Board wanted additional time, the administration and teachers would live with that decision.

Vice President Roberson felt the Board should go forward and get the materials ordered. Director Tupper agreed in terms of the ordering time, this would be difficult to wait until June 8 and the Board needed to think about the implications of getting materials to the teachers. However, he also felt the teachers should have this way before the end of the year and he didn't like the "trust me" attitude of the administration making the recommendation. We can't wait but he didn't feel the board members were really ready or had enough information.

ACTION: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Krumwiede, Roberson, Johanson, Clewell, and Zamora. Nay: Tupper. Motion carried.

(A copy of the detailed recommendation will be included in the minutes of record. The total cost of the textbook adoption was \$797,765. Of that amount \$181,257 is for textbooks that will be purchased a year from now. Other funding sources would contribute \$118,760 leaving a general fund expenditure of \$497,748. This recommendation was within the \$500,000 budget for textbook adoptions for 2009-2010.)

D. Ad Hoc Committee Appointment

An Ad Hoc Committee was recommended for appointment to handle the review and interview process for the Board Secretary/Treasurer's position.

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board appoint board members Larry Roberson, Patt Zamora, and Ken Krumwiede to serve on a temporary Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of handling the review and interview process for the appointment of the School Board Secretary/Treasurer. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

E. National Armory Property Acquisition (Discussion & Action)

DISCUSSION: The Superintendent and administration presented information about acquiring the National Armory property by Brady Stadium. Mr. Almanza explained six months ago the district had been approached about a property exchange agreement. The Iowa National Guard was interested in 37 acres of land owned by the District at the northwest corner of West Kimberly Road and Wisconsin Avenue. They would like to construct a National Guard Readiness Center on the property and would exchange their property known as the Armory by Brady Stadium. Mr. Almanza had his staff look at the property and consider the recommendation.

As board members are aware, there is a parking problem around the Brady Street Stadium and this would allow us additional facilities and space to use by the stadium. We felt the City and the District would be well served by the property exchange. We have looked at the options and had legal options on the exchange agreement. The administration was comfortable with this agreement and felt it would be an enhancement for the students in the district.

Vice President Roberson asked about contamination in the area. Mrs. Tangen said the National Guard will do a survey and will take care of any expenses for clean up. Director Johanson asked about the existing building and the superintendent said it would remain. The building included climate control and would be a wonderful location for instrument storage, sheet music, and others equipment we have. Director Johanson asked about the expense for maintenance of the building and liabilities for repairs. Mr. Almanza said they toured the building and found the windows are well insulated and other maintenance items in good shape. Mrs. Tangen noted they just replaced windows and the roof. The National Guard had kept current with all maintenance and it was a good structure.

Director Johanson asked about operating expenses. Mr. Almanza talked about ways the building could be used and how expenses here would match expenses for programs in other areas. We have not calculated figures but didn't feel this was a significant impact for the budget. Director Clewell asked about problems with any historical preservation. Mr. Martin was aware of the building's history which dated back to before WWII. He talked about the horse barn area and how this would be handled. There are three stories and there shouldn't be any large structural expenses.

Mr. Almanza mentioned we might be able to move the Davenport School Museum to this space and they had toured the building with him recently. They talked about the second floor and having a stair lift installed for access. Director Clewell noted an agreement with the State, City, and School District was a good collaborative effort. He appreciated having the administration pursue this and bring a recommendation to the Board.

There was additional discussion about converting parts of the building and uses for the space. They talked about locker rooms near the stadium and adding heating and shower areas. There will be adequate storage space in the three large huts that are in the back. President Zamora talked about the area at the end of 35th and moving the bus garage so there would be more room for athletics. Director Johanson asked about the 99 year lease and was the National Guard responsible for taking the land back to its original condition at the end of the lease or leaving the building. Mr. Almanza said we would have options if they vacate the land before 99 years and we could accept the building or ask them to restore the land. This will be part of the contract.

There were questions about point #6 "...if congressional approval is not obtained for this project within six year.....the agreement will be void." Mr. Almanza believed the National Guard would get approval to build but if they don't, then we will not move or take over the property. It is dependent on the money being provided to build for them. If they can't vacate the building, they will utilize it. They should be able to vacate the first building by Brady Street as early as June 30. We anticipate then they will get a go ahead for the new building. There is a fail safe and hold harmless clause. Mr. Almanza explained

the State owns the property with the National Guard. They do continuous maintenance by the State and keep up the property. They won't allow it to go to disrepair if we have to wait.

ACTION: Following the discussion, there was a recommendation made to accept the terms for the National Armory Property Acquisition as outlined by the Superintendent.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation to accept the terms for the National Armory Property Acquisition as outlined by the Superintendent and detailed in the contract. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Homeless Children and Youth Report

Eileen Reilly made a presentation regarding services the District provides to homeless children and youth in our community. Ms. Reilly talked about McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and revisions made. We have helped people get the services they need and provide shelter for children. The Board learned about grants being submitted to help with homeless youth services. Ms. Reilly defined a homeless student as an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

There was information about unaccompanied youth, why students become homeless, impacts on education, and how the assistance act helps. Current Davenport statistics showed 163 homeless children at various age levels. They surveyed students and the Board read the responses from the students on how they felt about their situations. There was data about services and supplies they needed and other things they could use. The survey comments were shared to help the board understand how the children felt and to learn about how the district identifies the students.

Buildings learn how to use discretion and respect family privacy. There are posters in buildings done in multiple languages with information for homeless youth. Ms. Reilly said the schools are required to serve these children and the district must designate a homeless education liaison. The children are immediately enrolled and staff is trained on the details needed to help the students with transportation, meals, and appropriate services. The Board learned about how data was collected and analyzed. The data also has to be reported to the Iowa Department of Education through Project Easier. We receive training and technical assistance from the Iowa Department of Education.

Board members thanked Ms. Reilly for presented her report and sharing these stories. They have wanted to learn about this area for some time and it was overwhelming to hear about the needs. Ms. Reilly noted that many individuals don't want to be found or identified. There is a lot of outreach involved to help the students and to make sure their privacy is respected. She also said many of the families are now receiving services and that changes the numbers we have to report. School is the only stable thing for many of these children and we want them in school.

Director Tupper also thanked Ms. Reilly and had questions about the numbers of children included. He asked what more we could do to identify and help families. Ms. Reilly talked about helping families and working with community organizations or religious groups who assist. She talked about the homeless education grant and criteria used. She also talked about other needs of students that aren't covered through assistance programs and how there no longer is a shelter for youth in Davenport.

Director Krumwiede appreciated the information provided and had questions about communication with parents and families. He volunteers at the Café on Vine and talked about the number of children coming there for meals. Ms. Reilly commented it was a big problem not having a shelter for children any more. Director Johanson talked about drop out rates and student achievement relating to No Child Left Behind. Ms. Reilly said they really work hard at keeping children in school and providing them with extra services during this difficult time. Counselors are well informed and trained and they work with teachers to offer assistance as needed.

The Board also talked about the need to update the current policy we have on homeless children and youth and Ms. Reilly is preparing some recommendations for the committee. Her revisions will update the policy and help the district do a better job in this area. There was additional conversation about homeless children and how to assist them better. They talked about mental health issues and how this might affect achievement. Ms. Reilly said homelessness is stressful but don't necessarily cause mental health problems. Director Clewell appreciated the report and helping the Board to understand the needs out in our community.

B. Board Policy Process for Review

Director Johanson said the Policy Committee was asking for input from board members on potential changes in the process used for reviewing, revising, and adopting policies. Several options were offered for consideration on how to handle the work involved with the policy book in the future. It was explained how the Board Secretary worked on this committee and handled many of the details for getting policies ready for revisions, adoptions, or review.

Options to consider included 1) Presenting all policies to the whole board at each meeting where they would review as a group and make comments. This would be similar to the way we handle finance and facilities at the Committee of the Whole meetings. 2) Gather as a board one time a year or two times and spend the day reviewing policies together. 3) Keeping the status quo with no changes. 4) Get a teacher to review the policies for us and make suggestions for changes or updating according to new codes. 5) Consider hiring a retired superintendent to review the policies and submit recommendations to the Board.

Director Krumwiede shared that other districts don't have policy committee and we are unique in handling our policy book. Mrs. Kortemeyer put together policies for us to review and worked with administrators to make revisions. It was a strong structure and she was instrumental in doing the writing, corrections, and distribution of policies when they were completed. The organizational work takes time and a new person may not have the time to learn the policy process right away. It will take time to become acquainted with the policies and history of the review cycle. The committee wanted to have input from the Board on how to handle this area and committee.

There were questions and comments from board members. Director Krumwiede explained how other districts bring up policy reviews during a Committee of the Whole meeting and as a group they deal with changes. Other districts turn over the process to the superintendent or another administrator to handle as needed. Director Tupper asked if the committee could talk with other UEN districts to see what they do and their process. President Zamora said she could follow up with UEN and this might help them get on track for the year. Additional comments were shared about responsibilities and organization of the process to be used. Director Roberson would like time to consider some possible alternatives and will get back to the board later. President Zamora asked everyone to think about some ideas and get back to the Policy Committee members with their suggestions soon.

Director Johanson said if the new board secretary was asked to take over this responsibility, it was above and beyond what was required by law for that position. It may not be the best use of time for a new person. We have to have things organized and ready to go for the policy meetings and there is a lot of follow up and statistical work involved. It may be considered under the "other duties as assigned" but there will be a learning curve for anyone new.

c. Cell Phone Tower at North High

Scott Martin presented more information on a request outlined in a proposal regarding installation of a cell phone tower at North High School. There were two representatives from the company who attended the meeting and were able to answer a number of questions board members had regarding this proposal. Questions were asked about tennis courts, safety of students, standards, and requirements. They talked about regulations, unauthorized people on our property, and background check on employees from the company. Gary talked about the appearance of the tower and maintenance. He shared information about construction, painting of the tower, and safety features. They will work with a design that appeals to the area.

Director Tupper said the Board voted no to a tower at West High and he talked about the money earned by North High for allowing the tower. He felt this was unfair for one building to get income and now sharing with other schools. Mr. Almanza explained the money earned would go into the student activity account at the school. Larger buildings have a number of projects where they raise funds and West was two times as large as North High so they bring in much more revenue. This money would be for the building use and shouldn't be restricted for the district funds. It can't be used for textbooks. Gary told the Board the tower would be between 80 to 85 feet. The company provides their own electricity for the lights and power needed so there is no cost to the district.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

There were no administrative reports or requests for information.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

CONDOLENCE FOR FRANK SCHLUE: Director Krumwiede expressed sympathy to the family and friends of Frank Schlue who passed away on May 18. After his retirement, Frank worked for the district in his workshop at Truman for many years. He was a longtime volunteer with Special Olympics and was a valued person in our community. He will be missed by our community and especially Truman School.

HOMELESS CHILDREN: Vice President Roberson talked about helping the homeless children and families in our community and making sure follow up work is done to make sure they don't drop out of school. We need to stay in contact with them and see what we can do to make their lives better.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION: Director Tupper asked to have the information he requested followed up. He found the information on travel expenses useful but he still had questions on the money spent for people to travel on airlines this summer. Mrs. Tangen said she didn't go through this as line items but probably could identify areas if needed.

Director Tupper's second request had been about professional development money and he wanted the source of funds and how it was used. He also wanted information on special education expenses and asked if Mrs. Tangen could pull out of identify special education expenditures for him. He didn't understand the general program expenditures. Mrs. Tangen addressed his questions and explained how the weighted numbers were figured. There were specific questions Director Tupper asked for more clarification from Mrs. Tangen dealing with specific expenditures and capital outlays. They talked about contracted services, nurses, professional development, and getting more information back to Director Tupper in the future. She would also explain the DE adjustment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary