

SPECIAL CALL BOARD SELF-EVALUATION MAY 27, 2008 (Revised)

The Board of Directors of the Davenport School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met for a Special Call Board Self-Evaluation Session on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, pursuant to law and the rules of said Board. The Board met in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said district. Vice President Larry Roberson called the workshop to order at 6:00 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: Vice President Larry Roberson (chair); Directors Richard Clewell, Nikki DeFauw, Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, Timothy Tupper, and Patt Zamora. Vice President Roberson noted for the record that Director Zamora was participating via a telephone conference call due to reasons which prevented her from being physically present at the meeting. Superintendent Julio Almanza also attended the workshop session.

TRANSITION PROCESS: Vice President Roberson noted as part of the self-evaluation process, the Board needed to talk about election matters due to a change in the law. Director Johanson had attended an IASB workshop recently where participants went over the guidelines for making a transition plan to accommodate new State laws regarding school board elections. Director Johanson reported there were a number of possibilities Boards could consider and a resolution would need to be approved by board members regarding the changes. The new law would be effective in 2009 and changed the term of office from three to four years and elections would only be held in the odd years.

Board members went over a number of options including length of term for the 2008 election, number of people to elect in 2009 and 2011, and changes in the term length for board members who were elected in 2007 and have their term up in 2010. There will be no election in 2010 so the three who have positions ending that year must have their terms increased or decreased. Starting in 2009 there will need to be either three or four directors elected and then in 2011 there would be either three or four directors elected. The law mandates the current board members decide how the change will be made and prepare a transition plan. If there would be a change in the term for the 2008 election to one year, the resolution has to be made by the first part of July and submitted to the State because that will affect the September election ballot. If the change will be made for the 2009 election, the transition resolution has to be submitted by August 1 and approved by the State.

Board members discussed their opinions on how the transition can be made. Director Johanson used a chart to help map out possibilities and options to choose. They talked about a logical process, shortening or lengthening terms, keeping the transition uncomplicated, and whether a one-year term for the 2008 election would be an option. They heard about using the number of votes cast for the last election as an option for selection and what the majority of board members thought about the process. Board members felt this initial session was helpful in making them understand what could be considered. More discussion will need to take place at the next two board meetings with possible action prior to July 1. There are three board members who have terms up in 2010 and they have to move one way or the other to 2009 or 2011.

SELF-EVALUATION: President Zamora asked the Board about having a discussion on the process they wanted to use for their own evaluation. She thought we needed either a goal-setting workshop or some type of formal evaluation with measurements and standards to review. Board members felt they were not really to discuss this matter now and wanted more time to think about how to evaluate the Board. This would start the process and they will get back to the President or Vice President with suggestions on what they wanted.

Vice President Roberson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary