

REGULAR MEETING JUNE 9, 2003

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in Regular Session, pursuant to law and the rules of the Board, on Monday, June 9, 2003. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room at the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Susan Low called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:09 PM following an Exempt Session for Negotiations from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: President Susan Low; Directors Richard Clewell, Alan Guard, Katie Hanson, Steve Hunter, Dan Portes, and Larry Roberson.

EXEMPT SESSION -- CLOSED

6:00 PM

EXEMPT SESSION: Negotiation Strategy

The Board held an Exempt Session at 6:00 PM to conduct a strategy meeting of a public employer for employees covered by a bargaining agreement, as provided in Chapter 20.17(3), and for employees not covered by a bargaining agreement, as provided in Section 21.9, Code of Iowa.

The Board took a short break at 7:00 PM, and then members were seated at the board table to begin the Regular Meeting at 7:09 PM.

7:09 PM

REGULAR MEETING

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. **DAVENPORT ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS (DAEOP)**

Teresa Cook talked about the Davenport Association of Educational Office Professionals (DAEOP) which was the District's social organization for all district secretaries. She said individuals who wanted to belong to the organization pay a minimal membership fee for the school year. Besides social events throughout the school year, members developed fund-raising activities. The most important goal of the fund-raising activities was to provide award scholarships to graduating seniors from the District planning to pursue a career in the business field. This year DAEOP was honored to present a \$500 scholarship to each of following bright, hardworking Davenport Community School District graduates: **Angelica Anderson** from **Central**; **Anh Duong** from **North**; and **Tarron Borgeson** from **West**. This year members of DAEOP also donated \$500 to "**Treasures for the Troops**." The DAEOP membership felt very proud to be Americans and they supported our troops with a financial donation.

B. SCOTT COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grants Manager **Rachael Mullins** presented the members of the SCRA Board. **Terry Kishuie** was the Secretary of the Scott County Regional Authority, and **Michelle Dane** was the Chairperson of the Education Panel. Ms. Mullins announced the grants provided through the SCRA funding. She congratulated the successful grantwriters for the 2003 Spring cycle of the Scott County Regional Authority. With two training sessions offered and a mandatory critique and update on all grants submitted, the committee saw a lot more energy around quality grantsmanship; and it has truly paid off! It was a great cycle for us with eleven grants funded throughout the District, up from eight grants last cycle, and over \$200,000 awarded. Great work from all of our grant applicants and the following recipients!

West High School-West Family YMCA	\$ 40,000	Lesa Buck
Special Education Reading Project (Reading First)	\$ 37,500	Deb Wood
High School Graphing Calculators	\$ 30,847	Betsy Fair
Adams Elem. Outdoor Learning Campus	\$ 18,800	Jen Becker
Wood Intermediate Wireless Computers	\$ 12,500	
North High Auditorium Updates	\$ 23,762	Betsy Fair
KCW Intergenerational History Project	\$ 2,685	Paul Johnson, Kathy Bosco, Rebecca Menard
Central High Recording/Playback Equipment	\$ 6,577	Barb Langley
Truman Playground Project	\$ 20,000	Ken Krumwiede & Laura Hesse
Adams Elem. Reading Emergent 2 nd Grade	\$ 3,500	Diane Corsiglia
Fillmore Integrating Science & Social Studies	<u>\$ 8,000</u>	Deb Miller
TOTAL	\$204,171	

Over \$205K was funded from an education funding pool of just over \$671K. No other school district came close... Bettendorf School District was next at \$102,870 and North Scott School District at just under \$86,937. Of 40 education grants awarded to 10 applicants, 11 were ours. Congratulations to the funded projects and many thanks to our internal review panel, **William Fox, Dr. Tonya Urbatsch, Travis Benner, John Wahl, Sylvia Bergeson, Gary Sloat, Linda Levsen, Kim Koranda, and Claudia Wood.**

Ms. Mullins thanked the members of the SCRA for the impact and support they have had on so many people, and for their vision in serving the youth in our area. President Susan Low presented the Terry and Michelle with roses. Terry thanked the Board on behalf of the Education Panel and said they appreciated the hard work of staff in our District. They look forward to working with us on the next grant cycle.

C. SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY DAVENPORT SCHOOLS FOUNDATION--MAY 2003

Lola M. Fike, represented the Davenport Schools Foundation as its Scholarship Chairperson. Ms. Fike explained the Davenport Schools Foundation started in 1990 with the Helen Pohling Scholarship and now there were ten scholarships. The Foundation has trustees who select the recipients and check compliance with donor terms. The scholarships were awarded to the following students from several sources.

KATHRYN BELL TATE SCHOLARSHIP - \$10,000 (4 YRS)
Breanna Manders (\$2,500 per year)
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (Pharmacy)

PARENTS
Jeffrey & Linda Manders

JOAN KOLBERG-LOWEN SCHOLARSHIP – \$4000
Aaron Dighton
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL COE COLLEGE (Actuarial Science)

PARENTS
Kevin & Donna Dighton

HELEN G. POHLING SCHOLARSHIPS - \$1200 EACH
Christopher LoRang
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (Pre-Med)

PARENTS
John & Janice LoRang

Todd Lawler
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL WARTBURG COLLEGE
(Engineering Science)

Tom & Doris Lawler

Christopher Arp
WEST HIGH SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (Medicine)

Gregory & Vicky Arp

DAVENPORT SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000
Sara Laschanzky
WEST HIGH SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (Spanish)

PARENTS
Roark & Patricia Laschanzky

LISA ARBISSER SCHOLARSHIP - \$500
Lauren Koster
WEST HIGH SCHOOL ST AMBROSE UNIVERSITY
(Physical Therapy)

PARENTS
Kirk & Kathryn Koster

DOROTHY MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$2000 (2 YRS)
Emily Britt (\$500 per sem)
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DRAKE UNIVERSITY
(Actuarial Science)

PARENTS
Patrick & Gretchen Britt

Beth Dietz talked about the Class of '59 Scholarships and explained that she was standing in for Judy Hammon. The scholarships were for \$500 each and awarded to the following students.

THE CLASS OF '59 SCHOLARSHIPS – \$500 EACH
Lauren Gehbauer
WEST HIGH SCHOOL GRINNELL COLLEGE (Medicine)

PARENTS
Ted & Teresa Gehbauer

Laura Arp
WEST HIGH SCHOOL ST AMBROSE UNIVERSITY
(Physical Therapy)

Gregory & Vicky Arp

The Johnson School Scholarship was a new scholarship this year. Chairperson Brenda Jordahl Buckles explained the school had a long history of excellence, and the neighborhood invested time and energy to projects that enriched the learning environment with a variety of experiences. They hoped every Johnson School student would have an opportunity for continued education, and this scholarship was set up to help former Johnson School students. Two students were selected for this scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each:

JOHNSON SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000 EACH

Samuel Heinselman
WEST HIGH SCHOOL

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
(Construction Engineering & ROTC)

Michelle Smith
WEST HIGH SCHOOL

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (Pre-Med)

PARENTS

Charles & Janet Heinselman

Doug Smith & Kathy Schwisher

Ms. Fike reported on the final scholarships and said the Davenport Foundation was the trustee for these funds. There was a separate selection committee for these and Don Fisher was in charge of the scholarship selection.

HALL OF HONOR SCHOLARSHIPS - \$1500 EACH

Brigit Ray
Angela Anderson
Bridget Wild
William Wiese
Colletta Sanchez-Warner

JURGENS STUDENT/ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP - \$1500 EACH

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Matt Meyer
Paula Bettini

Ms. Fike said these students were the "Cream of the Crop" and it was a pleasure to read the applications. The Foundation hoped to have more money to give students and she encouraged others to donate to the Foundation scholarships. The students will make good use of the awards. President Low thanked the Davenport Schools Foundation for the scholarships they administered. She thanked the students and their parents who contributed with countless night of homework help, running errands, and all the things they did to help with their students. She said their contributions were appreciated.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monday, June 16, 5:30 PM, Board Goals Workshop, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- B. Monday, June 23, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- C. Monday, July 7, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- D. Monday, July 14, 7:00 PM, Annual Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room (There is only one Regular Meeting in July.)
- E. School Election Calendar:
Candidate filing begins on Monday, July 7; Last day for vacancies July 26;
Candidate filing deadline Thursday, July 31 @ 5:00 PM.
 Voter registration deadline Friday, August 29; School election day Tuesday, September 9, 2003. (Election materials are available at the Administration Service Center in the Board Secretary's office.)

F. Open Forum:

1. Melissa Mast, 4068 Tanglefoot Terrace, Bettendorf, spoke as an elementary music teacher employed by the Davenport District and asked to talk about changes planned in elementary music for next year. There were a number of concerns people had with changes in the music curriculum. Our music program was a strength for the District and Ms. Mast felt it should be emphasized. She said music was the basis for other studies as students learn history, culture, evaluation, tolerance, and other concepts through the curriculum. If the elementary music program is reduced, it will make a difference later in educational achievement for our students. With limited time to learn about music theories, it will affect band, music, and show choir performances. Saving money by cutting these positions was not the best goal for our District. Ms. Mast talked about 33 objectives that students were to learn through the course content. If the three-day rotation system would be implemented, she would only have 58 days to teach all these concepts during the year. She felt positive about what she does for a living, and she hoped the Board would consider the value that the music curriculum has in our system. She wanted to present her educational concerns and hoped the Board would reconsider reducing the time she and others have with the students.

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: Regular Board Meeting May 27, 2003 and Committee of the Whole June 2, 2003.

B. Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report

It was recommended the Treasurer's monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending **April 30, 2003** be approved.

C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

Long, Gary	Effective: August 1, 2003
Coordinator of Physical Education and Drivers Education	Salary: To be determined
Wood Intermediate	215 Days
Schrader, Randy	Effective: August 1, 2003
Assistant Principal of Athletics And Activities	Salary: To be determined
West High School	220 Days

RECOMMENDATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Budde, Trampus Assistant Principal for Student Activities Central High	Effective: August 1, 2003 Salary: To be determined 220 Days
Staszewski, Juli Director of Curriculum & Staff Development Administration Service Center	Effective: July 1, 2003 Salary: To be determined 260 Days

RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Jordan, Ann Math (.5) Central High	Effective: 06/04/2003 Years of Service: 6 mos.
Kilburg, Terri Grade 2 McKinley Elementary	Effective: 06/05/2003 Years of Service: 9 yrs. 5 mos.
Litwinow, Catherine At Risk Kimberly Center	Effective: 06/05/2003 Years of Service: 5 yrs. 10 mos.
Morris, Todd Math/Science Wood Intermediate	Effective: 06/05/2003 Years of Service: 4 yrs. 4 mos.
Westphal, Roxanne Counselor North High	Effective: 06/05/2003 Years of Service: 10 mos.

RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Anderson, James Head 8 th Gr. Football Coach Young Intermediate	8% \$1,907.00
Baxter, Lisa Teacher-in-Charge Washington Elementary	15% \$3,575.00
Champ, Julie Intermediate Dept. Head (.5) Walcott Intermediate	6% \$1,430.00
Classon Jr., W. Frederick Intermediate Dept. Head (.5) Walcott Intermediate	6% \$1,430.00

Gamble, David Basketball 8 th Gr. Girls Coach Young Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Gamble, David Basketball 7 th Gr. Girls Coach Young Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Gray, Thomas CoEd Intermediate Track Head Co. Young Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Griffin, Christine Intermediate Dept. Head (.5) Walcott Intermediate	6% \$1,430.00
Hatfield, Terry Basketball 7 th Gr. Boys Coach Young Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Hatfield, Terry Basketball 8 th Gr. Boys Coach Young Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Hatfield, Terry Volleyball 8 th Gr. Coach Young Intermediate	8% \$1,907.00
Lipp, Jeff Assistant Sophomore Football Coach Central High	10% \$2,384.00
Mayfield, Gary Wrestling 8 th Gr. Coach Young Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Mayfield, Gary Wrestling 7 th Gr. Coach Young Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Nettleton, Lynne Head 7 th Gr. Volleyball Coach Young Intermediate	8% \$1,907.00
Ross, Ghaton Assistant Varsity Football Coach Central High	12% \$2,860.00
Saladino, Joy CoEd Intermediate Track Assistant Williams Intermediate	5% \$1,192.00

Smith, Keith Head 7 th Gr. Football Coach Young Intermediate	8% \$1,907.00
Solis, Quentin CoEd Intermediate Track Asst. Young Intermediate	5% \$1,192.00
Solis, Quentin Assistant 8 th Gr. Football Coach Young Intermediate	7% \$1,668.00
Striegel, Scott Assistant Varsity Football Coach Central High	12% \$2,860.00
Valant, Richard Head Sophomore Football Coach Central High	12% \$2,860.00
Verdon, Brad Assistant Freshman Football Coach Central High	8% \$1,907.00
Wilkinson, Cheryl Intermediate Dept. Head (.5) Walcott Intermediate	6% \$1,430.00
Winter, Rosannah Safety Patrol Buffalo Elementary	5% \$1,192.00
SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS	
Belz, Eugene Assistant Sophomore Football Coach North High	10% To Be Determined
Braddock, Mitch Assistant Varsity Football Coach North High	12% To Be Determined
Eckhardt, Skip Assistant Varsity Football Coach North High	12% To Be Determined
Habenicht, Mervin Assistant Varsity Football Coach North High	12% To Be Determined

Josund, William Head Sophomore Football Coach North High	12% To Be Determined
Lotspeich, Margaret Safety Patrol Buffalo Elementary	5% To Be Determined
Oates, Leslie Department Head North High	6% To Be Determined
Scott, Julie Department Head North High	6% To Be Determined

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFIED

Mathews, Tracy Vocal Music McKinley Elementary	Effective: 4/14/03 Salary: \$42,849.00
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APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Awad, Sara MultiCat – Resource Harrison Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 5 Effective: August 19, 2003 Salary: To Be Determined
Kindt, Kourtney MultiCat – SCI Walcott Intermediate	Degree: B.A. – Step 3 Effective: August 19, 2003 Salary: To Be Determined
Lobb, Carol Family & Consumer Science West High	Degree: M.A. – Step 11 Effective: August 19, 2003 Salary: To Be Determined
Patterson, Trent Director of Choral Music Central High	Degree: B.M.E.+15 – Step 4 Effective: August 19, 2003 Salary: To Be Determined
Sarvestaney, Lisa Chemistry/Physics/Earth Science North High	Degree: M.A.+15 – Step 7 Effective: August 19, 2003 Salary: To Be Determined
Strong, Valerie MultiCat – Resource Sudlow Intermediate	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: August 19, 2003 Salary: To Be Determined

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Bailey, Audra
Para Educator
West High

Effective: June 4, 2003
Yrs. of Service: 5 mos.

Cribbs, Rochelle
Para Educator
Resign from Leave of Absence

Effective: May 21, 2003
Yrs. of Service: 13 years, 5 mos.

Harding, Scott
Community Site Facilitator
Monroe Elementary

Effective: June 30, 2003
Yrs of Service: 8 mos

Tedla, Yonas
Para Educator
Madison Elementary

Effective: May 23, 2003
Yrs. of Service: 5 mos.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Bryant, Freida
Food Service
LOA

Leave of Absence without pay
Effective: 05/19/03 PM – 08/01/03

Kemp, Stacy
Para Educator
LOA

Extended Leave of Absence without Pay
Effective: 03/25/2002 – 08/21/2003

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Greenlee, Linda
Para Educator
Hoover

Effective: May 27, 2003
Salary: \$10.15
Hours: 6.0/day

Walker, Julie
Para Educator
Buchanan

Effective: May 12, 2003
Salary: \$6.70
Hours: 6.5/day

* Not a Teacher ** Substitute Teacher *** Not a Replacement

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board accepts and approves the Consent Agenda as written. Director Hunter seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Hunter, Guard, Hanson, Portes, Roberson, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Blanche introduced the two newest administrators as Trampus Buddle, Assistant Principal for Student Activities at Central High, and Julie Staszewski, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development at the Administration Service Center.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The administration made a recommendation for adoption of the payment of bills.

MOTION: Director Guard moved approval of the resolution: "Resolved that all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and Board Treasurer, 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, with the exception of three checks voided: #136095 in the amount of \$525; #136200 in the amount of \$695.12; and #136369 in the amount of \$2,260.40. Director Portes seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Guard, Portes, Clewell, Hanson, Hunter, Roberson, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Master Contract for Teachers 2003-2004

The administration recommended approval of the Master Contract for Teachers for the 2003-2004 school year as negotiated and outlined.

MOTION: Director Hunter moved the Board approve the Master Contract for Teachers for the 2003-2004 school year as negotiated and outlined. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Hunter, Roberson, Clewell, Guard, Hanson, Portes, and Low. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the tentative agreement will be included in the minutes of record.)

B. Adoption of Textbooks for Visual Arts and Expenditure of Book Funds 2003-2004

The administration recommended approval for the adoption of new visual art textbooks and expenditure of 2003-2004 service book funds.

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board approve the adoption of new visual art textbooks and expenditure of 2003-2004 service book funds for the purchase of textbooks and materials as discussed at the May 27, 2003 meeting as follows. Director Hunter seconded the motion.

Title	Approximate Cost	Course Title
Portfolios	\$17,900	Visual Art 102 (Grade 6)
Art: A Personal Journey	\$17,600	Visual Art 102 (Grade 7)
Art: A Global Pursuit	\$17,600	Visual Art 102 (Grade 8)

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Guard, Hunter, Clewell, Hanson, Portes, Roberson, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Urban Education Network Legislative Priorities for 2004

Board members recommended a proposal concerning acceptance of the legislative priorities recommended by the Davenport District that will be sent to the Urban Education Network for review by legislators for the 2004 year. The priorities were discussed and reviewed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 2 and suggestions for legislative matters were made at that time.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved that based upon discussion of legislative priorities at the Committee of the Whole meeting and with revisions made, the Board approve the list of UEN priorities that were distributed. Director Portes seconded the motion.

Director Clewell asked to read through these priorities. They were not listed in any particular order but were things that should be addressed this coming year.

1. Student achievement with emphasis on the following:
 - Early childhood education (3-4 year olds)
 - Comprehensive and continuous professional development leading to high quality teachers
 - Class size reduction
2. Spending authority without penalties:
 - Work towards legislation that welcomes proactive initiatives rather than serving as a disincentive. For example Davenport took action to lower class size prior to legislation enacted to fund class size reduction. The funds we spent to take this proactive action were a significant drain on our spending authority but never funded through this legislation.
 - There should be flexibility in the funding formula to relieve districts from events such as dramatic fluctuations in energy prices. The price of natural gas this winter of 2004 is expected to rise dramatically, and we will be expected to use our spending authority to cover these costs. This works against our ability to provide continuity via a steady fund stream to ongoing programs commitments.
3. Allowable growth
 - Work towards establishment of a progressive allowable growth rate with full appropriation and distribution of all funds generated.
4. Technology funding alternatives
 - We need to align funding authority with allowable growth.
 - A categorical funding source is essential to make data driven decisions, increase productivity, and enhance accountability

ACTION: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Portes, Guard, Hanson, Hunter, Roberson, and Low. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Full-Day Kindergarten Video

Dr. Tonya Urbatsch and Mr. Bill Thiessen felt it was important to have a brief presentation on the first year of full-day kindergarten. They shared the slide presentation with some people and wanted the Board to see what was happening in these classes. This is just a snapshot from the classrooms in full-day kindergartens in the district, and the teachers sent pictures of things the kids were doing. Children learn letters and words, spend time reading and writing; they stretch-out words and have picture-word induction models; they explore concepts of

science and math, work in centers on language skills, and explore art, dance, and movement. They have integrity learning and collaborative thinking skills. It begins magically and every day they see the future coming no matter what happens. Following the slide show, there was an opportunity for questions and answers. Director Portes asked if we were only reaching the "at risk" children. Dr. Blanche thought about 49% of our students were in the category of free and reduced lunches. We see this making a big difference to the first grade teachers as children are much more prepared. Director Hunter was happy to see the positive results since the District had put a huge priority on this and made other sacrifices for all-day kindergarten. Dr. Tonya talked about the research on this matter and the emphasis on reading skills. Children are using books and we may need higher level materials in the future. Board members were glad to see the measurement bar being raised and higher expectations. There were only a small number of parents who wanted half-day kindergarten...under ten children. President Low said the changes were made because it was data driven, and we may have fewer children needing the second grade academy if they have better skills in the beginning. Mr. Thiessen talked about evaluations, and adjustments being made for students. It was a very exciting and positive beginning to all-day kindergarten classes.

B. Iowa Association of School Board Dues for 2003-2004

President Low talked about dues for the Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) which were based on a formula proportional to enrollment figures. The Board talked about the role of IASB for our District and the matter of dues for the 2003-2004 school year amounting to \$8,069. The fee bar was related to our projected enrollment. Director Guard thought this was included in the budget for next year. President Low explained the revenue budget projections were approved, but not all the expenditures. Director Hunter said the Board decided last year not to join the National School Board Association in order to cut expenses. This was an option for us as to whether we wanted to belong. A recommendation for continuing our membership with IASB will come back to the table at the next meeting in June.

C. Urban Education Network Dues for 2003-2004

President Low said the eight largest urban districts belong to UEN in the State of Iowa. They have similar needs and concerns as our district. UEN is our voice in the legislature in a larger arena than IASB. We have 15 votes at the IASB convention, but our urban vote gets lost in the "sea of one votes" from the small districts. Director Hunter talked about how active the UEN has been. Director Clewell said as the UEN board representative, he sees the immersing issues coming before this group that are vital to the urban districts. We need a voice from Davenport that goes to the legislators. Director Portes talked about DavenportOne using a similar model and this has worked well and has had a positive effect. The UEN dues for the 2003-2004 school year amount to \$7,800. A recommendation for membership with UEN will come back to the table at the next meeting in June.

D. Iowa Association of School Board Legislative Priorities for 2004

President Low said after discussion with Director Hunter and Dr. Blanche, she would suggest the Board look over the list of IASB priorities we used in the past and keep the ones similar to the UEN priorities this year. Director Hunter said we should be in alignment with the UEN priorities with the need for funding and restoring the 4% allowable growth. We have been managing on 2% but we need an increase in our funding. The Board can look over the list of proposed legislative priorities for IASB for 2003 and they will be aligned with the priorities adopted for the Urban Education Network during the 2004 legislative session. The Board will have a final vote on the District's top five legislative priorities at the next meeting in June or by the annual meeting in July.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

Dr. Blanche talked about graduation conducted at the Mark of the Quad Cities on June 8. He said everything went very well and they were looking at dates for next year. We are looking at Saturday next year and making every effort to coordinate the dates. Mr. Hunigan was working on the details. The location and arrangements were excellent at the Mark of the Quad Cities.

Dr. Blanche said the Board had an opportunity to see some of these students tonight during the recognition time, and he was very proud of them. What these students have done was very impressive and the District provides wonderful opportunities for young people.

It was also mentioned that before the meeting tonight, there was a grand opening of the West Kimberly Baseball and Softball Complex. Dr. Blanche said it was really state-of-the-art and will be one of the best baseball parks in Iowa. The voters in our community were thanked for making this possible with the local option sales tax funding. It was gratifying that our parents, community, and young people have an opportunity to appreciate this improvement.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

1. President Low echoed her gratitude to the voters for the local option sales tax and for being able to use these funds in such productive ways for our children.
2. President Low mentioned that at the graduation ceremonies for each of the high schools, there were many scholarships awarded to the students. There was over \$2 million in scholarships given to students from West; just under \$2 million for students from Central; and between \$600,000 to \$700,000 for North High graduates. This was an extraordinary amount of money and the community should be very proud of our young people.
3. Richard Clewell made a request for an agenda item: Request the administration provides rationale for implementing the three-day rotation for elementary art, music, and physical education. The Board needs to consider the fiscal requirement for this proposal, the impact to students, and possible alternatives should a reduction in student to teacher interface be required.
4. Director Roberson said he had a chance to visit the Harrison Street Program and see the students give a response to tell what they had learned. He congratulated the parents, teachers, and administration for doing a good job with these students. The children had enjoyed this alternative center and had learned a lot about getting along. They were ready to go back to the regular classrooms now with new skills.
5. Director Portes commented on the scholarships that had been awarded tonight. He said these were truly remarkable students and leaders in our society. This is just the tip of the iceberg, and there are so many incredibly smart children in lots of areas. He has talked to realtors and they feel we are doing a good job with education. There are so many students that don't even apply for scholarships and are very qualified also.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board adjourn. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: All ayes.

President Low declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary