

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

August 1, 2011

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2011, pursuant to law. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room, Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Johanson called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: Directors: Ralph Johanson, Ken Krumwiede, Nikki De Fauw, Patt Zamora and Larry Roberson. Tim Tupper arrived at 6:00PM. Rich Clewell was absent. Superintendent Art Tate and other administrators were present.

Transit Pilot Program Update

Scott Martin gave an update on the Transit Pilot Program with the city for students to ride the bus for free. The program started on June 13 and is operational. From the city's standpoint the program has been running smoothly. The passes will go to the elementary and middle schools on August 2 for distribution. High school students will only need their school ID. An auto-dialer message will be sent to students with additional information. On a different subject Director Zamora asked about the bus drop-off at the new CVW. Mr. Martin noted that there will be some adjustments to the parking lot to relieve some congestion. Director Krumwiede thanked everyone involved in getting the CVW program running on schedule.

i3 Grant (City) Update

Ethel Reynolds reported that the i3 grant was submitted on August 1, 2011. She highlighted two new items since the last update. The University of Iowa has agreed to be the evaluator for the grant. They also received additional information on the definition of "formal" partners. They must have data that shows positive effects on student achievement. Based on that information we had to change some of our partners. Some of our partners now include The Leading and Learning Center, the City of Davenport, Quad Cities Chamber, National Center of Achievement, NAACP, LULAC and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Superintendent Tate noted the extraordinary amount of work that went into this grant and he expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Ethel Reynolds, Dawn Anderson-Rascher and Ellen Reilly. Director Krumwiede asked how this grant will help our at-risk and preschool students. Ms. Reynolds explained it is a broad approach to making students college ready beginning with our preschool students.

i3 Grant (Project Lead the Way) Update

Rachael Mullins reported that Project Lead the Way had not come to a consensus on a final evaluation design and would not be submitting the grant. There may be potential to participate in the future.

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Policy Review

Director De Fauw presented the recommendations from the policy committee on 502.16 Administration of Medication to Students and the new sex offender policy. There were no comments from the board.

Superintendent Updates

Administration Organization

Dr. Tate presented a draft organizational chart. He wants the Executive Directors to have more time in the schools so he has moved some areas of responsibility from them to the superintendent. His main focus is to push our time and support out to the schools. He asked the board to think about changing the name of the Administration Service Center to the Achievement Service Center. He also wants to expand the Community Relations and Partnerships areas of our district.

Transition Activities

Dr. Tate shared with the board a list of people and groups that he has met with and those that he has appointments with in the near future. He has also participated in several state training programs and community receptions. He asked the board to review the list and let him know if they have any further suggestions on people or groups he should meet with. He also shared his planned regular administrator meetings schedule. He asked the board to think about having two meetings during the year with the board, administrators, directors and principals.

Board/Superintendent Workshop Discussion

President Johanson reported that he had been tasked to find a date for a board/superintendent workshop. Due to scheduling conflicts there were no dates available until late in the month of August. He felt that since that was so close to the school board election that it may be better to wait until after the election to hold a workshop. He asked the board their ideas on the subject. Director De Fauw feels it makes sense to wait until after the election so the full sitting board may participate in the workshop. Director Krumwiede noted that when he was elected a workshop had been held prior to the election and he agrees that from his experience it would have been helpful to wait until after the election. Directors Roberson and Zamora also agreed. The board agreed that after the election the 2011-2012 board will set a date for a workshop.

Director Zamora moved the board move into a closed session at 6:00PM. Director Krumwiede seconded. Vote: Ayes: Zamora, Krumwiede, Roberson, De Fauw, and Johanson.

The closed session meeting was adjourned by President Johanson at 7:25PM.

Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary