

## REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in Regular Session on September 30, 2002, pursuant to law and the rules of said Board, at the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said school district in the Board Room. President Susan Low called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: President Susan Low; Directors Richard Clewell, Alan Guard, Steve Hunter, Anne Losasso, and Dan Portes. Absent: Director Jim Hester. Student board members present were William Baresel (Central High) and Breshanda Armstrong (Kimberly Center).

### RECOGNITIONS

#### I. RECOGNITIONS

##### A. EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL \* *Jim O'Brien, Principal*

Mr. O'Brien told the Board that Eisenhower Elementary School was celebrating the advent of the all-day kindergarten program in our District. The importance of early literacy experiences and how early literacy relates to student achievement was accentuated by the kindergarten students from Mrs. Teena Cook's classroom. Teena Cook shared experiences from her classroom when her students brought teddy bears to school. They even had a teddy bear picnic as a culminating activity. The children learned to sort, graph, and use real objects to learn about life. The boys and girls demonstrated what they had learned about forming sentences. The Board saw things the children were doing to focus on benchmarks and developing writing skills. They performed a kindergarten rap about the story of the three bears. The students also had an opportunity to demonstrate how they have been involved in scaffolded writing, and they read some sentences they wrote. Director Clewell asked if the children liked all-day kindergarten and they all agreed with "yes." Dr. Blanche thanked Mrs. Cook and the children for their sharing; he told them it was awesome. President Low also thanked the parents for bringing the children to the meeting. This was the best part of the meeting and gave the Board an opportunity to see the children grow. Mr. O'Brien also recognized the beautiful art exhibit put together by art teacher Stacey Houk that was on display in the Board Room

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monday, October 7, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, DSASC, Board Room
- B. Thursday, October 10, 5:00 PM, LSIAC meeting @ Hayes School
- C. Monday, October 14, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- D. Tuesday, October 15, 11:30 AM, Ribbon Cutting at Wood Intermediate School
- E. Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 PM, District Retirement Banquet at the Davenport Holiday Inn
- F. Tuesday, October 15, 6 to 9 PM, IASB District #6 Meeting in Marion (near Cedar Rapids)
- G. Monday, October 21, 4:30 PM, (To be approved) IASB Board Workshop, DSASC, Board Room
- H. Thursday, October 24, 5:00 PM, LSIAC meeting, Location to be determined
- I. Monday, October 28, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- J. Open Forum -- There were no requests to speak during Open Forum.

## 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: Organizational Meeting September 16, 2002 and Special Call Expulsion Hearing September 23, 2002.

#### B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

##### LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Goldermann, Carol	FMLA with Pay 08/20/2002 – 10/07/2002
Reading Recovery	FMLA without Pay 10/08/2002 – 11/11/2002
Hayes Elementary	

Morris, Nga	FMLA with Pay 08/20/2002 – 09/13/2002
Kindergarten	
Fillmore Elementary	

##### RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Heller, Guy	10%
Assistant Girls' Swim Coach	\$2,384.00
North High	

McClung, Patricia	14%
Girls' Varsity Track Coach	\$3,337.00
Central High	

##### SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Benisch, Richard	10%
Swimming/Diving Girls' Assistant Coach	\$2,384.00
Central High	

Bowrey, Lance	8%
Assistant Football Coach Grade 9	\$1,907.00
West High	

Curtis, Jason	7%
Assistant Sophomore Baseball Coach	\$1,668.00
North High	

Darland, Doug Volleyball Coach Grade 9 West High	8% \$1,907.00
Denney, Charles Assistant Girls' Swim Coach North High	10% \$2,384.00
Hughes, Melissa Pom Pons Coach Central High	7% \$1,668.00
Kern, Gregory Assistant Football Coach Grade 9 West High	8% \$1,907.00
Middleton, Kathryn Vocal Music – Elementary Adams Elementary	5% \$1,192.00
Munoz, Franco Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach Central High	8% \$1,907.00
Nicks, Tina Teacher-In-Charge Monroe Elementary	15% \$3,575.00
Olsen, Jim Head Varsity Wrestling Coach West High	14% \$3,337.00
Oney, Lelia Assistant Cheerleading Coach Central High	10% \$2,384.00
Steketee, Jennifer Head Cheerleading Coach North High	14% \$3,337.00
Webster, Marquisa Assistant Cheerleading Coach North High	10% \$2,384.00

## APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Asay, Bonnie Language Arts Wilson Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: 9/16/02 Salary: \$24,485 prorated to \$22,102.68 for the remaining 167 days in the 2002-2003 school year
Fuhs, Virginia Talented and Gifted Sudlow Intermediate	Degree: M.A. + 30 – Step 6 Effective: 9/24/02 Salary: \$36,728 prorated to \$32,161.86 for the remaining 163 days in the 2002-2003 school year

Hantz, Matthew  
Counselor  
Truman Elementary  
Degree: B.A. – Step 3  
Effective: 10/07/02  
Salary: \$28,158 prorated to \$23,135.92 for the remaining 152 days in the 2002-2003 school year

Krause, Kimberly  
Kindergarten  
Garfield Elementary  
Degree: B. A. – Step 5  
Effective: 9/16/02  
Salary: \$29,382.00 prorated to \$26,523.21 for the remaining 167 days in the 2002-2003 school year

Moorehead, Diane  
Kindergarten  
Fillmore Elementary  
Degree: B.A. – Step 5  
Effective: 9/23/02  
Salary: \$29,382.00 prorated to \$25,729.10 for the remaining 162 days in the 2002-2003 school year

#### RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Schack, Mary E.  
Para-educator  
Fillmore Elementary  
Effective: November 8, 2002  
Reason: Retirement  
Yrs. of Service: 11 years

#### RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Tracy Arbogast  
Para-educator  
McKinley Elementary  
Effective: September 20, 2002  
Reason: Other Employment  
Yrs. of Service: 12 years

Burke, Bonnie  
Food Service Worker  
West High  
Effective: September 17, 2002  
Reason: Voluntary Self-Termination  
Yrs. of Service: 6 days

Coon, Jennifer  
Food Service Worker  
Central High  
Effective: August 13, 2002  
Reason: Termination  
Yrs. of Service: 5 mos

Hahn, Margaret  
Para-educator  
Madison Elementary  
Effective: September 30, 2002  
Reason: Personal  
Yrs. of Service: 1 year

Krause, Kim  
Community Site Facilitator  
Hayes Elementary  
Moses, Kelley  
Para-educator  
Walcott  
Effective: September 13, 2002  
Reason: Other DCSD Employment  
Yrs. of Service: 1 yr 3 mos  
Effective: September 26, 2002  
Reason: Personal  
Yrs. of Service: 5 years

Shackelford, Christina  
Custodian  
North High School  
Effective: September 20, 2002  
Reason: Resignation  
Yrs. of Service: 2 yrs 6 mos

## APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

DeGaris, Lisa Clerk II Administration	Effective: September 19, 2002 Salary: \$9.40 8 hrs/day
Emory, Dawn Para-educator Truman Elementary	Effective: September 17, 2002 Salary: \$6.55 3 hrs/day
Felix, Teri Para-educator (CDA) Blue Grass Elementary	Effective: September 23, 2002 Salary: \$10.10 7 hrs/day
Ford, Mona Para-educator Wood Intermediate	Effective: September 20, 2002 Salary: \$6.55 6.5 hrs/day
Huberts, Cora Food Service Worker West High	Effective: September 25, 2002 Salary: \$6.86 2.75 hrs/day
Ineichen, Jodi Para-educator Hayes Elementary	Effective: September 20, 2002 Salary: \$6.55 5 hrs/day
McKamey, Shelly Para-educator KCAE	Effective: September 20, 2002 Salary: \$6.55 6 hrs/day
Schlensker, Dawn Food Service Cashier Wood Intermediate	Effective: September 20, 2002 Salary: \$7.07 3 hrs/day
Shelton, Cindy Para-educator Hayes Elementary	Effective: September 23, 2002 Salary: \$6.55 6 hrs/day
Swisher, Kathryn Food Service Head Cook Smart Intermediate	Effective: September 24, 2002 Salary: \$7.92 8 hrs/day

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

**MOTION:** Director Hunter moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda. Director Clewell seconded the motion. President Low asked if anyone wanted an items removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

### IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The administration made a recommendation regarding a resolution for approval of the bills.

**MOTION:** Director Guard moved the following 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." Director Portes seconded the motion.

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

## OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

#### A. JOINT COMMITTEE WITH SCOTT COUNTY FAMILY Y

A recommendation was made for appointment of the individuals who will sit on the Joint Committee with the Scott County Family Y as follows: Representatives for the Davenport Community School District will be: Superintendent Jim Blanche; Board President Susan Low; and the appropriate high school principal on each committee with Jim Andrews, representing North High and Chris Gallin representing West High. A recommendation is being made for a neutral seventh committee member to be jointly appointed as follows: Mary Ellen Chamberlain, President Riverboat Development

For reference, there will be three members appointed by the Scott County Family Y who will serve on the committee, and those people will be selected from their organization.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the appointments as listed for the Joint Committee with the Scott County Family Y be approved by the Board as listed. Director Losasso seconded the motion.

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

#### B. APPOINTMENT OF TRUANCY OFFICER

The administration recommended Corporal Mike Cole to be appointed as the Truancy Officer for the Davenport Community School District for the 2002-2003 school year.

**MOTION:** Director Losasso moved the Board approve Corporal Mike Cole to be appointed as the Truancy Officer for the Davenport Community School District for the 2002-2003 school year. Director Hunter seconded the motion.

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

**C. APPOINTMENT OF LEVEL I & II INVESTIGATORS**

The administration recommended appointment of Ethel Reynolds as the Level I Investigator, and Betty Long and Bob Mata as the Level I Alternates for the District; and that any of the Approved Iowa Licensed Investigators may be used as a Level II Investigator as needed.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to appoint Ethel Reynolds as the Level I Investigator, and Betty Long and Bob Mata as the Level I Alternates for the District; and that any of the Approved Iowa Licensed Investigators may be used as a Level II Investigator as needed. Director Guard seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Guard, Hunter, Losasso, Portes, and Low. Motion carried unanimously. (The list of the Approved Iowa Licensed Investigators will be included with the minutes of record.)

**D. URBAN EDUCATION PRIORITIES 2003**

The Board considered a recommendation for approving the Urban Education Priorities for 2003 as previously discussed and presented.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board approve the recommendation for the Urban Education Priorities for 2003 as previously discussed and presented. Director Losasso seconded the motion.

Dr. Blanche talked about four legislative priorities and two issues that were being addressed: Priorities were (1) Student Achievement, (2) Accredited Public Pre-school Education for 3 and 4 year olds, (3) Class Size Reduction Initiative, and (4) Technology. The two issues to be addressed by UEN were (1) Allowable Growth (with full appropriation and distribution of all funds generated) and (2) Statewide Sales Tax. Director Guard asked Dr. Blanche if there had been previous discussions with UEN about completely revamping the funding formula. Dr. Blanche didn't believe this had been a high priority to discuss by the UEN. President Low asked Mr. Hunigan about his experience in serving on a statewide task force several years ago. Mr. Hunigan responded there were some changes recommended in the Special Education funding areas. Director Hunter emphasized that in looking at the priorities listed, these items mesh with the important issues we deal with in our district. UEN people are advocates for the urban districts and are effective in representing us to the legislators.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Losasso, Portes, Hunter, Guard, and Low. Motion carried unanimously. (A detail list of the priorities and issues will be included with the minutes of record.)

**E. URBAN EDUCATION NETWORK REPRESENTATIVE**

President Low explained she had spoken to Director Clewell about his willingness to serve as the UEN representative. Director Clewell was willing to do this, but might not be able to attend the November meeting in Des Moines. If anyone had an interest in serving as our representative in November, please let us know.

**MOTION:** Director Portes moved the Board appoint Richard Clewell as the board representative to the Urban Education Network. Director Guard seconded the motion.

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

**F. IASB DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE**

The 2002 Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) Delegate Assembly will meet at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at 10:00 AM. Iowa school board members will gather to discuss issues and vote upon association beliefs and resolutions. The theme of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual IASB Convention is "Reaching High Raising the Bar." The IASB Convention will be held on November 21 and November 22, 2002.

President Low volunteered to be the delegate and Director Low was willing to serve as the alternate to vote at the IASB Delegate Assembly on November 20, 2002.

**MOTION:** Director Guard moved the Board appoint President Susan Low to serve as the IASB Assembly Delegate and Director Low be appointed as the Alternate. Director Hunter seconded the motion.

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

**G. BOARD WORKSHOP OCTOBER 21**

President Low explained in the past we have held board workshops and gather together to find our common ground as a board. There was a desire by some people to have another workshop for all of our board members. Mary Jane Vens from IASB was contacted and will be available to conduct a workshop in October. The workshop will help board members have an opportunity to learn about their responsibilities, team building, and other areas that will help them fulfill their duties as elected officials.

It was recommended the Board approve holding a Special Call Board Workshop, to be facilitated by a representative from IASB, on Monday, October 21, 2002 at 4:30 PM in the Board Room at the Administration Service Center.

**MOTION:** Director Losasso moved the Board approve holding a Special Call Board Workshop, to be facilitated by a representative from IASB, on Monday, October 21, 2002 at 4:30 PM in the Board Room at the Administration Service Center. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

Director Clewell agreed this was an overdue experience for board members. He wished the board members had done something like this last year when he started. He has seen Mary Jane Vens in action, and she will lead us on our focus and collation of talents.

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

**H. LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AEA**

The administration recommended approval for continuation of our Legal Services Agreement with the Mississippi Bend AEA 9 and Lane & Waterman, to use the rates outlined for utilization and membership fees for the 2002-2003 school year. The expected utilization rate and membership fee for 2002-2003 is 64 hours at \$125.00, an annual fee of \$8,000; monthly membership fee \$666.67. [As a reference: For 2001-2002 the expected utilization rate and membership fee was 72 hours at \$125.00; an annual fee of \$9,000; \$750 monthly membership fee.]

**MOTION:** Director Portes moved the continuation of our Legal Services Agreement with the Mississippi Bend AEA 9 and Lane & Waterman, to use the rates outlined for the 2002-2003 school year. Director Hunter seconded the motion.

Dr. Blanche wanted everyone to be aware of what this service covered. The legal services are for information on miscellaneous items and general advice when the law firm doesn't create a legal file for future action. It essentially saves us dollars and is done in conjunction with the other school districts in this area.

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

**I. BID #674 -- MONROE ADDITION AND REMODELING**

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board accept the low Bid #674 from Hillebrand Construction in the amount of \$1,455,700 for an addition and remodeling at Monroe Elementary. Director Losasso seconded the motion.

The Board conducted a public hearing on Bid #674 for an addition and remodeling at Monroe. No one came forth to be heard; the public hearing was declared closed.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS****A. SECME PROGRESS REPORT**

Gma Howze, the District Facilitator for SECME, presented a progress report on this program in the Davenport Community School District. Ms. Howze mentioned the board recognition at the last meeting for SECME students who had competed in a "Mousetrap Competition." The students came back in third place, which was outstanding for this national event. As a reminder, SECME stands for the Southeast Consortium for Minorities in Engineering. Ms. Howze talked about the program's mission to increase the number of minority students who graduate from high school and college that major in math, engineering, science, or technology fields. Industry recognizes the need for a more diverse workforce pool in business and government if we are going to compete in the market and cooperate globally.

Ms. Howze had the privilege of attending a conference in Washington, DC where our District was recognized. She presented a plaque to Dr. James Blanche that had been awarded by Congressman Major Owen and the Congressional Black Congress Education Braintrust recognizing outstanding leadership by Dr. Blanche and the District.

Ms. Howze talked about the six intermediate schools involved with SECME last year, and now the three high schools have SECME programs. We have an excellent program, but not enough minority students involved. Some of our minority children are told that science and technology fields are not for them. These children don't feel welcomed in some of the classes offered. With encouragement by our supporters such as Alcoa and now John Deere, we hope to attract more students. These companies support our goals to increase the number of minority students in specialized fields. However, they will not continue support unless we get more students involved in the program.

Ms. Howze went over upcoming events and was please to announce there were new building groups and leadership. The next meeting of her board of advisors will be on October 1 @ 9:30 AM. Then on October 10 there will be a SECME kick off event at the Alcoa Learning Center. They will have a program on Metallurgical Magic. There will be several activities and parents will have breakout sessions. On October 12 and 19 will be an all-day workshop for professional development to focus on diversity training, mentoring, and the SECME curriculum. Teachers and staff members from our buildings will be involved in the training. We will have some representatives from Atlanta who will do programming with our teams. There will be a Saturday Academy starting in late October, a district-wide activity hosted in April, and a summer institute in Tennessee in July. Director Clewell asked if the students would try to go back this year and get first place in the Mousetrap Competition? He also wondered if the SECME program has been inclusive of majority and minority students. Ms. Howze said the specific mission was for encouragement of minority students, but there are excellent things to benefit all students.

Director Clewell asked what could be done to involve more kids in the program, and what the Board could do to help? Ms. Howze admitted this was a good question and not answered quickly. There were a lot of programs, but if the kids don't show up in larger numbers, that doesn't help. We will do a mailing to a target group and talk with the teams about how we target minority students. We will be going to buildings to do diversity training and have Alcoa and John Deere speakers with us. We hope to encourage minority kids and their parents to be involved. Director Hunter asked if there was a need for counselors to work with course selection for students so they keep up? He asked if we had adequate counseling support? Ms. Howze said they have asked each building to have a counselor on a team. We will be addressing these issues through our professional development efforts. There is a new algebra program at the intermediate level so the eight graders are being successful and that keeps them on tract. Ms. Howze felt positive about things we were doing for our minority students. Director Hunter wondered if the block system was a disadvantage for students and could they become discouraged easily? Director Losasso felt the block system offered extra opportunities to take classes that students couldn't take in the old system. They can experiment more. Ms. Howze appreciated the block but felt it required a lot of professional development for teachers to help students digest all the materials. Director Portes talked about seventh and eighth grade students reacting positively to role models. He thought if we could get minority leaders to talk about things they did to become successful or how they have used their degrees, this might help students. Ms. Howze agreed and talked about some of her own experiences with professionals. They are working hard on mentoring for students, and if anyone knows a person of color that would like to help, let her know.

President Low added the component of diversity training was essential. We need to be sensitive about so many areas. She suggested Dr. Blanche give Ms. Howze some information about a black pastors group that was meeting who might be of help. Ms. Howze felt the Board could speak volumes to encourage students to be part of the SECME program. This was not reverse discrimination but an excellent program for our District. Others can be a part of the mentoring program and diversity training. Dr. Blanche clarified that Ms. Howze was already involved in the work with the pastors group. Ms. Howze hoped the Board could help promote the program in our community. If it was appreciated and recognized as value education, and the Board can show a strong interest, other young people will buy into the program. Ms. Howze will get more information to the Board at a later date.

**B. ENROLLMENT REPORT FOR 2002-2003**

The administration presented an update on the enrollment report for the 2002-2003 school year. The enrollment numbers were up slightly and we can celebrate. The state gives us another week to make sure all the numbers are correct. We are working on the out and in numbers for open enrollment to be sure they are correct. Mr. Hunigan shared the preliminary information and it wasn't until November 1 that the numbers were set for the count. We are waiting for numbers from other districts that affect our count and we continue to make changes. We are up about 47 students from last year at this point. The open enrollment still was going up from 386 to 444 or 58 more students out then last year. Our enrollment was up because of a partnership with Scott Community College for classes offered to our students. This program was for students up to 21 years of age and they target the GED program or students who were trying to get diplomas. We have many alternative programs for students in our District. They are still examining the final numbers and there are increases for us this year. Director Portes asked how many students have open enrolled out that never attended our schools? Dr. Blanche said this information was labor intensive and they will have to go through each folder during the summer to get the data. The open enrollment rules haven't changed since this summer.

**C. ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL REPORT**

Bill Thiessen and Kathy Erickson reported on Preschool and our new All-Day Kindergarten classes. Mr. Thiessen recognized the work of Kathy Erickson, Tonya Urbatsch, and Deb Wood for putting the all-day kindergarten program together. The staff conducted meetings in late spring and had additional meetings in the summer. They have focused on our benchmarks and set high standards.

The Board saw a Powerpoint presentation on how things were going in our all-day classes for kindergarten students and for preschool children. They heard about the research that found children in whole-day programs performed significantly better all through elementary school. They listened to information about features, scheduling, students reading with teachers, choosing books from the library, learning to read and write. The students work with words and learn how words work. They choose centers and apply their skills. There are hands-on activities, literacy centers, computers students use to become independent learners. They even work with math and scientific principles. There are continuous opportunities for staff development and everyone was excited about the program. There are 336 enrolled in the preschools and 133 are on the waiting list. Board members had questions about assessment, goals, and objectives.

There were some questions about costs and payments for services. Ms. Erickson explained the Title I program and free/reduced lunches system based on the salary of the family. Director Guard had mixed feelings about all-day kindergarten and felt there was considerable research that didn't support the efforts. His research said by the time students

were in second grade, they were all performing the same whether they attended all-day kindergarten or not. He felt this was an expensive program and we had to sacrifice smaller class size to fund this program. The smaller class sizes have helped us to achieve, but he wanted to make sure we were assessing the increases in class size. There may be some trade-offs and there will be difficult decisions to make down the road. Mrs. Erickson understood the concerns, but her research showed the test scores for students have risen with all-day kindergarten and there was a lot of support for early childhood education. Director Portes mentioned one of the reasons we added all-day kindergarten was so people would not open enroll out to other districts who provided this service. Mrs. Erickson said parents do have a choice if they only want their child to attend one-half day. Director Hunter talked about this being a matter of equity. Many of the children we have in the Title schools are starting at a disadvantage, and the all-day program will help them. This was an equalizer for children and it might help make up the difference if they get the best start possible in our schools.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

### VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

There were no further reports from the administration.

### VIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

1. Director Guard requested a copy of the contract for services with the YMCA related to operations of the joint facilities.
2. Director Losasso reported on the IASB orientation she attended on September 26 for new board members. Mary Jane Vens gave people an overview of what board members can and can not do. They heard about Iowa Code and she recommended this training for others.
3. President Low congratulated Dr. Blanche on his leadership award. She reminded board members about the District #6 IASB meeting in Marion on October 15. If anyone plans to attend this event, please let her know. October 15<sup>th</sup> was also the date for the District Retirement Dinner held at the Davenport Holiday Inn at 6:00 PM. The deadline for reservations was on October 9 to Brenda. This is a good opportunity to thank people in the District and a nice social gathering.
4. President Low said we needed an alternate for the City and County Conference Boards to replace Steve Imming. Director Portes expressed his willingness to attend the meetings.
5. President Low will be attending the Intergovernmental Committee meetings with Dr. Blanche.
6. President Low asked about people's interest or plans to attend the IASB conference in Des Moines in November or the UEN events. This information should be given to the board secretary to make reservations and other arrangements.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Hunter seconded the motion.

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

President Low declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary

## Bids and Quotations

RE: Bid No. 674  
For Board Meeting – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2002

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

Addition and remodel of Monroe Elementary.

**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>\$1,594,325</u>	<u>Local option sales &amp; services</u>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Administrator</b>	<b>Budget or Estimate</b>	<b>Fund</b>
			<b>Req. Number</b>

**4. Number of bids sent to vendors:** 10 **Date:** August 29<sup>th</sup> 2002

**5. Number of bids received from vendors:** 10 **Date:** September 19<sup>th</sup> 2002

**6. Listing of Vendors:**


- Hillebrand Construction, Davenport, IA – **Total Bid: \$1,455,700**
- Construction Partners, Rock Island, IL – **Total Bid: \$1,479,000**
- Contracting Corp of Illinois, Moline, IL. – **Total Bid: \$1,580,000**
- Diversified Industrial Services, East Moline, IL. – **Total Bid: \$1,497,000**
- Estes Company, Davenport, IA. – **Total Bid: \$1,465,000**
- Precision Builders, LeClaire, IA. - **Total Bid: \$1,510,670**
- Priester Construction, Davenport, IA. - **Total Bid: \$1,480,000**
- Russell Construction, Bettendorf, IA. – **Total Bid: \$1,479,000**
- Taylor Larson Construction, Bettendorf, IA. – **Total Bid: \$1,461,000**
- Tricon Constriction, Dubuque, IA. – **Total Bid: \$1,468,800**

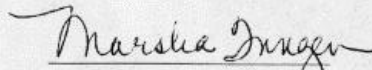
**7. Recommended Bid:**

The low bid from Hillebrand Construction in the amount of \$1,455,700.

**8. Other Comments:**

- Total project costs (not part of this contract) include equipment, technology, architectural fees, and other miscellaneous costs such as asbestos removal.

  
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Director of Support Services

  
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Chief Financial Officer