

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2005

The Board of Directors of the Davenport School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met for a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2005 pursuant to law and the rules of said Board. 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 Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Richard Clewell, Nikki DeFauw, Alan Guard, Ralph Johanson, Larry Roberson, and Tim Tupper. Student board members attending were Mairin Burke, Bryce Ricketts, and Heather Waitman from West.

### RECOGNITIONS

#### I. RECOGNITIONS

##### A. GARFIELD ELEMENTARY \* *PRINCIPAL BILL SCHNEDEN*

Principal Bill Schneden talked about the focus of improving the achievement gap at Garfield Elementary. Changes have occurred since the Superintendent's team joined the efforts in the Fall of 2001. The goal was to combine the district and building initiatives into an integrated delivery system embedded in Garfield's daily practices. Instructional focus lessons, home visits for early interventions, regroups for instruction and the monitoring of student progress are just some of the elements in our approach to closing the gap while raising overall student achievement. This is the second year of the reading strategies and Mr. Schneden talked about working with individual students. The staff was aware of the urgency of this initiative and the need to raise standards. He talked about instructional focus and building comprehension skills. Teachers have been working with subgroups and everyone is involved at looking at data. This is having an impact on all the children. There are leadership initiatives and monitoring efforts that go on to make sure no one is left behind. This year Garfield is doing similar strategies with a focus on math. We also identified pre-school and kindergarten students staff felt were at risk. The teachers made pre-visits to homes sharing expectations with parents and giving them some supplies such as markers, glue, crayons, and paper. We are emphasizing pre-school reading skills and hope to implement a similar program for 1-5 grades.

##### B. WALCOTT INTERMEDIATE/ELEMENTARY \* *PRINCIPAL ERICA GOLDSTONE*

Principal Erica Goldstone talked about reviewing research on student achievement at Walcott. She said it became apparent we needed to strengthen our transition program for our incoming sixth grade students and parents. We elicited support from our sixth grade faculty as we developed a transition night for incoming sixth grade students and their parents. The highlights of our transition night included an introduction of our faculty, a building tour, and a Power Point which was presented by sixth grade parent Mrs. **Lisa Rogers** and her sixth grade daughter **Hailey Kitzman**. The staff sent a letter home to each sixth grade parent inviting them to "shadow" their child from class to class. We wanted parents to see and experience what their child's "typical" school day was like.

Mrs. Rogers explained how the middle school experience was a lot different from elementary school. She said we all do better when we have information and can ask questions. The experience of going to her daughter's classrooms gave her an opportunity to picture what her daughter's day was like at school. There was an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who did a Powerpoint and showed the teachers and staff with a tour of the building. The teachers took the students around the school.

**Mrs. Lynn Wohlers** shared her experiences when she "shadowed" her daughter at Walcott. She felt she was more anxious than her daughter and she didn't know much about the teachers or classes. She recommended having more parents do this and she tried to be respectful of the wishes of her sixth grade daughter. Mrs. Wohlers said she got the rhythm of her daughter's day by sitting in on the classes, and she understands what her daughter might be going through. She also talked about the transition from elementary to middle school years. When the children have an orientation, they are more connected and feel they belong.

Dr. Goldstone explained how Walcott wanted to develop a sense of community and belonging for our new sixth grade students. Through each discipline, our sixth grade faculty involved students in a potpourri of sharing, learning and growing experiences during the first two days of school to build a sense of belonging and community. **Mr. Ed Quartell** described an activity students began at the start of the year and how they are currently preparing an oral report that culminates the activity. Our sixth through eighth grade students begin each day in their Panther Zone working on math or reading focus lessons. Our focus lessons were based on our school data as identified by our ITBS scores. Conversations with our students indicated students understand the need and usefulness of focus lessons as one of many methods to improve achievement.

Our K-5 staff has been engaged in grade level conversations that led to the development of rubrics supporting our new standards based elementary report card. The work has been tedious and at times quite difficult. However, the elementary staff is results oriented and have completed their task as our new standards based report cards go home to parents. As a faculty and as a building we are engaged during our early release collaborative time on Wednesday's. The first Wednesday is dedicated to instructional strategies involving Marzano and the Walcott Reading Initiative. The second Wednesday is data dialogues and student expectations. The third Wednesday is Making Middle Grades Work focusing on our study cohorts. The fourth Wednesday is reserved for faculty career development plan self study. In all that we do our drive, our aim and our work is focused on student learning & achievement.

President Zamora thanked the staff and parents from Garfield and Walcott for sharing their experiences this year.

C. SCOTT COUNTY YMCA & THE DISTRICT (Celebration of a Unique Partnership)

**Frank Clark**, Chairman of the Board, and **Frank Klipsch**, Executive Director, were introduced. Mr. Clark thanked the Board for the wonderful community partnerships between the YMCA and the District. He talked about the importance of community sharing and explained how the District had helped the YMCA with their mission of building character. We celebrate the community spirit and support as resources are raised for what the children need. The unique partnership started five years ago with a grant which included community building. Thank you for your help in this effort.

Frank Klipsch talked about this great opportunity for District and the Scott County Family YMCA. He introduced Toni Calibress who is the Vice President of their Board. He talked about opening three facilities in three years—one at North, one at West, and one in Bettendorf. The Board heard about the benefits of this collaborate effort and how successful the venture has been. Mr. Klipsch talked about the financial benefits to the

YMCA and the district through this endeavor. He shared figures on the number of people who are using the facilities for school related programs, for classes, and for members. A payment will be made to the District in the near future for the prorated cost of operating the facilities. The District has saved about \$1.48 million in operational costs during last few years through this partnership arrangement. There are thousands of people who use the buildings which include families, individuals, children, and seniors. We are very excited about this partnership and hope to maintain the relationship in the future. Mr. Klipsch complimented the District on the fine education his own children received while attending school here. He said they were well prepared for their careers.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, November 1, @ 6:30 PM; Special Call Board Goals Workshop, Administration Service Center, Executive Conference Room 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (Pending)
- B. Monday, November 7, @ 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, Children's Village@ Hoover (tour at 5:15 PM)
- C. Tuesday, November 8, @ 12:00 Noon, Ribbon Cutting at Washington Elementary
- D. Monday, November 14, @ 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- E. Tuesday, November 15, @ 4:00 PM, Policy Committee, Administration Service Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor East Conference Room
- F. Tuesday, November 22, @ 12:00 Noon, Ribbon Cutting at McKinley Elementary
- G. Monday, November 28, @ 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- H. Open Forum – No one requested time to speak tonight.

## 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 and intervening meetings were presented for approval: Special Call Supt. Search Process October 10, 2005 (5:30 PM); Regular Board Meeting October 10, 2005 (7:00 PM); and Special Call Annual Yearly Progress Report Meeting October 11, 2005.

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

RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Decker, Sara  
Science  
Smart Intermediate

Effective: October 21, 2005  
Years of Service: 2 mos

## RESIGNATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Hanghian, Ryan 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Walcott Intermediate	7% \$1,749.00
Jager, Jeffery Head Sophomore Baseball West High	10% \$2,499.00
Munoz, Franco Soccer SH Boys Central High	8% \$1,999.00
Rolfstad, Erik Assistant Varsity Wrestling Central High	10% \$2,499.00
Schlichting, Mark Assistant Varsity Baseball West High	14% \$3,499.00
Sinksen, Arthur 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football Assistant Wood Intermediate	7% \$1,749.00
Verdon, Michelle Intermediate Co-Ed Track Assistant Smart Intermediate	5% \$1,250.00

## APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Burklow, William 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football Assistant Young Intermediate	7% \$1,749.00
Estes, Turner Head Freshman Girls' Basketball West High	8% \$1,999.00
Fraker, Debra Intermediate Band #2 Williams Intermediate	6% \$1,499.00
Huntley, David 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Walcott Intermediate	7% \$1,749.00
Moses, Dale 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Walcott Intermediate	7% \$1,749.00
McCarthy, Laura Sophomore Girls' Basketball Assistant North High	10% \$2,499.00

ADDED:	McDonald, Randall Assistant Varsity Boy's Basketball Coach Central High	12% \$2,999
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Riewerts, Mary  
 Elementary Vocal Music  
 Harrison Elementary  
 5%  
 \$1,250.00

Rios Jr, Thomas Christopher  
 Additional 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football  
 Assistant  
 Williams Intermediate  
 7%  
 \$1,749.00

Wallaert, Thomas  
 Additional 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football  
 Assistant  
 Sudlow Intermediate  
 7%  
 (\$1,749.00 prorated to \$1,257.09  
 for 23 days of the 32-day season)

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SCHOOL	STEP	FROM	TO	SALARY
Achs	Jack	West	5	M.B.A.	M.B.A.+15	\$35,896.00
Alongi	Jennifer	Williams	10	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$42,306.00
Baldry	Megan	Williams	10	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$42,306.00
Balsar	Clint	Central	14	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,742.00
Bebermeyer	Rylan	Blue Grass	26	M.M.+15	M.M.+30	\$53,844.00
Becker	Emily	Jefferson/Edison	5	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$34,614.00
Beorkrem	Bonnie	West	31	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$53,844.00
Beorkrem	Bonnie	West	31	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$2,910.49
Berger	Susan	Washington	18	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$51,280.00
Berthel	Angela	McKinley	7	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,614.00
Betker	Jennifer	Adams	24	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$52,562.00
Blocker	Alvin	West (.5)	16	M.Ed+15	M.Ed+30	\$25,640.00
Bowrey	Amanda	Wood	4	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$30,768.00
Burkhart	Susan	Williams	22	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$49,998.00
Butikofer	Eugene	Wood	8	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$38,460.00
Capper	Dawn	Central	10	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$41,024.00
Castelluccio	Elizabeth	Williams	8	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$35,896.00
Cavanaugh	Gerald	Central	27	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$52,562.00
Comstock	Sara	Buffalo	11	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,742.00
Conner	Denise	Hoover	4	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$33,332.00
Corman	Jeffery	Smart	9	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$41,024.00
Cousins	Heather	North	8	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$38,460.00
Cousins	Aaron	West	5	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$34,614.00
Cox	Cynthia	Smart	10	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$38,460.00
DeBaene	Kelley	Wood	4	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$30,768.00
DeBaene	Matthew	Wood	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$33,332.00
Eechaute-Lopez	Annette	Smart	15	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,742.00

Ehrecke	Cassandra	Washington	4	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$30,768.00
Erickson	Michelle	Hayes	5	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$34,614.00
Fah	Cara	Smart	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$32,050.00
Foley	Diane	Wilson	27	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$44,870.00
Frerichs	Barbara	Garfield	16	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$51,280.00
George-Dowd	Linda	Garfield	21	M.Ed.+15	M.Ed.+30	\$51,280.00
Goltry	Laura	Fillmore	11	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$42,306.00
Greer	Martha	Walcott	13	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$46,152.00
Grothusen	Elizabeth	Sudlow	6	B.Ed+15	M.A.	\$35,896.00
Guy	Corri	Wilson	5	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$34,614.00
Hansen	Theresa	Central	15	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$43,588.00
Hansen	Kathleen	Truman	10	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$43,588.00
Hatlett	Lisa	Jefferson/Edison	17	B.S.+15	M.A.	\$43,588.00
Hawley	Todd	Central	12	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,742.00
Hermiston	Jeffrey	West	23	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$44,870.00
Hoffmann	Judith	Truman	17	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$51,280.00
Hoscheid	Mary	Wood (.4)	11	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$17,435.20
Hughes	Ralph	West	13	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$43,588.00
Humphries	Jason	Wood	7	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,614.00
Jacque	Amber	Lincoln	9	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$41,024.00
Janssen	Susan	Truman	31	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$52,562.00
Jay	Jennifer	Fillmore	5	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$32,050.00
Jensen	Marcia	West	19	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$49,998.00
*Jost	Sara	Blue Grass	2	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$33,844.80

(\*salary adjustment eff. 7/1/05—previously assigned to Childrens' Villages)

Kendell	Kristine	Wood	21	B.M.+15	M.S.	\$43,588.00
Kennedy	Tara	Buchanan	8	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$38,460.00
Knapper	Ronald	Sudlow	1	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$30,768.00
Knapper	Meg	Truman	16	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$49,998.00
Kretschmer	Debra	Truman	22	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$51,280.00
Lake	Erin	Blue Grass	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$33,332.00
Lewis	Dave	North	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$29,486.00
Malone	Linda	Wood	25	M.Ed	M.Ed+15	\$51,280.00
Meaney	Brian	Smart	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$29,486.00
Mefford	Trista	Buchanan	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$29,486.00
Molyneux	Esther	North	6	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$35,896.00
Money	Michael	Smart	18	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,742.00
Moorehead	Diane	Fillmore	8	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$35,896.00
Olsen	Sandra	Walcott	20	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$51,280.00
Pasvogel	Shannon	Sudlow	4	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$33,332.00
Pratt	Jamie	Wood	3	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$29,486.00
Price	Kathlynn	West	6	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$35,896.00
Price	Brian	West	7	B.A.15	M.A.	\$37,178.00
Ralfs	Lori	Adams	12	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$43,588.00
Rangen	Priscilla	Wood	5	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$34,614.00
Reagan	Edward	Jackson	7	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,614.00

Reed	Candice	Lincoln	19	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$51,280.00
Reiter	Terrence	Sudlow	19	B.M.	B.M.+15	\$39,742.00
Riewerts	Ryan	North	10	B.M.	B.M.+15	\$38,460.00
Ripslinger	Beth	West	12	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$43,588.00
Sanders	Keith	Blue Grass	15	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$48,716.00
Schaeffer	Bonnie	Washington	4	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$33,332.00
Schellenberg	Walter	Williams	8	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$35,896.00
Schnoor	Rita	Truman	15	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$49,998.00
Schollaert	Cynthia	Wilson	28	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$52,562.00
Schorg	Carol	Central	12	M.Ed	M.Ed+15	\$44,870.00
Schrader	Beverly	Central	22	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$51,280.00
Schroeder	Alyssa	Jefferson/Edison	6	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$35,896.00
Schwartzhoff	Amanda	Monroe	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$33,332.00
Sharp	Cora	Garfield	14	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$47,434.00
Sinksen	Renee	Wood	7	B.A.+15	M.Ed	\$37,178.00
Steele	Dale	Lincoln	17	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$49,998.00
Steffen	Barbara	Smart	10	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$38,460.00
Stewart	Jeanette	Hayes	20	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$43,588.00
Tessier	Ann	Buchanan	9	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$42,306.00
Thede	David	Central (.5)	24	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$22,435.00
Tonn	Julie	Sudlow	8	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$39,742.00
Trimble	Melissa	West	7	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$34,614.00
Trujillo	Michael	Central	16	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$39,742.00
Van Fossen	Clint	West	14	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$43,588.00
Verdon	Stephen	West	8	M.B.A.+15	M.B.A.+30	\$41,024.00
Vonderhaar	Leslie	Sudlow	5	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$34,614.00
Wachal	Cory	North	2	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$28,204.00
Walls	Christina	Harrison	4	B.S.	M.S.	\$33,332.00
Wells	Patricia	McKinley	15	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$39,742.00
Wheeler	Jennifer	West	2	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$28,204.00
Whitman	Heather	Fillmore	8	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$38,460.00
Wilson	Toni	Jefferson/Edison	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$29,486.00
Wince	Julie	Williams	14	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$43,588.00
Winter	Rosannah	Madison	25	M.Ed	M.Ed+15	\$51,280.00

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Lucio, Erica  
 Language Arts  
 Jefferson/Edison

Degree: M.A.  
 Effective: October 17, 2005  
 Salary: \$34,614.00 prorated to \$25,445.97 for the  
 136 days remaining in the 2005-2006 school year

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

McGee, Renee  
 Food Service Worker  
 Central High

Effective: October 6, 2005  
 Years of Service: 2 days



Quarnail, Arnold  
Para Educator  
Central High

Effective: October 21, 2005  
Years of Service: 2 yrs 9 mos

Scott, Sharon  
Para Educator  
Williams Intermediate

Effective: October 19, 2005  
Years of Service: 9 mos

**APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED**

Curry, Paula  
Para Educator  
Childrens' Village @ Hoover

Effective: October 10, 2005  
Salary: \$9.15/hr.  
Hours: 5 hours/day

Dieudonne, Fritz  
Campus Security Supervisor  
West High

Effective: October 10, 2005  
Salary: \$10.81/hr.  
Hours: 8 hours/day

\* Not a Teacher      \*\* Guest Teacher      \*\*\* Not a Replacement

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as written with the addition of the addendum (Supplemental Contract Appointment for Randall McDonald). Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**MOTION:** Director Guard moved approval of 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 with the exception of two voided checks #174072 in the amount of \$430 and #174240 in the amount of \$4496.90." Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

**OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

**V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

**A. Month of the Young Adolescent Proclamation**

The administration recommended approval of a proclamation sponsored by the National Middle School Association which proclaims October 2005 to be the Month of the Young Adolescent.

**MOTION:** Director DeFauw moved the Board accept the proclamation sponsored by the National Middle School Association proclaiming October 2005 to be the Month of the Young Adolescent. The resolution reads as follows:

## **PROCLAMATION MONTH OF THE YOUNG ADOLESCENT**

WHEREAS, the period of early adolescence (10- to 15-year olds) is a distinct, developmental period between childhood and full adolescence; and

WHEREAS, this period has been little understood nor its importance recognized; and

WHEREAS, youth between the ages of approximately 10- to 15-year olds undergo more extensive physical, mental, social, moral, and emotional changes, with the possible exception of infancy, than at any other time of life; and

WHEREAS, the attitudes and values young adolescents develop during these formative years largely determine their later behavior; and

WHEREAS, parents continue as primary models and guides, even as young adolescents give increased attention to peer groups; and

WHEREAS, the community itself is also a “classroom” in which young adolescents learn many lessons; and

WHEREAS, much valuable information and research about this important age group now exists and should be circulated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that October be declared the Month of the Young Adolescent in the cities which are part of the Davenport Community School District (Davenport, Blue Grass, Buffalo, and Walcott) in the State of Iowa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all those in the Davenport Community School District join the celebration by extending their knowledge about these critical years and undertaking actions that will support the healthy development of young adolescents.

Director Clewell seconded the motion.

President Zamora noted there were several middle-school principals represented tonight—Rich Herrig, Marianne Corbin, and Erica Goldstone. She thanked them for their work and sharing the proclamation with the community.

Vice President Guard shared the City of Davenport passed a similar proclamation at the City Council Meeting last Wednesday night.

**ACTION:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: DeFauw, Clewell, Tupper, Guard, Johanson, Roberson, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the signed proclamation by President Zamora will be included in the minutes of record.)

### **B. IPASeducation Depository Resolution**

The administration recommended approval of a resolution adding IPASeducation to the approved depository of funds list for the Davenport School District. (IPASeducation is an investment program managed in compliance with Iowa Code Section 12B.10)



**MOTION:** Director Guard moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation to approve a resolution adding IPASeducation to the approved depository of funds list for the Davenport School District. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Board members asked Claudia Wood for clarification of some issues and how this group compares to ISJIT. There were concerns on wording in the resolution from IPASeducation. If approved, the agreement will be included in the permanent record. Mrs. Wood talked about using local banks for investments and how IPAS will be a competitor for ISJIT. This competition will provide us with the best rates on funds we can invest. Director Tupper talked about credit quality assurances and regulations on the banks IPAS will use. He also wondered whether the banks were national or state owned. President Zamora agreed she was uncomfortable about the disclosure statement. There were questions on whether the approval of IPAS would need to be made on an annual basis like the other depositories.

**ACTION:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Guard, Roberson, Clewell, DeFauw, and Johanson. Nays: Tupper and Zamora. The motion carried.

### **C. School Budget Review Committee Request -- Costs of ELL Program**

The administration recommended the District apply for modified allowable growth to the School Budget Review Committee for additional spending authority for excessive costs associated with providing "Limited English Proficiency" programs.

**MOTION:** Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for the District to apply for modified allowable growth to the School Budget Review Committee for additional spending authority for excessive costs associated with providing "Limited English Proficiency" programs for its ELL population, after the expiration of the three-year period specified in Iowa Code Section 257.31(5) and 280.4(3). The request is for additional allowable growth for the difference between our actual costs and the additional weighting we receive, which would be \$698,679. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

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

### **D. School Budget Review Committee Request -- Open Enrollment**

The administration recommended the District apply for modified allowable growth to the School Budget Review Committee for open enrollment students.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the District apply for modified allowable growth to the School Budget Review Committee for open enrollment students who were not included in the enrollment count during the fall of the year preceding the student's transfer under open enrollment if the resident district is paying tuition for that student during the current year. This is allowed under Iowa Code Section 282.18(10). The request would grant Davenport additional allowable growth for 59 students in the amount of \$279,719. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

### **E. Iowa Licensed Level II Investigators for 2005-2006**

The administration recommended approval of the updated list of Approved Iowa Licensed Investigators to be used by the District as Level II investigators as needed.

**MOTION:** Director Roberson moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for the updated list of Approved Iowa Licensed Investigators to be used by the District as Level II investigators as needed. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Roberson, Tupper, Guard, Johanson, Clewell, DeFauw, and Zamora. Motion carried unanimously. (A list of the Level II Investigators will be included with the minutes of record.)

### **F. Special Call Meeting—Board Goals Workshop**

It was recommended the Board hold a Special Call Meeting to conduct a Board Goal Workshop on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 starting at 6:30 PM, in the Executive Conference Room at the Administration Service Center.

**MOTION:** Director DeFauw moved the Board hold a Special Call Meeting to conduct a Board Goal Workshop on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 starting at 6:30 PM, in the Executive Conference Room at the Administration Service Center. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

President Zamora announced that Director DeFauw has consented to facilitate the workshop for the Board on November 1.

### **G. Resolution for Lease of Land for Cell Tower at West High School (FAILED)**

"I wireless" is interested in installing a cell tower on the south side of the site at West High School. The Board received information about this matter at the October 3 Committee of the Whole. The District would receive financial considerations for leasing the property to "i wireless". The resolution would be based upon the city approval process for special use permits and associated public hearings.

**MOTION:** Director Guard moved the Board approve the resolution allowing "I wireless" to lease the property on the south side of West High under the condition that they receive a special use permit from the City of Davenport after public hearings are held. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Director Clewell appreciated the administration bringing this concern to the attention of the Board and giving them time to think about allowing a cell tower on district property. It is important for schools to know this is not approval of all cell towers on district property, but the request was made because of population density, tree growth, and other considerations for this location. Director Roberson asked Bill Good if he had reservations about this request. Mr. Good said cell towers have been constructed in many locations and we would monitor this. Director Guard asked if the West High student board members had any comments about this matter. Mairin asked for information on the location of the tower and the students looked at some graphic drawings to get a better perspective. Mairin said there is a problem with cell phone reception in that area around Waverly, and they had no problem with this.

Director Guard said a discussion on where the money would be used could be made at a later time if there was approval for a lease. Director Johanson had concerns from a policy perspective and suggested a policy be developed which would specifically address requests of this nature. We need to know how to respond to this type of partnership with corporations and if this is a single issue or will it open up a larger market. Director Guard felt the Board was responsible for making this type of decision and would decide each request separately. Director Roberson believed Mr. Good wouldn't have brought this forward if he had reservations about the agreement. Other board members expressed concerns and had additional questions about leasing, appropriateness, using our property and other areas. President Zamora was strongly against this proposal for a variety of reasons.

**ACTION:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows. Ayes: Guard, Roberson, and Clewell. Nays: DeFauw, Tupper, Johanson, and Zamora. Motion failed.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. Local School Improvement Advisory Committee Report

Members of the Local School Improvement Advisory Committee reported to the Board on key issues the group has identified during their on-going process of meeting to discuss district objectives, initiatives and student needs. Karen Farley used a Powerpoint representation to conduct the priorities discussion. She talked about the background of the committee, building a consensus, presenting to the board, key issues, accountability and evaluation. Members of the committee are passionate about student achievement and see a connection between informed parents and involved parents. They presented a list of suggested opportunities for the LSIAC members to do such as re-evaluating conference experiences, developing a newsletter, hosting curriculum nights, soliciting more parent input, cultural sensitivity training, on-line resources for parents and students, a formal evaluation process for programs, and recruiting additional members. They would further like an opportunity to report to the Board on a regular basis. Members of the committee, who were in the audience, offered their viewpoints and suggestions during the discussion.

Regina Clewell was happy to bring the LSIAC concerns to the Board's attention. She spoke about student achievement and they don't want NCLB driving education. She talked about having many ways to measure achievement and how sports, arts, and extra activities helped children stay more connected to school. She talked about social and emotional learning and starting early with programs. Sue Yoder talked about parental involvement and thanked the Board for their efforts in communicating. She saw parental involvement as the key to helping children. When the parents feel comfortable with the classroom arrangements and the teacher, they will become more involved. Parents need to be informed about the expectations and they would like to increase the opportunities offered district wide. They want to be involved at the planning stage, implementation stage, and provide input along the way.

There was discussion about parent conferences and the expectations parents had for these meetings. They talked about the timing of the conferences and having an opportunity for questions about their own children. They would like to see more consistency in the conference meetings and to have people look at the barriers and why more parents don't come to the conferences. Dr. Schuerman said this was an

area we need to look at and to discuss our procedures. There are demands on the part of our employees if we ask for extra conferences with parents. We will need to look at the calendar and involve many levels to get this changed. Director Guard thanked the LSIAC members for coming tonight and for their valuable comments. There are many other issues that the Board would like to have them study and to give their input. We need help with the communication aspect and how to get our message accurately to parents. He talked about problems with perceptions when they started to talk about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade academy and the Board wanted to involve parents early with the discussions. However, there was a lot of anger expressed and we really needed some advocacy from the LSIAC so people get the right information instead of the rumors. We need to let the LSIAC know how they can help us communicate.

Director Roberson was very appreciative of this group and hoped everyone could work together to make this better. He believed all children can learn and we need to find different ways to address their needs. He was very hopeful the LSIAC will be able to move forward with their ideas. Director Tupper commented about measurement and test scores. He brought up questions on how to measure some curricula areas such as music and how we grade for initiative, content, participation, and proficiency. One of the parents felt we should have a dialog on how we want to define achievement. Parents can learn how to communicate and dialogue for things that are important to them. We can look at how to communicate as parents, how to set goals, and learn more about evaluation. There was a lot of energy from parents with the report card changes, but not everyone understands why we changed. This could be a good starting point for communication efforts.

Director Clewell talked about the emphasis on community partnerships that was heard over and over tonight. He felt the efforts of the LSIAC are gaining momentum and agreed achievement was not just measuring test scores. We need to look at true achievement and different ways to measure performance. He talked about involving parents and students again in legislative advocacy this year. Director Johanson wanted to compliment Karen Farley for her wonderful leadership skills. She helps the LSIAC stay focused on specific issues and is very knowledgeable. Bonnie Beechum felt the LSIAC people could help by knowing about issues so they can answer questions before things get blown out of proportion and rumors spread. We want to be advocates for the school district.

Director Guard suggested everyone on LSIAC should find another person to bring to the meeting and share in this process. We need to have a lot of diversity and representation throughout the district. President Zamora praised the LSIAC and said it was so important what they were doing. All parents should be involved for all the children. Thank you for your efforts and please find others who can represent different opinions on the LSIAC.

## **B. Innovative Calendar Waiver for Children's Village Sites 2006-2007**

Linda McClurg explained the process for filing a request for a waiver from the State for continuation of the innovative program calendars for the Children's Village Sites at Hoover, Hayes, and Children's Village West. The administration will need to file the waiver form by November 1, 2005. The Board is required to hold a public hearing for community input on continuation of the innovative program calendars. The public hearing notice will be published and is scheduled to be held at the beginning of the November 14, 2005 board meeting to allow for community input on the calendar for the preschools. Continuation of the innovative calendar applies to the Children's Village Sites at Hoover, Hayes, and Children's Village West.

**c. District-Wide Innovative Calendar Waiver for 2006-2007**

Linda McClurg answered questions on filing a request form for continuation of the district-wide waiver for our Innovative Calendar which is equivalent to the State's requirement of 180 school days. The administration will need to file the waiver request required by the Department of Education by November 1, 2005. A public hearing notice will be published and is scheduled to be held at the beginning of the November 14, 2005 board meeting to allow for community input regarding the continuation of our district-wide innovative calendar. This is the seventh year we have been doing this calendar and the Board heard about in-service days and instructional time. The time students are in class now exceeds what is required by the State. Even with the early outs for staff development and planning on Wednesdays, we still exceed the minimum time required.

Board members expressed their views and understood the ramifications of changing calendars. Some parents want to start later; others want to start early. People want many vacation and holidays in the calendar, but also want to end the school year by a certain time in the summer. It is very involved and we just need to do what is best for the children. Mrs. McClurg said we are providing the necessary time to present coursework and to narrow the achievement gap in our schools. Dr. Schuerman said the questions brought up were legitimate and families are affected by the school calendar. We will need to address the starting date for next school year very soon. We have pressure on the staff to use their time well in the early out days; and they will use this time to learn how to improve their teaching and address the needs of their children.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS****VII. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS/BOARD REQUEST****REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

1. Director Clewell asked for an agenda item on IAW Board Policy 505.05. He requests the administration present an update on scholastic eligibility as it relates to co-curricular activities. He requested special consideration be given to the effectiveness of the study tables we have had since 2002 when the policy was revised from the 2.06 GPA standard.
2. Director Clewell requested information on the GPA data disaggregated by school building, gender, and race for student athletes since 2002. He would like ITED data for student-athletes disaggregated by school building, gender, and race since 2002. (This is for the middle and high schools).
3. Director Johanson would like to have an update on the ESIS system implementation, especially with regard to the LSIAC presentation concerns.
4. Dr. Schuerman thought the next topic the LSIAC could look at would be the calendar. We need to look at starting early, starting late, vacation and holidays, spring breaks and other calendar happenings. We need to look at how a balanced calendar would affect the entire district if changes were made. He encouraged the LSIAC to start these discussions. The Board will need to be making decisions soon on the start of the school year.
5. Dr. Schuerman let the Board know he was going to a Superintendents Conference in Tucson, AZ this week. He will be doing work on the superintendent search and will be speaking about the vacancy to about 70 superintendents. He has three inquiries scheduled and will attend the conference to conduct business for the search.

## VIII. BOARD REPORTS

1. Director Guard attended the Haunted Hunger lunch done by West High on Monday, and thanked the students for their efforts.
2. Director Roberson thanked Karen Farley for the LSIAC report which energized him in the work he is doing. He talked about Mr. Herrig holding a meeting at Wood Intermediate School with the Gospel Temple members where they talked about parental involvement. The 100 Black Men organization is taking kids from J. B. Young to Iowa City to visit that college campus. It is important for them to have this opportunity as they look at the curriculum offered in high school and to plan ahead. The 100 Black Men is a group of men who devote time to talk to kids and they will follow up on the children's grades. If the kids are having problems, they will try to help them become successful.
3. President Zamora wanted to thank Wilson School children for the wonderful banner they made telling the Board how much they liked their playground equipment. Board members held up the long banner which covered the entire board table. It will be displayed at the Administration Service Center.
4. President Zamora said she attended the IASB District #6 meeting in Cedar Rapids with Director Johanson and it was a good session.
5. President Zamora congratulated the West and Central football teams and the Central Band that placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the band competition in Clinton. The Central band also received a #1 rating for their music. She complimented the volleyball team and other sports areas for their hard work. The District is proud of our students.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board adjourn. Director Clewell seconded.  
By consensus the Board approved adjournment.  
President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

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Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary