

REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2004

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 Monday, October 25, 2004, 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 7:08 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 Timothy Tupper. Student board members present were Zach Sapato from Central; Abby Frick from North, and Whitney Linville and Jin Young Yi from West High.

7:08 PM PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. **Innovative Calendar Waiver Request for the Children Village Sites at Hoover, Hayes, and Children's Village West for 2005-2006**

The Board held a public hearing, conducted by President Zamora, on the Innovative Calendar waiver request for the 2005-2006 school year being planned for the Children Village Sites. President Zamora stated the Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the *Quad City Times* on October 14, 2004. She invited members of the public to come forward for this opportunity to have input on the calendar waiver request for the Children Village Sites at Hoover, Hayes, and the Children's Village West for the 2005-2006 year. No one came forward to speak on this matter. The public hearing was then declared closed.

President Zamora announced the Board will consider action on the waiver request to continue the Innovative Calendar for 2005-2006 for the Children Village Sites at Hoover, Hayes, and the Children's Village West later in the meeting.

B. **District-Wide Innovative Calendar Waiver 2005-2006**

The Board held a public hearing, conducted by President Zamora, on the District-Wide Innovative Calendar waiver request for the 2005-2006 school year. President Zamora stated the Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the *Quad City Times* on October 14, 2004. The public was invited to come forward and provide input on this matter during the public hearing. No one came forward to speak on this matter of the district-wide innovative calendar for 2005-2006. The public hearing was then declared closed.

President Zamora announced the Board will consider action on the waiver request to continue the District-Wide Innovative Calendar for the 2005-2006 school year later in the meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

II. RECOGNITIONS

A. Washington Elementary School * *Sheri Simpson Schultz, Principal*

Principal Sheri Simpson Schultz said Washington Elementary School offers kindergarteners and first graders the opportunity to attend Prep School for half days two weeks prior to the beginning of the school year. The Prep School is funded through Allowable Growth and Title funds. Mrs. Simpson Schultz recognized teachers involved this year as **Margie Scott-Craig, Judith Rybka, Carrie Lemm, and Joyce Mullins**. She introduced Marjorie Scott-Craig who shared her insights as a teacher on the benefits of the program.

Mrs. Scott Craig said at Prep School kindergarten and first grade students have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with basic school procedures and routines, meet their teachers, and reduce the beginning of the year anxiety through activities offered. She said they talk about the program at kindergarten roundup and encourage parents to give this opportunity to their kindergarteners and first grade students. This is a gentle introduction to the work we do on literature, movement, and art. We provide an opportunity for kindergarteners to learn about name writing, sharing, listening, taking turns, lining up, and basic writing, coloring, and cutting skills. Kindergarten and first grade have themes and we work for two weeks at making the children comfortable with the school atmosphere. Teachers begin to determine class placement and do some basic kindergarten testing. First grade student instruction focuses on classroom procedures, reading, math, writing readiness, and social skills. They sing songs and practice the alphabet, counting, rhyming, and listening skills. Parents agree this is a positive experience for everyone and the benefits are outlined:

Benefits of this program are:

- ❖ Students are comfortable with their teacher, the school environment, class procedures and were ready to learn the first day of school.
- ❖ Students make an easy transition to a full day schedule
- ❖ A friendship base is already in place
- ❖ Students have less review during the calendar year and were ready to begin the regular curriculum
- ❖ Teachers and parents have an opportunity to get to know each other.

The Board was told the enrollment this year was 49 students. Prep School was in operation between 8:00AM – 12:00 noon. Director Clewell would like to see this type of program offered for the entire career of students and incorporate play into the school experience from K through 12 grade. The total enrollment at Washington was 60 first graders and 50 kindergarten students, so about 44% of the students participated. Mrs. Scott-Craig said that 95% of the parents who came to roundup in the spring, brought their children to Prep School. Half of the children we only see on the first few days of school, so they don't come. Mrs. Simpson-Schultz said the first grade students are returning from the previous year and know about the program. They said people in the office encourage parents to bring their children, but the parents don't hear the "commercial" unless they come to roundup.

B. Jefferson/Edison Elementary School * *Bob McGarry, Principal*

Principal McGarry talked about Jefferson/Edison School students in **Mrs. Sandra Turner's** art classes who get an opportunity to experience an awareness of our complex environment by exploring the visual arts. Art teacher Sandra Turner introduced some of her students as: **Kayla Morgan, Fatima Cabrera, Rene Mendoza, Maddy Haussman, Creighton Devlin, and Daniel Nunez**.

Ms. Turner talked about the “Elements of Art” and “Principles of Design” that are learned using a variety of learning styles, including auditory, visual, and kinesthetic modes. She said our English Language Learners particularly benefit from the use of a variety of learning styles. The lesson the Board saw was an introduction to the art element of *line* and how it shows *movement*! The students listened to a story and responded with answers demonstrating magic lines that are curved, zigzagged, wiggly, up/down, and straight. The children were asked to pretend they were in an apple tree and to watch how the leaves fall down. Their teacher said artists know if they put the lines together they can build all kinds of art work, so the students also built art sculptures using different colors to represent lines. The art work was shown to the Board to see how creative the students were in their understanding of lines and movement. Mr. McGarry said if people come into Mrs. Turner’s class, they see a lot of fun things at work and this was a positive reinforcement for children. President Zamora thanked the teacher for her hard work. She congratulated the students and said how proud the Board was of them.

COMMUNICATIONS

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Tuesday, October 26, 7:30 AM, Kick Off Breakfast for Continuous Improvement Visitation Team for After School Programs (Davenport Holiday Inn)
- B. Tuesday, October 26, 12:00 noon, Ribbon Cutting @ Jefferson/Edison School
- C. Thursday, October 28, 12:00 noon, Ribbon Cutting @ the Children’s Village West
- D. Monday, November 1, 5:30 PM, Committee of the Whole, Washington Elementary
- E. Monday, November 8, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- F. Thursday, November 11, 4:00 PM, Policy Committee Meeting, Administration Service Center
- G. Wednesday, November 17, IASB Delegate Assembly in Des Moines; and UEN meetings
- H. Thursday-Friday, November 18 and 19, IASB Convention @ the Polk Convention Center in Des Moines
- I. Monday, November 22, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- J. Thanksgiving Break – November 26—28 (No school in session)
- K. Open Forum
 - 1. Tobbie Brown, 1515 West 10th Street, Davenport talked to the Board about the impact the school district has made to his family. Some of his children have gone on to college, and other children are still attending our district. He has been in the system for a long time and he wanted people to know the teachers do a good job. He has had some issues and concerns, but he was always able to talk with people about the problems. His children have been in several of our schools as the family moved through the years. Mr. Brown asked to recognize Mr. Swords at West High because all of his children have said good things about him. President Zamora said we appreciate hearing good things about our staff.
 - 2. Melissa Coulter, Artistic Director for the Ghostlight Theatre, Inc. has made a written request for additional time to speak during open forum. Ms. Coulter introduced members on their board as David Hal, Ryan Riewerts, Thomas Brook, Reid Robinson, Michael King, Lori Mariner, and Tristan Layne Tapscott. Ms. Coulter talked about the expansion of their productions and the success they have had using the Holzworth Performing Arts

Center at North High. This is the 10th season of productions. Over the last three years they have called North High their home. They would like to formalize a partnership with the district and North High as a performance and rehearsal space, a scene shop space, and learning experience for students. The Ghostlight Theatre is a non-profit professional theatre company which has donated a number of items to the Holzworth Arts Center. We hope through our work we can train the next generation of artists. For those students who want to be involved in production, they hire young actors to perform.

Ghostlight Theatre has a partnership with Scott Community College and students can even earn college credit from performances. We hope some of what we offer could be used as part of our curriculum and we do have scholarships. The members feel by using the Arts Center, we can also bring in additional revenue to the school district. We have plans to allow North High to use our costumes and we hope to become the professional theatre company in residence. Our Board would like to have an opportunity to explain our ideas to administration and maybe form a partnership like the district currently has with the YMCA. What does Ghostlight get from this? We need a permanent place to be able to perform and set up our design supplies or equipment. We appreciate having a chance to talk to the Board and thank all of you for listening to us. We hope Mr. Andrews or someone will let us know the next steps to take in forming this partnership.

CONSENT AGENDA

IV. 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 as follows: Regular Meeting October 11 and Special Call Board Workshop October 18, 2004.

B. Financial Report

It was recommended that the Treasurer's monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending August 31, 2004 be approved.

C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

RESIGNATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Eechaute-Lopez, Annette Department Head (.5) Smart Intermediate	Effective: 10/5/04 \$737.50 (6%) prorated to \$115.61 for 29 days of the 2004-2005 school year
Finn, Van Patrick Head Girls' Sophomore Basketball Coach West High	12% \$2,951.00
Quijas, Kevin Sophomore Wrestling Coach North High	10% \$2,459.00

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Finn, Van Patrick	12%
Assistant Girls' Varsity	\$2,951.00
Basketball Coach	
West High	
Hanghiam, Ryan	7%
7 th Grade Boys' Basketball	\$1,721.00
Walcott Intermediate	
Haut, Adam	7%
8 th Grade Wrestling	\$1,721.00
Walcott Intermediate	
Keller, Joyce	10%
Assistant Cheerleading	\$2,459.00
Central High	

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SCHOOL	STEP	FROM	TO	SALARY
Anthony	Heather	Madison	10	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$40,384.00
Arp	Julie	Truman	2	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$27,764.00
Arvanitis	Mary	McKinley	9	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$36,598.00
Awad	Sarah	Harrison	6	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$32,812.00
Baldry	Steve	West	8	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$37,860.00
Barber	Wanda	West	15	M.Ed.+15	M.Ed.+30	\$49,218.00
Beebe	Terri	Sudlow	10	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$40,384.00
Blocker	Alvin	Hayes	15	M.Ed	M.Ed.+15	\$47,956.00
Boyd	Ethelene	Wilson	28	MA+15	MA+30	\$53,004.00
Breinich	Kathlynn	West	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$31,550.00
Brokaw	Heather	Fillmore	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$32,812.00
Capper	Dawn	Central	9	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$36,598.00
Catlin	Kimberly	Young	5	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$34,074.00
Chancellor	Tracy	Madison	2	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$30,288.00
Crossen	Teresa	Sudlow	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$32,812.00
Davis	Sandra	Adams	23	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$50,480.00
Dembosky	Stephanie	Wood	10	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$40,384.00
DeRoin	Debra	Garfield	9	M.Ed.	M.Ed.+15	\$40,384.00
Drumm	Kelly	Sudlow	14	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$46,694.00
Dykstra	Shawn	Walcott Inter	6	B.A.	M.S.	\$35,336.00
Elmore	David	Sudlow	7	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$34,074.00
Falk	Pamela	ASC	15	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$47,956.00
Falk	Pamela	ASC	15	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$2,592.00
Flynn	Jon	West	9	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$19,561.00
Fry	Heather	North	7	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$34,074.00
Galvin	Patrick	KCAE	6	B.Ed.+15	M.Ed.	\$35,336.00
Greer	Martha	Walcott Inter	12	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$42,908.00

Hafner	Dan	Madison	12	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$42,908.00
Happel	Sara	Fillmore	8	B.A.	M.S.	\$37,860.00
Harris	Mary Elizabeth	Fillmore	15	M.Ed.+15	M.Ed.+30	\$49,218.00
Hassig	Matthew	West	8	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$37,860.00
Heithoff	Robert	North	1	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$26,502.00
Hermiston	Jeffery	West	22	B.S.	B.S. +15	\$39,122.00
Hobart	Pamela	Smart	11	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$41,646.00
Hoscheid	Mary	Wood	10	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$16,153.60
Huss	Todd	Jefferson/Edison	5	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$34,074.00
Jansson	Mary	West	12	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$42,908.00
Jansson	Mary	West	12	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$695.81
Jobgen	Eric	West	30	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$51,742.00
Johnson	Theresa	Young	2	B.M.E.	B.M.E.+15	\$27,764.00
Jurgena	Vincent	Central	12	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$42,908.00
Jurgens	Jane	Garfield	8	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$37,860.00
Kakavas	Kara	McKinley	10	M.Ed.+15	M.Ed.+30	\$42,908.00
Keppy	Tracy	Walcott Elem	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$31,550.00
Kerres	Kelly	Walcott Inter	2	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$27,764.00
Kratz	Sandra	Central	14	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$46,694.00
Lietz	Renne	West	11	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,122.00
Lynch	Lynn	Wood	7	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$36,598.00
Macias	Lori	Fillmore	8	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$37,860.00
Madison	Joyce	Washington	12	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$42,908.00
Marmorine	Marilyn	Buffalo	18	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$50,480.00
McWhinney	Mariann	Sudlow	16	M.A.	M.A.+15	\$49,218.00
Miller	Karin	Jackson	16	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$50,480.00
Mishra	Ila	Wood	11	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$41,646.00
Moorhead	Helen	Garfield	13	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$44,170.00
Newman	Julie	Williams	10	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$42,908.00
Newman	Julie	Williams	10	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$695.81
Nisly	Jenelle	Williams	9	B.A.+15	M.Ed	\$39,122.00
O'Leary	Mary	Monroe	18	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$50,480.00
Pasvogel	Shannon	Sudlow	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$29,026.00
Price	Brian	West	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$32,812.00
Proesch	Laurie	Harrison	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$29,026.00
Rushford	Dona	Washington	19	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$49,218.00
Sade	Mark	Garfield	6	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$35,336.00
Schaeffer	Bonnie	Washington	3	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$29,026.00
Schricker	Nancy	Wilson	13	B.M.E.+15	M.A.	\$44,170.00
Schultz	Ann	Wood	14	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$46,694.00
Scott	Sherry	Wood	13	B.A.+15	M.S.	\$44,170.00
Sharp	Cora	Garfield	13	B.S.+15	M.A.	\$44,170.00
Siokos	James	Sudlow	2	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$27,764.00
Smiley	Jodi	Buffalo	12	B.S.+15	M.S.	\$42,908.00
Striegel	Darla	Smart	12	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$39,122.00
Tabares	Michele	West	9	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$40,384.00
Thorud	Carol	Walcott	15	M.S.	M.S.+15	\$47,956.00

Toppler	Terri	Walcott	29	M.A.+15	M.A.+30	\$53,004.00
Tritt	Kathleen	Garfield	25	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$51,742.00
Vasquez	Marcelina	Jefferson/Edison	6	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$32,812.00
Vonderhaar	Leslie	Sudlow	4	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$30,288.00
Walker	Rebecca	Young	1	B.S.	B.S.+15	\$26,502.00
Walters	Linda	Wilson	24	M.S.+15	M.S.+30	\$51,742.00
Williams	Cory	West	12	B.S.+15	M.A.	\$42,908.00
Wisdo	Courtney	Fillmore	5	B.A.	B.A.+15	\$31,550.00
Wolf	Chad	West	8	B.A.+15	M.A.	\$37,860.00

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Chouteau, Rachel
Para Educator
Children's Village West
Effective: October 14, 2004
Years of Service: 1 mo

Giddens, Maybie
Para Educator
Jefferson Elementary
Effective: October 5, 2004
Years of Service: 1 mo

Haggerty, Johnna
Para Educator
Children's Village West
Effective: October 8, 2004
Years of Service: 1 mo

Hesseltine, Calleen
Para Educator
West High School
Effective: October 1, 2004
Years of Service: 5 yrs 7 mos

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Shelton, Judy
Para Educator
Hayes Elementary
Effective: October 15, 2004
Years of Service: 14 yrs 2 mos

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Devine, Ambrose
Custodian
West High
Effective: October 5, 2004
Salary: \$9.87
Hours: 6 hours/day

Eckhart, Benjamin
Custodian
Blue Grass/Walcott
Effective: October 18, 2004
Salary: \$9.87
8 hours/day

Geving, Gina
Para Educator
Children's Village West
Effective: October 18, 2004
Salary: \$8.40
Hours: 5.53 hours/day

Grondin, Stephanie
Para Educator
Children's Village Hayes
Effective: October 18, 2004
Salary: \$8.40
Hours: 5.53 hours/day

Huffaker, Bethany Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: October 11, 2004 Salary: \$8.40 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Hughes, Sandra Para Educator Children's Village Hoover	Effective: October 18, 2004 Salary: \$8.40 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Karman, Stephanie Custodian North High	Effective: October 13, 2004 Salary: \$9.87 Hours: 6 hours/day
LaMaster, Ladiester Para Educator West High/Williams Intermediate	Effective: October 11, 2004 Salary: \$8.40 Hours: 7.0 hours/day
Lawson, Lori Para Educator Buffalo Elementary	Effective: October 11, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 6.0 hours/day
Reed, Connie Para Educator Harrison Elementary	Effective: October 18, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 6.5 hours/day
Schmidt, Mary Ann Para Educator North High	Effective: October 18, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 7.0 hours/day
Shoemaker, Andrea Custodian Wood Intermediate	Effective: October 11, 2004 Salary: \$9.87 Hours: 6 hours/day
Stockhecke, Timothy Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: October 6, 2004 Salary: \$8.40 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Swanson, Rachel Para Educator Eisenhower Elementary	Effective: October 25, 2004 Salary: \$11.25 Hours: 6.5 hours/day
Vesey, Rhonda Para Educator North High	Effective: October 4, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 7.0 hours/day
Walters, Nicholas Para Educator KCAE	Effective: October 11, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 6.0 hours/day
Weibel, Aaron Para Educator Blue Grass Elementary	Effective: October 6, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 6.0 hours/day
Williams, Laura Para Educator Wilson Elementary	Effective: October 11, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 6.0 hours/day

Winter, Lori Para Educator Adams Elementary	Effective: October 18, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 7.0 hours/day
Witzenburg, Jessica Para Educator Wilson Elementary	Effective: October 18, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 6.0 hours/day
Wolfe, Sara Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: October 18, 2004 Salary: \$8.40 Hours: 5.53 hours/day
Zastrow, Gary Para Educator Eisenhower Elementary	Effective: October 11, 2004 Salary: \$6.80 Hours: 6.5 hours/day

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

MOTION: Director Roberson moved the Board accept the Consent Agenda as presented with corrections. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MOTION: Director Guard moved, "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 voided checks: #158335 for \$792.92, #158373 for \$170.62 and #158448 for \$75.60. Director Clewell seconded the motion.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

VI. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Innovative Calendar Waiver for 2005-2006 @ Children Village Sites At Hoover, Hayes, and Children's Village West

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation that a request be made to the Director of the Department of Education for continuation of the Innovative Calendar for the Children Village Sites at Hoover, Hayes, and Children's Village West for the 2005-2006 school year. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

It was noted a public hearing was conducted and notification was published in the *Quad City Times*.

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

B. District-Wide Innovative Calendar Waiver for 2005-2006

MOTION: Director Guard moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation to make a request to the Director of the Department of Education for continuation of the District-Wide Innovative Calendar that will be established for the 2005-2006 school year, which is equivalent to the 180 days required by law. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

It was noted a public hearing was conducted and notification was published in the *Quad City Times*.

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

C. Appointment of Level I and II Investigators 2004-2005

The administration recommended appointments for Level I and Level II Investigators.

MOTION: Director Tupper moved the Board accept the administration's appointment of Linda McClurg, Betty Long, and Bob Mata to be used as Level I Investigators for the District; and that any of the Approved Iowa Licensed Investigators may be used as a Level II Investigator as needed. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Policy Discussion

The Policy Committee members talked about policy issues addressed at their last meeting and updated the Board on revisions needed on policies. Director Clewell said they wanted board members to be aware of work being done on a set of policies—401.02, 401.44, 401.47, and 401.48. We asked for legal council to review this group dealing with substance abuse and testing issues. The basic issue was there are contradictions in the policies that need to be cleared up and corrected because of changes in the law. We have to be sure these policies comply with each other. He asked board members to look over the materials and let the committee know if they have questions on the revisions. There are questions about our personal appearance policy that need discussion. We review our policies every five years and this is one policy needing review. Student board members were asked their feelings about a dress code at school. Whitney said she thought the policy could be reinforced better. There are some things not appropriate for school and hurt the learning community. The dress code should be upheld, but she didn't think we should have a uniform dress code. Zach thought the dress code was better now than when he was a freshman. Central has a program to work with freshmen and the seniors tell incoming students how to act and dress. Things are a lot better and students adhere to the dress code. Director Clewell liked having the students learn from other peers.

Director Clewell talked about the need to create a cell phone policy. These phones were okay until the picture cell phones came around, and now we have to be very careful of the type of pictures students are taking. Cell phones seem to be very important but years ago they were not even allowed at schools because of the fear of drug dealers. Now everyone seems to have cell phones, but we need some rules. Another policy we have to develop is created because of the "No Child Left Behind" act. We need to establish a policy on NCLB dealing with parental involvement in our district. This will probably be a stand alone policy and we will need further input on development of the policy.

Director Roberson asked the students if there was any reason they knew for letting students have their cell phones on during the class? Abby felt it was not necessary to have them on in class. Students can go to the office and make a call, but sometimes it is convenient to have the cell phone. Recently she had to contact her dad about getting a transcript for her counselor, and it was convenient to just call him during lunch using a cell phone. But it wasn't necessary, only convenient. Director Clewell asked if there was a standard approach for cell phone usage. Abby said certain teachers enforce the rules more than others. President Zamora didn't see this as being out of control, but also wondered why someone had to call a student when they knew the student was taking a class.

B. Board Goals Update

The Superintendent reported on the three-hour board workshop that he facilitated to work on goal development. A summary of the possible goals was completed by the Board Secretary and now people may want to rewrite the goals. We talked about the need to plan for an additional meeting to complete the final board goals. Dr. Schuerman would like to tentatively set the next workshop for Monday, November 15 at 6:00 PM. He would like to hold the meeting at the Bishop House or another location nearby.

AGENDA ORDER CHANGE

President Zamora asked for permission to change the order of the agenda at this point and move the Administrative and Board Reports/Requests to this point in the meeting in order to allow Mrs. Tangen uninterrupted time at the end of the meeting to present her report. There were no objections to this change in the order of the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

1. Dr. Schuerman announced the Lincoln Charter School Application will be presented for discussion at the November 1 Committee of the Whole. The Board will have two months after the presentation to discuss the materials and take a vote.
2. Boundary plans and alternatives will again be on the agenda for discussion November 1 with possible capping alternatives. The administration will present an opportunity for review of the former scenarios and time for board members to discuss the alternatives as a major part of the Committee of the Whole agenda starting at 5:30 PM.
3. Board members were also aware West High is considering the development of a block schedule. The presentation is not ready and could come to the Board in late November or at the Committee of the Whole at the first part of December.
4. Para educators contracts are pending and hopefully will be on the agenda for November 8.
5. Board members were reminded of the two ribbon cutting events this week: October 26 at Jefferson and October 28 at Children's Village West. Both events start at noon.

IX. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

1. Director Guard encouraged people to exercise their voting rights on November 2.
2. Director Tupper noted the students don't have school on November 2, but there will be staff development time. This will help with parking during the election on November 2. We hope people go out and take advantage of their right to vote.
3. Dr. Schuerman said he would be sending out an e-mail to district employees to vote.
4. President Zamora reported the Central girls volley ball team was the MAC conference winners, and North girls volley ball team came in third. Central's marching band was celebrating 24 years of having a Division 1 rating and Central was getting a symphony award for 69 years. Congratulations to all of you.

5. Director Guard mentioned the All State Competition that was successful and recognized our student board members for being fine examples of active high school students.
6. Director Clewell asked why there were so many students in the audience tonight. The response was this was part of an assignment from a government class to attend a public meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

C. School Finance and Budget Discussion Series – Session 3

Dr. Schuerman reminded the Board to be sure and ask question during the discussions on finances. They want people to feel comfortable with this discussion series and to learn from the reports. President Zamora remarked that as board members, we have to learn about finance issues and this was a mini-finance lesson to make sure the Board knows what is needed.

CFO Marsha Tangen continued with the third session of the School Finance and Budget discussions. The State foundation formula is pupil driven and there are regular program state costs per pupil which are known by a variety of names. She talked about the State percent of growth and how the per pupil costs are calculated. The cost per pupil for 2004-05 is \$4,741. The amount of state aid per pupil is determined by the foundation formula which amounts to 87.5% or \$4,148. The 2003-04 cost per pupil was \$4,648 and with a 2% allowable growth we get an additional \$93, which comes to the \$4,741 we have as cost per pupil for the current school year.

Mrs. Tangen talked about the percent of growth history and how we were in budget guarantee starting with 2002-2003. There were questions about the loss of students through open enrollment and what it costs us. Mrs. Tangen said we lose \$4,741 per student and she would have to find out if this includes the property tax money as well. She talked about spending authority which is a cap on what we can spend. It is like a spending limit on a credit card. Cash isn't tied into spending authority, but we can't spend more than our limit. We are always a year behind on our spending authority.

President Zamora noted that the percent of growth has fallen behind the rate of inflation and what we have to spend on negotiated contracts. Mrs. Tangen continued talking about when 4% is not 4% because of declining enrollments. The percent of increase is the new money we have to work with in our district. The Board next heard about adjustments to allowable growth, budget guarantee, on time funding, the 101% option for 2004-05, modified allowable growth, and going to the SBRC for requests for modified allowable budget growth. President Zamora asked if enrollment dropped drastically would the money stay; and if it didn't stay, would we be prepared? Mrs. Tangen said no to both questions. The Board has approved a request to the SBRC for modified allowable growth the ELL and Open Enrollment with specific amounts shown. Management will review our requests and make a decision in December. Last year we received about \$1 million for open enrollment and the numbers are down this year. We have to pay other districts for the students who open enroll out and it is important that those students are counted on our books on September 15. If they come in after the certified date, then we have to spend money we don't receive.

President Zamora asked where the additional allowable growth funds come from for the district. Mrs. Tangen said we levy cash reserve using our local property taxes. We have a negative balance for special education this year and we will need to levy the taxes. We need to look at this spending closely this year. We got the negative balance because expenditures exceeded our revenue. This was because of the number of students sent to other districts, tuition coming in, program needs through IEP's for students, and weighting from the State doesn't match our costs.

Director Tupper asked if we tract the spending through the year on special education. Mrs. Tangen said Betty Long handles the expenditures and budgets for special education, and she would have to respond to those questions. The special education student expenditures are difficult to tract because they are monitored on a day-to-day basis. Mrs. Tangen would like to defer questions on the special education deficit to Mrs. Betty Long for a later date. Director Guard expressed concerns about the open enrollment expenditures and thinks we need to talk more with the legislators about this

system.

The next session will touch on the areas of spending authority, uniform levy, additional levy, unspent balances, miscellaneous income, instructional support levy, and the cash reserve levy. Director Roberson asked why the regular program state cost per pupil had so many different references. Mrs. Tangen said these terms all apply to the same thing, but people in different parts of the state or in departments call it by different names: cost per pupil, state cost per pupil, regular program cost per pupil, or state foundation cost per pupil. They all mean the same thing.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as all ayes.

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

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary