

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2001

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in regular session, pursuant to law and the rules of the Board, on Monday, November 26, 2001 in the Board Room of the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa. Vice President Steve Imming the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: Vice President Steve Imming (chair); Directors Richard Clewell, Steve Hunter, Mavis Lee, Susan Low, and Patt Zamora. Absent: President Jim Hester. Student board members present were Dillon Smith (Central High) and Malory Smysor (West High).

Vice President Imming announced he would be chairing the meeting in the absence of the Board President who was unable to attend.

7:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

### I. PUBLIC HEARINGS -- Sale of District Properties

#### A. 5121 Wapello Avenue, Davenport - Perry Elementary Property

Vice President Imming conducted the public hearing for the purpose of considering the sale of approximately 6.51 acres of real estate owned by the School District located at 5121 Wapello Avenue (Perry Elementary), Davenport, Iowa. Notice of the public hearing was published in the *Quad City Times* on Thursday, November 15, 2001. Written or oral comments with regard to the sale of the real estate described may be made at the public hearing or filed in writing with the Board Secretary. There were no written or oral comments. The Board will consider action later regarding the sale of this real estate pursuant to the terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase dated October 26. The Board will further authorize execution and delivery of the Purchase Agreement for the sale of the real estate. Hearing no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

#### B. 60<sup>TH</sup> and Fairmount Streets Property in Davenport

Vice President Steve Imming conducted a public hearing for the purpose of considering the sale of the real estate owned by the School District located at 60<sup>th</sup> and Fairmount Streets, in Davenport, Iowa. Notice of the public hearing was published in the *Quad City Times* on Thursday, November 15, 2001. Written or oral comments with regard to the sale of the real estate described may be made at the public hearing or filed in writing with the Board Secretary. There were no written or oral comments. The Board will consider action later regarding the sale of this real estate pursuant to the terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase. The Board will authorize a quit claim deed conveying the right, title, and interest in the real estate to complete the transfer. Hearing no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Vice President Imming asked for an adjustment in the agenda, so the item on Statewide Local Option Sales Tax could be discussed before the Recognition Section. Director Imming stated that Karen Petersen would not be able to attend later this evening, so if there were no objections the agenda order will be changed. Ms. Petersen's presentation would be next on the agenda. If board members would like to discuss this item more, there would be time for questions and answers later in the discussion section. There were no objections so the agenda order was adjusted.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. Statewide Local Option Sales Tax

Mrs. Karen Petersen, representing the Iowa Association of School Boards, talked about issues involved with having a statewide local option sales tax. Mrs. Petersen was on the Bettendorf school board for nine years and now represents IASB as a consultant. The IASB was concerned with the matter of equity in education for all students. The districts who have not been able to take part in the Local Option Sales & Services Tax incentives have major concerns that their students were not being given the same opportunities for improvements in facilities. The IASB addressed this concern at their convention in November and it has become one of the legislative priorities for the 2002 year. Statewide sales tax, House File 660, will be the focus of the members to provide equity in education. The SAI and UEN addressed this issue and it was a priority for them also. About 58% of all sales in Iowa are now involved with the LOST revenues. The money can be used for technology in buildings, buses, and whatever was needed for facilities. This would help with property tax relief and has a 20-year term.

We believe that positive achievement is enhanced by better facilities and the research backs this up. The districts that already are involved with the LOST can be grand fathered under the old law. This will increase bonding capacity to 20 years, eliminate sales tax fluctuations in counties, and between states. There would be a better revenue stream for everyone and it might eliminate the lawsuit that is pending by counties not included at the present time. There are 100 smaller districts not receiving the extra revenue now. Mrs. Petersen gave several suggestions on ways to help get the statewide sales tax passed in 2002. She distributed a pamphlet with ideas on how to get involved. She hoped board members would encourage other groups to become interested in helping with a letter writing campaign or inviting legislators to visit their groups. The IASB will keep people informed about what is happening with this issue. The IASB will conduct an ABLE Legislative Advocacy workshop on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Administration Service Center where area legislators will come to talk about this issue. There will also be a forum on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 at the Bettendorf AEA. The key is to be as broad based as possible. We need to expand to the parents, community leaders, businesses, and teachers to help. Mrs. Petersen invited people to call her and discuss this important issue. It is critical to get this passed and solve the infrastructure needs in the next few years.

NOTE: Vice President mentioned that there were two items shown for action later in the agenda—Plans and Specifications for Fillmore and Wood. However, action on these items will be postponed until a future meeting, in case anyone was here specifically for those items tonight.

## RECOGNITIONS

### II. RECOGNITIONS

#### A. **Buffalo Elementary -- Mr. Gerry Offerdahl "Mr. O" \* Sharon Schanoke**

Buffalo Elementary School recognized "**Mr. O**" -- **Gerry Offerdahl**, for his many hours of volunteer service to our students. Mrs. Schanoke nominated Mr. Offerdahl for the 2001 Iowa State Education Association Friend of Education Award. The award was presented to Mr. Offerdahl at a special presentation on November 15, 2001 at Buffalo School. The ISEA bestows this award to one individual who has demonstrated unusual dedication, leadership, and effective service in improving educational opportunities for children. Mr. Offerdahl has made significant contributions to support programs and activities for the children at Buffalo Elementary. We are proud to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Offerdahl's many hours of volunteer service.

#### B. **The Davenport Schools Foundation & RDA \* Rachel Mullins, Grants Manager**

The District recognized the Davenport Schools Foundation and the Riverboat Development Authority for their cooperative work on the P.R.I.M.A.R.Y. Project, Providing Resources In Music Aimed at Reaching Youth. Through this program, Miss Iowa Jennifer Caudle organized the donation and purchase of used musical instruments to give to budding musicians throughout the Davenport Community School District. A \$2,500 gift from the Riverboat Development Authority and thousands of dollars in community donations during the 2000/2001 school year funded the purchase of the instruments, which leveraged over \$4,000 in matching funds by the Davenport Schools Foundation. Mr. Larry Minnard was presented from the Davenport Schools Foundation and Mary Ellen Chamberlin was present from the RDA for this recognition.

#### C. **Riverboat Development Authority & Mary Ellen Chamberlin \*Rachel Mullins, Grants Manager**

The Davenport Community School District recognized the impact and support of the **Riverboat Development Authority** and their **President Mary Ellen Chamberlin**. Other representatives from the RDA and the Davenport Schools Foundation were on hand for a special recognition also. Students in the Show Choirs from Central and West sang "America the Beautiful" for the Board and guests. Ms. Mullins told the Board how the RDA was committed to quality education in Davenport and will be awarding three grants this cycle that benefit Davenport schools:

- ❑ \$5,000 to the David E. Lane Coats for Kids Fund for new coats and dry cleaning of donated garments
- ❑ \$15,000 to the Great River Revelry show choir invitational held each year downtown at the Adler/RiverCenter Complex
- ❑ \$21,000 to the Davenport Metro Swim Team to purchase a timing system for the North High School Pool

**D. North High School \* Jim Andrews, Principal & Chris McCreight, Associate Principal**

North High School had its first Assessment/Career Day on October 3, 2001. Testing (ITED and DRP) was combined with a career day for seniors. The sophomores and juniors tested all day. The freshmen took the DRP tests and then they were involved in a series of seminars for the rest of the day. The idea to change to this format came from discussions the department heads had as part of the School Improvement Team. We are recognizing the administrative staff and the guidance department that developed, planned, and organized the day. Staff and students were pleased with the day and have suggested we do the same thing for next year. A Powerpoint presentation was shown to the Board outlining the special activities that happened at the Assessment/Career Day.

Administrative Staff recognized: Principal James Andrews; Associate Principal Christine McCreight; Associate Principal Jane Petty; Building Curriculum Coordinator Betsy Fair

Department Heads recognized: Language Arts--Sharon Tunison; Math--Steve Rich; Science--Eldon Bird; Social Studies--Bruce Kindig; Special Education--Nancy Shannon; World Languages--Alice Maslanka

Counselors recognized: Jean Borgstadt; Julie Ekstrand; Bethany Less; Tom Neuhaus

Student representatives from several North High School sports teams, who qualified for All State Academic awards, were recognized. Congratulations to the team members on receiving academic awards and participated in the following sports:

- ❑ Girls Swimming - 3.45 GPA
- ❑ Volleyball -- 3.39 GPA
- ❑ Girls Cross Country - 3.20 GPA
- ❑ Boys Cross Country - 3.03 GPA

**E. Adams Elementary School \* Mary McMeekin, Principal**

After the horrific events of September 11, 2001, the staff and students at Adams Elementary School took time to reflect about what it means to be a citizen of the United States. Like other schools in Davenport, our school felt we had to help. We helped with the following positive activities: (1) writing letters to the police and firefighters thanking them; (2) collecting money to donate to the Red Cross; (3) selling cookies to raise money for the children of Afghanistan; and (4) one class sent an Isabel Bloom angel with letters to a school near the World Trade Center. Kathy Middleton and Gail Burney, our music teachers, decided to have a patriotic celebration at their Fall Chorus Concert. The children wrote essays, with help from their classroom teachers, about what it means to be an American. The following teachers and students sang two selections and read two of the children's essays: **Mrs. Middleton and Miss Burney with Paige Bankson, Kyle Barton, Liz Beuthien, Ryan Dunn, Dona Fazliu, Elora Gast, Faith Hall, Lauren Hernandez, Antoinette Holman, Alexis Johnson, Courtney Lopez, Lindsay Moore, Andrea Oake, Brad Phillips, Dominique Saldivar, Rachel Wolfram, Amber Utterback, Jessica Ingles, and Jessica Severt.** The students presented flowers to Dr. Blanche and the Board to thank them for their work.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monday, December 3, 5:30 PM, Adams Elementary Media Center, Committee of the Whole meeting (A tour of the facilities will begin at 5:00 PM.)
- B. Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 to 9:30 PM, Iowa Association of School Boards, ABLE Workshop and dinner, DSASC, Board Room
- C. Thursday, December 6, 4:15 PM, Kimberly Center; Initial Proposal by the Teachers Union presented to the District
- D. Monday, December 10, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- E. Saturday, December 15, 9 to 11 AM, AEA Conference Center, Scott County Legislative Meeting, Open to the Public
- F. Thursday, December 20, 4:15 PM, Kimberly Center; Initial Proposal by the District presented to the Teachers Union
- G. Open Forum for Community Input - There were no requests to speak at this time.

## 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 a Special Call Expulsion Hearing November 12 at 5:30 PM, and the Regular Board Meeting November 12, 2001 were presented for approval.

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

##### RESIGNATIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Oliger, James Principal Extended LOA	Effective: January 10, 2002 Reason: Health Years of Service: 25 yrs. 6 mos.
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##### RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Capozzi, Lynn LOA	Effective: 2/01/01 Reason: Accepted Another Teaching Position Years of Service: 4 yrs. 5 mos.
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Miller, Gina LOA	Effective: 08/20/01 Reason: Resignation as per Article 7.825 of the Master Contract Years of Service: 8 yrs.
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Mott, Julie LOA	Effective: 8/20/01 Reason: Resignation as per Article 7.825 of the Master Contract Years of Service: 23 yrs.
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## LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

DeSchinckel, Sandra Math Wood Intermediate	Maternity/FMLA with Pay Effective: 9/24/01 – 11/16/01
Keeney, Angela Grade 2 Buffalo Elementary	Maternity/FMLA/Extended Leave Effective: 9/04/01 – 6/4/02 9/04/01 – 10/15/01 Maternity/FMLA with pay 10/16/01 – 11/26/01 FMLA without pay 11/27/01 – 6/04/02 Extended Leave without pay

## RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Heiar, Dennis LOA	Effective: 11/26/01 Yrs. Of Service: 30 yrs. 10 mos.
Ockelmann, Delores Math Teacher TAPP/2001	Effective: 1/16/02 Yrs. Of Service: 26 yrs. 5 mos.

## RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Ballard, Mark Asst. Sophomore Boys Basketball West High	Effective: 11/5/01 \$2,374.00 Reason: Move to Head Coach
Saladino, Steve 8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Williams Intermediate	Effective: 11/1/01 \$1,661.00 Reason: Other Employment
Saladino, Steve 7 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Williams Intermediate	Effective: 11/1/01 \$1,661.00 Reason: Other Employment

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Ballard, Mark Head Sophomore Boys Basketball West High	12% Salary: \$2,848.00 2001-2002 Academic Year
Burroughs, Shad 9 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Coach North High	8% Salary: \$1,899.00 2001-2002 Academic Year
Cartee, Christopher Asst. Varsity Baseball Central High	14% Salary: \$3,323.00 2001-2002 Academic Year

Congdon, Todd Boys Tennis Head Coach North High	7% Salary: \$1,661.00 2001-2002 Academic Year
Overton, Steve Sophomore Boys Basketball North High	10% Salary: \$2,374.00 2001-2002 Academic Year
Saladino, Shae Asst. 7 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Williams Intermediate	7% Salary: \$1,661.00 2001-2002 Academic Year

## RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Craig, Melinda Para-Educator Central High	Effective: November 7, 2001 Reason: Personal Yrs of Service: 3 mos
Cummins, Lisa Food Service Cashier North High	Effective: November 20, 2001 Reason: Family Responsibilities Yrs of Service: 8 mos
Horton, Kathleen Para-Educator West High	Effective: November 16, 2001 Reason: Personal Yrs of Service: 2 yrs
Sharon Irwin Food Service Worker North High	Effective: November 21, 2001 Reason: Other Employment Yrs of Service: 2 mos
McBride, Darlena Food Service Worker McKinley Elementary	Effective: November 12, 2001 Reason: Other Employment Yrs of Service: 8 mos
McKinney, Susan Para-Educator Buchanan Elementary	Effective: November 26, 2001 Reason: Other Employment Yrs of Service: 11yrs 2 mos
Williams, Tyna Food Service Worker North High	Effective: November 9, 2001 Reason: Voluntary Self-Termination Yrs of Service: 5 mos

## APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Hayes, Tracee Para-Educator Young Intermediate	Effective: November 5, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 6 hrs/day
Lewis, Phyllis Food Service Cashier Young Intermediate	Effective: November 19, 2001 Salary: \$6.70 2.5 hrs/day

Mayo, Rhonda Food Service Worker Central High	Effective: November 15, 2001 Salary: \$6.50 2.75 hrs/day
Millard, Donna Food Service Worker Central High	Effective: November 19, 2001 Salary: \$6.50 2.75 hrs/day
Morey, Anna Food Service Worker Central High	Effective: November 15, 2001 Salary: \$6.50 2.75 hrs/day
Reiner, Barbara Para-Educator Harrison Elementary	Effective: November 12, 2001 Salary: \$6.20 4 hrs/day

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

**MOTION:** Director Low moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the addendum at their places (showing Delores Ockelmann as a Math Teacher, not Special Education.) Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Zamora, Hunter, Clewell, Lee, and Imming. Motion carried unanimously.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

### V. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following resolution was recommended by the Administration for adoption --

“Resolved that all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and the Board ad hoc committee, 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.”

**MOTION:** Director Zamora moved that all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and the Board ad hoc committee, 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 Clewell seconded the motion. The motion was corrected to include "with the exception of one check which was voided #102947."

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Zamora, Clewell, Low, Lee, Hunter, and Imming. Motion carried unanimously.

## OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

### VI. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

#### A. Resolution for Selling Perry School Property

The administration recommended approval of a resolution for the sale of real estate located at 5121 Wapello Avenue (Perry Elementary), Davenport, Iowa to Steve and Kelli Grubbs for the total sum of \$106,000, and to execute and deliver the Purchase Agreement for the sale of this real estate.

**MOTION:** Director Low moved the following resolution on the sale of Perry School:

WHEREAS Davenport Community School District is the owner of certain real estate located at 5121 Wapello Avenue, Davenport, Iowa and described as approximately 6.51 acres in the City of Davenport, Iowa; and

WHEREAS Davenport Community School District has received an Offer to Purchase said property from Steve and Kelli Grubbs for the total sum of \$106,000.00; and

WHEREAS Davenport Community School District has held a public hearing on the proposed sale of real estate pursuant to Iowa Code § 297.22.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Davenport Community School District in the County of Scott, State of Iowa hereby adopts the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that Davenport Community School District shall sell the Real Estate, above described, to Steve and Kelli Grubbs for the total sum of \$106,000.00, pursuant to an Offer to Purchase dated October 26, 2001;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice President and Secretary are hereby directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Agreement for the sale of the Real Estate and to take such other and further actions as are necessary or desirable to consummate the transactions contemplated thereunder.

Approved this 26th day of November 2001.

Director Zamora seconded the resolution motion.

Vice President Imming mentioned the property now had an address listed as 5200 SW 30<sup>th</sup> Street for clarification. The address on the deed and legal description included was correct in the resolution. (The legal description will be included in the minutes of record.)

**ACTION:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Zamora, Clewell, Lee, and Imming, Abstaining: Hunter. Motion carried.

**B. Resolution for Selling Property at 60<sup>th</sup> & Fairmount**

The administration recommended approval of a resolution for the sale of real estate located at 60<sup>th</sup> and Fairmount Street, Davenport, Iowa to RIVALDD FARMS, INC. in the amount of \$50,000, and to execute and deliver a quit claim deed conveying rights, title, and interest in the real estate.

**MOTION:** Director Low moved the following resolution on the sale of 60<sup>th</sup> & Fairmount:

WHEREAS, Davenport Community School District is the owner of certain real estate located at 60<sup>th</sup> and Fairmount Streets in the City of Davenport, Iowa, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Davenport Community School District has received a request to transfer said real estate to RIVALDD FARMS, INC.; and

WHEREAS, Davenport Community School District is agreeable to transferring said real estate to RIVALDD FARMS, INC. and has held a public hearing on the proposed transfer pursuant to Iowa Code §297.22.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine hereby adopts the following RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED that the DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF SCOTT AND MUSCATINE, STATE OF IOWA, shall sell the real estate more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, Scott County, Iowa, to RIVALDD FARMS, INC. pursuant to the terms and conditions of an Offer to Purchase received in the amount of \$50,000.00;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice President and Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver a quit claim deed from the School District to RIVALDD FARMS, INC. conveying all of the School District's right, title and interest in and to the above described real estate and are further authorized to take such further actions as are necessary or desirable to complete said transfer.

Director Zamora seconded the resolution motion.

Director Hunter commented that in discussion with the administration there was supposed to be a restriction paragraph in the contract to not sell the property for five years. The restriction should be included in the terms of sale in the final agreement. Bill Good said they had talked with buyer yesterday, and he was agreeable with these terms; it was not a problem. (The legal description will be included in the minutes of record.)

**ACTION:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Zamora, Hunter, Clewell, Lee, and Imming, Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Local School Improvement Advisory Committee Members**

The administration recommended approval of the list of new members on the Local School Improvement Advisory Committee.

**MOTION:** Director Low moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation of the new members on the Local School Improvement Advisory Committee as follows: Charlotte Rashid, Michael Schroeder, Lien Nguyen, Steve Bunn, Meliha Seferovic, Sani Turcinhodzic, and Gina Bettini. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Zamora, Lee, Hunter, Clewell, and Imming. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Final Plans & Specifications for Fillmore/Public Hearing (POSTPONED)**

The final plans and specifications for Fillmore Elementary School were postponed.

**MOTION:** Director Zamora moved the Board postpone the public hearing and action on the final plans and specifications for Fillmore Elementary School until the next regular board meeting on December 10, 2001. Director Low seconded the motion

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Zamora, Low, Clewell, Hunter, Lee, and Imming. The motion to postpone was carried unanimously.

**E. Final Plans & Specifications for Wood Intermediate/Public Hearing (POSTPONED)**

The final plans and specifications for Wood Intermediate School were postponed.

**MOTION:** Director Clewell moved the Board postpone the public hearing and action on the final plans and specifications for Wood Intermediate School until the next regular board meeting on December 10, 2001. Director Low seconded the motion

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Clewell, Low, Lee, Zamora, Hunter, and Imming. Motion to postpone was carried unanimously.

**F. Board Policy Revisions/Review #503.10 AND #504.04**

The Board considered action on recommendations for revisions to board policies as previously reviewed and discussed.

**MOTION:** Director Low moved the Board approve the revisions to Board Policy 503.10 Credits Earned in "Upward Bound" program as previously discussed. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Zamora, Hunter, Clewell, Lee, and Imming. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Director Low moved the Board approve the revisions in Board Policy 504.04 Substance Abuse as previously discussed. Director Lee seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes, Low, Lee, Clewell, Zamora, Hunter, and Imming. Motion carried unanimously.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. **Driver Education Fees for 2002-2003**

Dr. Blanche stated that Mr. Ron Owen was available to answer any questions about the fees for driver education classes for the 2002-03 school year. We had discussed this topic last year and the Board encouraged us not to come back each year with increases in the costs for driver education. Mr. Owen noted there were staff reductions this year to help save money. The fee is now \$250 for the course, and the number of students taking the class remains about the same: 105 @ Central, 87 @ North, and 170 @ West High. There are a considerable number of students on free and reduced lunches in the program. Director Zamora asked if we obtained the savings predicted. Mr. Owen said we are at that point and have realized some gains. This was the first year with less staff teaching—two positions were reduced and we now have six people between all three schools.

Director Imming noted the Iowa Code provides only certain things we can charge for and the legislators added driver education to the list. We can charge because of the cost of the automobiles, insurance, simulators, and the high cost of providing this program for students. Director Hunter thought it would be helpful at some point to have a financial report on driver education to compare to what we anticipated in costs and the actual expenses incurred. Vice President noted the driver education staff presented cost savings last year where they researched how to run the program more efficiently at a lower cost. Mr. Owen said this was a very professional and experienced staff. They take pride in the quality of the program and realize the importance of proper training for students learning to drive.

#### B. **Statewide Local Option Sales Tax** (continued discussion)

Board members continued with discussion from the beginning of the meeting on the topic of the statewide local option sales tax. Vice President Imming stated he had talked with Mrs. Petersen at the IASB conference about this topic and he only got in contact with her this morning. Director Hunter remarked that he wanted to be certain that any endorsement by our Board would come after study that our revenue stream would not be diminished in Davenport by a statewide tax. Director Zamora expressed her feelings that our Board promised voters the one-cent sales tax would have a 10-year sunset, and she felt we should keep that promise. We should not take advantage of additional years of taxing our people. Vice President mentioned we would have the option of staying on the program as voted instead of using the new law that might be passed. The IASB is promoting this would be a 20 year statewide local option sales tax.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

### VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

- A. Dr. Blanche commented that he attended the IASB convention in Des Moines in November. It was very beneficial and they also met with the UEN districts in our state. This is a group that outlines legislative priorities that we promote such as allowable growth, one-cent statewide sales tax, early childhood education, and continuation of existing programs, i.e. Phase III, technology, and class size reductions.
- B. There was discussion about the state of the budget and the 4.3% reduction in funding from the state. All districts will be affected negatively by this action of the state. It will be difficult to come up with the 4.3% savings. We will continue to work on this problem in the future.
- C. Director Low mentioned she attended the IASB meeting and found it very helpful. There were opportunities to talk with vendors, sessions, workshops, time to talk with other district, and see service learning projects. Some districts are now requiring service projects as a requirement for graduation. Director Low felt that the younger we start teaching children to care for others in the community, the better it is to keep our country strong. The service learning projects even help with development of future school board members. There is information on audio and visual tapes from one group that we can look over.
- D. Vice President Imming commented he also attended the IASB session and heard about the census data collected that was very interesting. The 2000 census actually showed the population in Iowa had grown. It was a very informative session with slides and web addresses to check. We can get census data by zip code that might help our district in future planning attempts. It showed the age of the population by zip code and other data. We can use this to see where students live and how neighborhoods will change. It might be helpful with decisions we make on schools and staffing in the future.
- E. There were Urban Education Network meetings and reports at the convention. There will be more meetings from UEN and Vice President Imming encouraged board members to consider attending these. There will be some ICN meetings considered and by the second meeting in January a report will come back on how the boards feel about this way to increase attendance at UEN.

### IX. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no additional reports or requests from board members.

## ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Imming declared the board meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary