

**DAVENPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
DAVENPORT SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION SERVICE CENTER  
JIM HESTER BOARD ROOM  
Administration Service Center  
1606 BRADY STREET  
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009**  
**7:00 PM**

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the counties of Scott and Muscatine met in open session for their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 30, 2009, pursuant to law. The meeting was held in the Jim Hester Board Room, at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Patt Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The following board members were present: President Patt Zamora: Directors Richard Clewell, Larry Roberson, Tim Tupper, Ralph Johanson, and Nikki De Fauw. Ken Krumwiede was absent. Other administrators were present for the meeting.

Director Clewell read the Vision Statement:

Vision: Education that challenges conventional thinking, prepares all students to compete in a global society, and inspires our students, parents, staff, and community to answer the question, "What if?"

Director Roberson read the Goal and Mission Statements:

Goal: The Davenport School Board will actively support the efforts of the superintendent, district, staff, and families to ensure continuous student achievement for all students.

Mission: Enhance each student's abilities by providing a quality education enriched by our diverse community.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. December 2 @ 3:45 PM Board Policy Committee Meeting, Administrative Service Center, Conference Room A
- B. December 7 @ 5:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting, Administrative Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- C. December 10 @ 3:00 PM Legislative Advocacy Meeting, Administrative Service Center, Conference Room A
- D. December 14 @ 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Administrative Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room
- E. December 15 @ 7:00 PM Kimberly Center Graduation, North High School

F. Mr. Jose Bucksbaum-ACLU Presentation

President of the ACLU, Jose Bucksbaum, made a presentation describing the activities of the organization. He feels there is a need to compliment what the school is already doing concerning civil rights. The Vice-President described how the ACLU is a resource for the community and would be available for students if there is an interest. They feel there should be an emphasis to educate the young people in our community.

G. Open Forum for Community Input- No one requested to speak at open forum

II. **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 following meetings will be presented for approval as follows: November 16, 2009 (Regular Meeting)

**B. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves, Etc.**

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Buck, Jeffrey	10%
Girls' Assistant Sophomore Basketball Central High	\$2,695.00
Diggs, John	5%
Bowling, Boys' Central High	\$1,348.00
Edwards, Janet	5%
Bowling, Girls' North High	\$1,348.00
Hakeman, Mackenzie	10%
Assistant Sr High Cheerleading Central High	\$2,695.00
Hoeksema, Thomas	25%
Varsity Softball Central High	\$6,738.00
Jones, Chad	12%
Assistant Varsity Wrestling West High	\$3,234.00
Mirocha, Jacob	8%
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wrestling North High	\$ 2,156.00

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Saladino, Sarah Sophomore Softball West High	10% \$2,695.00
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APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Carrillo, Jessica Title I Family Involvement Liaison Children's Villages	Effective: December 2, 2009 Salary: \$11.04/hr Hours: 4.0-6.5 hrs/day
Cooperman, Tavia Para Educator Adams Elementary	Effective: November 23, 2009 Salary: \$8.94/hr Hours: 4.0/day
Foley, Sean Para Educator Jefferson-Edison	Effective: November 23, 2009 Salary: \$8.94/hr Hours: 7.0 hrs/day
Guy, Brandon Para Educator Wilson Elementary	Effective: November 30, 2009 Salary: \$9.29/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day
Hendrickson, Dain Para Educator Williams Intermediate	Effective: November 17, 2009 Salary: \$9.29/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day
LaShelle, Alecia Para Educator Jackson Elementary/Smart Intermediate	Effective: November 23, 2009 Salary: \$9.29/hr Hours: 4.0 hrs/day
Soedt, Gena Para Educator Madison Elementary	Effective: November 16, 2009 Salary: \$9.29/hr Hours: 2.0 hrs/day
Thomas, Kelly Para Educator Monroe Elementary	Effective: November 19, 2009 Salary: \$9.29/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day
VanCamp, Elizabeth Para Educator Fillmore Elementary	Effective: November 30, 2009 Salary: \$8.94/hr Hours: 6.5 hrs/day

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Cross, Darryl Boys' 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Williams Intermediate	7% \$1,887.00
Ehlinger, Brian Assistant Sophomore Football Central High	10% \$2,695.00
Saladino, Sarah Assistant Sophomore Softball West High	7% \$1,887.00
Schroeder, Scott Varsity Football West High	25% \$6,738.00

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Budde, Ann  
Food Service Cashier I  
West High  
Effective: November 27, 2009  
Years of Service: 1 yr 3 mos

Rotherham, Mary  
Para Educator  
Garfield/Lincoln Elementary  
Effective: November 23, 2009  
Years of Service: 11 yrs.

Stombaugh, Julie  
Title I Family Involvement Liaison  
Hayes Elementary  
Effective: December 3, 2009  
Years of Service: 3 mos

Turnmeyer, Jacqueline  
Food Service Worker  
Central High  
Effective: November 13, 2009  
Years of Service: 1 mo

Wagler, Kimberly  
Food Service Worker  
Central High  
Effective: November 16, 2009  
Years of Service: 2 mos

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Amanda Schwartzhoff  
ESL  
West High  
Effective: November 2, 2009  
Salary: \$44,160.00

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Christensen, Tara  
Teacher  
Central High  
Unpaid Leave of Absence  
Effective: January 4, 2010 through May 31, 2010

Farmer, Sean  
Teacher  
Wood Intermediate  
Unpaid Leave of Absence  
Effective: October 19, 2009 - unknown

RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Kiefer, Patrice  
Para Educator  
Monroe Elementary  
Effective: November 23, 2009  
Salary: \$8.94/hr  
Hours: 7.0 hrs/day

Klein, Angela  
Para Educator  
Jefferson-Edison  
Effective: November 23, 2009  
Salary: \$8.94/hr  
Hours: 7.5 hrs/day

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Roberson, Clewell, Tupper, Johanson, De Fauw and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

### III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A resolution was recommended by the administration for adoption of the bills from the bill listing period: November 16, 2009 through November 24, 2009.

**Motion:** Director Roberson moved the approval of the resolution: Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary/Treasurer, reviewed by the administration and board members, and they are hereby audited and allowed as just claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts. Further Resolved, the payment of claims and salaries be approved as presented. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Roberson, Clewell, De Fauw, Tupper, Johanson, and Zamora. The motion carried unanimously.

### IV. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

#### A. Harkin Grant Application-Construction

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the Board approve that the District apply for a Harkin Construction Grant to provide up to \$500,000 for new school construction, renovation, repair, or remodeling to existing schools. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows:  
Ayes: Clewell, De Fauw, Johanson, Tupper, Roberson, and Zamora.  
The motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Harkin Grant Application-Fire Safety

**Motion:** Director Roberson moved the Board approve that the District apply for a Harkin Fire Safety Grant to provide up to \$150,000 in facilities and equipment upgrades. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows:  
Ayes: De Fauw, Clewell, Johanson, Tupper, Roberson, and Zamora.  
The motion carried unanimously.

#### C. Cell Phone Tower

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the District accept the terms of the lease as presented between the Davenport Community School District and U.S.Cellular to establish a cellular tower at North High School. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Superintendent Almanza reported that the early termination clause that was requested by the board was not accepted by US Cellular. Director Johanson asked how the revenues would be used. Mr. Martin answered that they would be evenly split between the District and North High School. Director Tupper expressed his surprise

that this item was brought back as an action item. Mr. Martin stated that an early out is not a typical clause due to the amount of the investment of the project. An additional \$100/month was added in lieu of the early out option. Director Roberson stated that his recollection was that US Cellular stated there are no documented health issues relating to cell towers. Mr. Martin concurred. Director Roberson stated that this could be a source of added revenue. Director De Fauw stated that she is concerned in signing a contract with a company that disregards our opinions. Director Johanson expressed his concern also about long-term health issues. Director Clewell stated that if in the future there was a health issue connection, he believed that the law would intervene appropriately.

**Vote:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows:  
Ayes: Clewell, Roberson; Nays: De Fauw, Tupper, Johanson, Zamora. The motion is not carried.

#### **D. Blue Grass and Smart HVAC Projects**

**Motion:** Director Tupper moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation of the HVAC projects at Smart Intermediate and Blue Grass Elementary, designed by the engineering firm of KPE Consulting Engineers of Bellevue, NE, for completion prior to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Director Tupper asked if we have a plan for the remaining buildings. Mr. Martin discussed the progression of projects as presented in the handouts. Director Tupper asked if we could complete these plans in 3 years. Mr. Martin stated that because we will be reusing some items the process will most likely take more than 3 years. Each project will be brought back to the Board as it approaches the time to begin and every effort will be made to keep the projects moving quickly. Director Johanson questioned the significance of humidity control and outside air into the building as explained at the last presentation. He asked if these projects will meet all the requirements as outlined. Mr. Martin stated that these systems will meet the guidelines. Director Johanson asked if these projects are going to be paid for by projected sales tax. Ms. Tangen answered yes. Director Zamora asked if there would be a penalty for not finishing on time. Mr. Martin stated that it could be addressed.

**Vote:** The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows:  
Ayes: Clewell, Johanson, De Fauw, Tupper, Roberson, and Zamora.  
The motion carried unanimously.

#### **E. Davenport Museum of Art and Weise Building Architect**

President Zamora stated that this item will be removed from the agenda and addressed at a later date.

**V. DISCUSSION**

**A. Audit Report**

Accountant Angela Burch from McGladrey & Pullen presented information on the audit to the Board. She handed out materials and outlined areas in the audit which the Board should be aware of. The Board had the final report and a letter documenting the audit work for year ending June 30, 2009. She talked about governmental accounting principals, internal controls, single audits, and opinions offered. Ms. Burch shared her expertise and findings of the report. She highlighted data shown on graphs and explained information listed on various pages in the certified audit report. She explained each finding as recorded in the report at Director Tupper's request. She also explained that identifying spending authority issues as a future financial threat are not part of this audit process.

**B. Policy Reviews**

Members of the Policy Committee have discussed the following policies and present them to the Board for review:

803.01 (Development of Policy)

No discussion

901.01 (Name of School District)

No discussion

901.02 (Legal Status of the Board)

No discussion

901.03 (General Powers and Duties)

Director Tupper asked the Committee to look at this more closely to see if there are more specific duties/responsibilities that need to be added to this policy

901.04 (Number of Members)

No discussion

901.05 (Filling Vacancies for Directors and Officers of the Board)

No discussion

902.01 (President)

President Zamora suggested the Committee look at adding some additional duties that have become part of the President's role, such as representing the Board at outside meetings, communicating on behalf of the Board, etc.

902.02 (Vice President)

No discussion

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS**

Superintendent Almanza asked Director Tupper about his question on spending authority and expenditures. He asked if he would like more information provided on this topic for the budget discussion. Director Tupper replied he would appreciate that additional information at that time.

President Zamora discussed a special UEN Budget Conference in May in Des Moines on budget concerns and suggested Director Tupper attend.

Director Clewell has been nominated for a one-year term on the IASB Board of Directors. The Board approved casting our vote on the official ballot for Director Clewell.

IASB Convention Report: Director Johanson reported that the convention was shortened significantly from years past. The delegate assembly was well attended and there was lively discussion concerning the priorities presented. Director Clewell reported that many districts are moving forward with the visioning process as we have done. President Zamora reported that UEN meetings discussed some specific financial issues that schools are facing and that the UEN is striving to work together on mutual concerns.

President Zamora reminded the Board of the December 7 Committee of the Whole Meeting and that it will be dedicated to budget discussions.

President Zamora announced that the CHS Volleyball coach, Mrs. Amber Hall, was chosen as Coach of the Year. She also announced that several area students were selected for various All-Star teams and offered the Board's congratulations.

President Zamora announced an invitation to the Board. There will be a Student Built Homes Breakfast on December 9 beginning at 7:00AM at Happy Joes on Welcome Way. All are invited to attend.

Director De Fauw announced the Annual Holiday Concert at Vickie Anne Palmer Hall for the Davenport Schools on December 1.

Director Clewell reported on the Pleasant Valley Sparkles program for special needs kids and commented on the success of the program. He reported that there is some interest in a similar program from some Central HS staff.

Director Roberson announced that 60 kids participated in the John Deere Works program with Director Roberson and others and that it was a successful day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director Johanson seconded the motion. By consensus all board members agreed. President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary/Treasurer