

REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2000

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, December 18, 2000 in the Board Room of the Davenport Schools Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa. President Hester called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

On roll call the following members were present: President Jim Hester, Directors Jamie Howard, Steve Hunter, Steve Imming, Susan Low, and Patt Zamora. Absent, Director Mavis Lee. Student Board Member, Kevin Miller from Central High was present for the regular meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. Buchanan Elementary * *Larry McLain, Principal*

Carver Grant: During the 1999-2000 school year, first grade teachers **Corrin Hentzel** and **Diane Lannan** developed a project designed to enhance their students' math problem solving and cooperative learning skills. To do this, they wrote and were the recipients of a \$5,000 Carver Grant. This grant provided: new tables and chairs to create a brain compatible learning environment by replacing traditional student desks; extensive materials for learning math through hands-on activities; and take home boxes for these materials. Since this furniture and materials have been acquired, the teachers have been better able to incorporate hands-on and cooperative activities into math instruction, as well as into other areas of the curriculum. Four math nights for parents have also been scheduled this year to enhance parent communication and involvement. Congratulations to Mrs. Hentzel and Miss Lannan for taking the initiative to pursue these enhancements for their classrooms.

Classroom for the Future: Last year, Buchanan developed a Classroom for the Future project, funded by the Davenport Schools and the DCSD Foundation. From the beginning, the members of the Schools of Excellence Team, facilitated by Kathy Erickson, determined to push themselves to create an open vision of what a "classroom" might be. They felt that creating a room that students would visit in order to participate in technology-based activities might not result in the closest association with the classroom curriculum. Instead, they identified various technologies that could be where students and teachers needed them most. They also sought technology and applications that would "push the envelope," providing opportunities for teachers to expand their knowledge and skills in using technology for instruction. Selections include: portable computers, which have wireless connections to the network and the Internet, video presentation projectors, digital still and motion video cameras and a science Scope Cam. Members of the SOE team who are to be congratulated for their vision and efforts are: **Kathy Erickson, Victoria Moore, John Mutum, Rhonda Sanders, Nga Pham, Deborah Alejo, Lynda Kitzmann, Jane Flesher** and **Andy VanSpeybroeck**.

Pioneering Accelerated Math: Since September 1999, Buchanan School has embarked on an exciting journey that has involved a significant change in the delivery of math instruction for upper grade students. At that time, **Lynda Kitzmann**, math teacher, and **Victoria Moore**, media specialist, teamed to implement Accelerated Math in four math classes in fourth grade and fifth grade. Accelerated Math is a computer software tool for managing and monitoring students' mathematics learning. It provides daily math work for students, corrects their work and immediately reports the results to students and teacher. The teacher develops a highly individualized program for

each student, based on progress toward district-identified benchmarks. In January 2000, the remaining two math sections were added to this program with the involvement of additional classroom and special education teachers. In January 2001, we will begin implementation of Accelerated Reader in our third grade classes. To date, student achievement, measured by the program in months and years, has been significant. Mrs. Kitzmann and Ms. Moore have also hosted visitations from five schools and from the district's Math Curriculum Council as interest in AM has grown. Following these visits, Truman, Monroe, Jackson and Blue Grass schools have implemented AM and another school is interested. Mrs. Kitzmann and Ms. Moore are to be congratulated for their extensive work on this project and for their willingness to disseminate the information. Dr. Blanche thanked Mr. McLain for his leadership and the staff for all the things they were doing to make Buchanan such an exciting place to learn.

B. 2001 Alternative School * *Patt McCoy, Principal*

The 2001 Alternative Program recognized Mrs. Sue Stolze for her outstanding contributions to our program. Mrs. Stolze has been the counselor at 2001 for the last four years. Mrs. McCoy said during that time Sue has been instrumental in the development of a support group for students who are mothers, and she also works tirelessly with all students to develop schedules quarterly, handle school related problems, community and family situations, as well as housing and daycare issues. All of this is done with genuine respect and caring, a positive attitude, a sense of humor and a lot of love. 2001 is a better program because of Mrs. Stolze's presence.

C. TAPP **Patt McCoy, Principal*

The students and staff of TAPP were honored by the Board's recognition of the quality of this program. Mrs. McCoy said it was programs such as these that make our District unique and on the "cutting edge" of meeting the needs of all students. Due to the severe weather, the TAPP students who were going to make presentations were unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Barbara Orfitelli was available to tell how the students have made great strides, accomplishments, and changes while at TAPP. Their individual stories show how they have turned stumbling blocks into stepping-stones. They have learned things that reinforce their lives by the quality and goals of the program. Dr. Blanche thanked the staff and students for the testimonials given during the past few weeks about the benefits of the TAPP program.

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Schools closed from December 22, 2000 through January 1, 2001; classes resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2001
- B. Monday, January 8, 2001, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room
- C. Thursday, January 11, 2001, 5:15 PM, Local School Improvement Advisory Committee, DSASC, Board Room
- D. Thursday, January 11, 2001, 7:00 PM, 2001 Graduation at Central High Auditorium
- E. Monday, January 15, 2001, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School
- F. Monday, January 22, 2001, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, DSASC, Board Room

G. Open Forum for Community Input

Open Forum is a time for members of the community to give input at a board meeting regarding school district issues or concerns. Ten individuals requested time to speak about issues during the open forum time.

1. Kay Ungurean, 203 E. Denison, Davenport, expressed concerns about closing Perry School and the hardships it will present to students being served. She talked about the severity of problems these children have and the need for a special setting for education.
2. Daniel McNeil, 1847 14th St., Moline, was a para-educator and spoke about the volatility of behavior of the children at Perry and the wonderful resources available to them through the special programs offered.
3. Matthew E. Verdon, 2510 W. 69th St., Davenport, is a teacher and talked about how the students are placed at Perry because they can't achieve successfully in a regular setting. He spoke about his experiences with children who are neglected and sometimes unwanted and how the trained staff works with these students in an integrated school atmosphere.
4. Kris Heuer, 2820 Washington Lane, Davenport, read the letter of a social worker and explained how Eastern Avenue East provides opportunities for families in crisis. Many students have problems that escalate and help is available for the total family here.
5. Andrew Bonde, 1309 Crow Creek Road, Bettendorf, talked about his son who receives special services at Eastern Avenue East. They pay tuition to enable their child to have the benefits of this wonderful program. He felt the District could increase their revenues by offering services to other parents and charging tuition. When children have emotional disabilities, they can be very disruptive and are ridiculed in a regular setting. Through the work with the trained staff, these students succeed at Eastern Avenue.
6. Matt Hantz, 2800 Eastern Avenue, Davenport, read a co-authored letter from Anchorage House Residential Treatment Program & Building Blocks Day Treatment Program. They were concerned about the future of Eastern Avenue/Perry and felt it would be a disservice to the community to close. Their programs deal with children having severe behavior and emotional difficulties. They frequently transfer students to Eastern Avenue. They praised the highly trained and skilled staff and support continuation of this program.
7. Terry Canright, 2926 Davenport Avenue, Davenport, is a school psychologist with the AEA and he spoke about his experiences with this alternative school. Many students have worn out their welcome at traditional schools and sometimes they are even dangerous to themselves or others. Students at Eastern Avenue/Perry are successful and he hoped the district would continue to keep this program separate from the traditional school setting.
8. Jodi Bunn, 27116 Cathy Ct., Princeton, spoke about the curriculum offered at Eastern Avenue and how activities are manipulated during the day to help students. These students are unlikely candidates to become role models, but the teachers adapt the materials and students engage in learning responsible citizenship and issues of value development. If the program would be eliminated, it would undermine what is being accomplished for these students. Please visit the building and watch what is going on.
9. Dixie Thompson, 4023 Lillie #302, Davenport, explained her views on having a separate program for TAPP students. As a nurse, she was surprised to learn how little the girls knew about themselves and she helped clear up many misconceptions. At TAPP the students learn about birth control, adoption, nutrition, childcare and many parenting skills. They often are high-risk pregnancies and she would help them get a doctor when there were problems. The teen diets are poor and they need to learn how to cope and to get through having their babies.
10. Barbara Orfitelli, 5618 Lillie, Davenport, spoke on behalf of the TAPP program. There are so many rumors about what is happening with TAPP and everyone is concerned. She invited the board members to attend some open houses in January to visit the school and see first-hand what the day is like for these young woman.

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 All Intervening Meetings

The minutes of board meetings were presented for approval for Special Call Meeting, November 20, 2000; Committee of the Whole meeting, November 20, 2000; Regular Board Meeting November 27, 2000, and Committee of the Whole meeting, December 4, 2000.

B. Financial Report

It was recommended the Treasurer's monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending October 31, 2000 be approved.

C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

RESIGNATIONS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

	Davenport, Jeanene Varsity Girls' Swimming Coach Central High	Effective: November 21, 2000 Salary: \$3,260.00 Reason: Personal
	Rathje, Susan Assistant Girls' Swimming Coach Central High	Effective: November 21, 2000 Salary: \$2,329.00 Reason: Personal
*	Stald, Edward Grade 7 Boys' Basketball Coach (second team) Young Intermediate	Effective: November 28, 2000 Salary: \$1,630.00 Reason: Further Education
*	Stald, Edward Grade 8 Boys' Basketball Coach (second team) Young Intermediate	Effective: November 28, 2000 Salary: \$1,630.00 Reason: Further Education
*	Stald, Edward Assistant Co-ed Track Coach Young Intermediate	Effective: November 28, 2000 Salary: \$1,164.00 Reason: Further Education

SUPPLEMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

*	Ashcraft, Robert High School Flag Line Instructor North High	7% \$1,630.00
	Jackson, Vince Grade 8 Boys' Basketball Coach (second team) Young Intermediate	7% \$1,630.00
	Kramer, Julia Assistant Boys' Swimming Coach West High	10% \$2,329.00
	Verdon, Matthew Grade 7 Wrestling Coach (second team) Williams Intermediate	7% \$1,630.00

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Buswell, Lana Para-Educator North High	Effective: November 2, 2000 Reason: Other Employment Years of Service: 8 yrs 2 mos
Mills, Virginia Secretary, Grade II Operations Center	Effective: January 18, 2001 Reason: Retirement Years of Service: 18 yrs 1 mo
Powell, Deborah Executive Administrative Assistant Administration Service Center	Effective: January 25, 2001 Reason: Other Employment Years of Service: 18 yrs 3 mos
VanArsdale, Lisa Para-Educator Smart Intermediate	Effective: November 20, 2000 Reason: Other DCSD Employment Years of Service: 1 yr
Wentworth, Rebecca Para-Educator Harrison Elementary	Effective: November 17, 2000 Reason: Family Responsibilities Years of Service: 9 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Gerber, Barbara Custodian Williams Intermediate School	Leave of Absence Without Pay Effective: November 27, 2000 through May 27, 2001 Reason: Further Education
Savala, Otilia Para-Educator Wood Intermediate	Leave of Absence Without Pay Effective: November 29, 2000 through January 19, 2001 Reason: Family Responsibilities

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Athas, Vickie Food Service Worker Blue Grass Elementary	Effective: November 20, 2000 Salary: \$6.50/hr 1.75 hrs/day
Bailey, Christina Para-Educator Jackson Elementary	Effective: November 20, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 3 hrs/M-Th
Bennett, Helen Para-Educator Williams Intermediate	Effective: November 6, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6.5 hrs/day
Brooks, Julia Para-Educator Walcott Elem/Inter	Effective: November 22, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 7 hrs/day
Gonzales, Maria Food Service Cashier Central High School	Effective: November 20, 2000 Salary: \$6.70/hr 2.5 hrs/day
Hearn, Roy Para-Educator Williams Intermediate	Effective: November 6, 2000 Salary \$6.00/hr 6.5 hrs/day
Lapsey, Donna Para-Educator Eisenhower Elementary	Effective: November 27, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6.5 hrs/day
Lines, Jennifer Para-Educator West High	Effective: November 22, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 4 hrs/day
Nguyen, Khanh Para-Educator Madison Elementary	Effective: November 13, 2000 Salary: \$7.75/hr. 3 hrs/day
Palmer, Sherry Food Service Worker West High School	Effective: November 27, 2000 Salary: \$6.50/hr 2.75 hrs/day
Robertson, Terry Van Driver Operations	Effective: November 16, 2000 Salary: \$8.25/hr 7.25 hrs/day
Schroeder, Pam Para-Educator Williams Intermediate	Effective: November 6, 2000 Salary: \$6.00/hr 6.5hrs/day
Schultz, Tammy Custodian Administration Service Center	Effective: November 27, 2000 Salary: \$9.29/hr 4hrs/day

Speer, Pamela
Para-Educator
Williams Intermediate

Effective: October 30, 2000
Salary: \$6.00/hr
6.5 hrs/day

Wooldridge, Kathy
Food Service Worker
West High School

Effective: November 27, 2000
Salary: \$6.50/hr
2.75 hrs/day

* Not a Teacher ** Served as Guest Teacher *** Not a Replacement

MOTION: Director Low moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. 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 Imming moved the Board accept the resolution regarding approval of the bills that were released because the meeting December 11th was canceled due to the weather. Director Howard seconded the motion.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Audit Report for 1999-2000

It was the recommendation of the administration to approve the Audit Report for 1999/2000, prepared by the firm of EideBailly, LLP, as reviewed and discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 4, 2000.

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board approve the Audit Report for 1999/2000, prepared by the firm of EideBailly, LLP, as reviewed and discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 4, 2000. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

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

B. Purchase Agreement for 1946 West 6th Street

The administration recommended the Board approve the purchase of property at 1946 West 6th Street, legally described as Lot 7 in Block 2 of Scott and Foster's Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, for \$63,000 from Bronislaw and Josephine Hensler.

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board approve the purchase of property at 1946 West 6th Street, legally described as Lot 7 in Block 2 of Scott and Foster's Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, for \$63,000 from Bronislaw and Josephine Hensler. Director Low seconded the motion.

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

C. Secondary Service Book Adoptions

The administration recommended the adoption of instructional materials for secondary language arts and social studies for the following courses: Sixth Grade Language Arts, World Cultures (grades 10-12), and Historical Viewpoints of Modern America (grades 10-12) in the amount of \$45,660. They also recommend the adoption of materials for secondary business for the following courses: Information Management (grades 11-12) and Web Design (grades 9-12) in the amount of \$5,070.

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board approve the adoption of instructional materials for secondary language arts and social studies for \$45,660 and adoption of materials for secondary business in the amount of \$5,070 as discussed November 27th. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

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

D. Authorization for Payment of December Bills

It was recommended after the bills have been reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee, the President be authorized to approve payment of claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the amounts including payment of claims and salaries, following the December 11 board meeting, which will be incurred between December 1 to December 13, 2000.

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board approve payment of the bills after they have been reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee and the President has authorized release of the checks drawn between December 1 and December 13, 2000. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

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

E. Bid #601 Masonry Renewal Hayes and Garfield

MOTION: Director Zamora moved the Board approve the Bid #601 from Bert Lafferty in the amount of \$84,860 for masonry renewal at Hayes and Garfield. Director Imming seconded the motion.

President Hester conducted a public hearing on Bid #601 and no one came forth to be heard. Director Zamora questioned why the bid from Lafferty was so much cheaper than any other bid. Bill Good explained this company has worked with the District before and they will adhere to the specifications. We have talked with them and they are standing behind their bid.

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

E. Bid #601 Masonry Renewal Hayes and Garfield (tuckpointing and waterproofing)

Bids and Quotations

RE: Bid No. 601
For Board Meeting – 12-11-2000

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

Masonry renewal on the east elevation at Hayes Elementary and the west courtyard area of Garfield Elementary. This project shall include complete tuckpointing and waterproofing of the described areas.

2. Rationale:

Existing brick walls are in very poor condition. Complete tuckpointing and waterproofing of these areas shall restore walls and prevent moisture from infiltrating interior spaces.

3. Department and person responsible for the expenditure of the budget:

<u>Support Services</u>	<u>Bill Good</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>PPEL</u>	<u> </u>
Department	Administrator	Budget or Estimate	Fund	Req. Number

4. Number of bids sent to vendors: 9 **Date:** November 15th 2000

5. Number of bids received from vendors: 5 **Date:** November 29th 2000

6. Listing of Vendors:

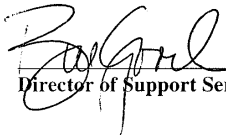
E&H Restoration, Davenport, IA. – Hayes Elementary: \$48,260.00	Garfield Elementary: \$91,467.00	Package price – \$139,727.00
Tharps Masonry, Oquawka, IL.– Hayes Elementary: \$38,260.00	Garfield Elementary: \$72,280.00	Package price – \$110,000.00
Dennis Construction, Oneida, IL. – Hayes Elementary: \$49,975.00	Garfield Elementary: \$115,983.00	Package price – \$165,958.00
Bert Lafferty Co., Rock Island, IL. – Hayes Elementary: \$33,973.00	Garfield Elementary: \$52,887.00	Package price – \$84,860.00
Mississippi Valley Restoration, Joy, IL. – Hayes Elementary: \$38,327.00	Garfield Elementary: \$74,307.00	Package price – \$109,255.00


7. Recommended Bid:

The low bid package price from Bert Lafferty in the amount of \$84,860.00.

8. Other Comments:

- Work to be performed during the summer, when building is unoccupied.
- Contractors were given the opportunity to bid these projects separately or in a package price. Based upon increased scale, it is advantageous for the district to take the packaged price instead of using separate contractors.


Director of Support Services


Chief Financial Officer

F. Bid #602 Partial Replacement of Roofs at Lincoln

Bids and Quotations

RE: Bid No. 602
 For Board Meeting - 12.11.00

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

Partial replacement of roofs at Lincoln Elementary (Section 2).

2. Rationale:

The existing roof is in very poor condition with numerous leaks and becoming infeasible and/or impossible to repair.

3. Department and person responsible for the expenditure of the budget:

<u>Support Services</u>	<u>Bill Good</u>	<u>\$55,000</u>	<u>PPEL</u>	<u> </u>
Department	Administrator	Budget or Estimate	Fund	Req. Number

4. Number of bids sent to vendors: 8 **Date:** November 6th 2000.

5. Number of bids received from vendors: 4 **Date:** November 29th 2000.

6. Listing of Vendors:

Economy Roofing - Bettendorf, IA. - \$60,385.00

Jim Giese Roofing - Dubuque, IA. - \$59,625.00

Rafoth Sheet Metal - Dubuque, IA. - \$50,526.00


White Roofing - Eldridge, IA. - \$55,304.00

7. Recommended Bid:

The low bid from Rafoth Sheet Metal in the amount of \$50,526.00

8. Other Comments:

- Work to be performed during summer, when building is unoccupied.
- Contractors were given the opportunity to bid these projects with others to determine if it was beneficial to the district based upon increased scale. In this case, it was advantageous for the district to take low bid for each school instead of package price.


 Director of Support Services


 Chief Financial Officer

G. Bid #603 Partial Replacement of Roofs at Truman and J. B. Young Intermediate

Bids and Quotations

RE: Bid No. 603
 For Board Meeting - 12.11.00

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

Partial replacement of roofs at Truman Elementary (Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7) and J.B. Young Intermediate (Section 2). This project includes complete removal of all existing roofing materials to roof deck.

2. Rationale:

The existing roofs are in very poor condition with numerous leaks and becoming infeasible and/or impossible to repair.

3. Department and person responsible for the expenditure of the budget:

<u>Support Services</u>	<u>Bill Good</u>	<u>\$305,000</u>	<u>PPEL</u>	<u> </u>
Department	Administrator	Budget or Estimate	Fund	Req. Number

4. Number of bids sent to vendors: 8 **Date:** November 6th 2000.

5. Number of bids received from vendors: 4 **Date:** November 29th 2000.

6. Listing of Vendors:


Economy Roofing - Bettendorf, IA. - Truman: \$251,000.00 - Young: \$64,835.00	TOTAL BID - \$315,835.00
Jim Giese Roofing - Dubuque, IA. - Truman: \$296,105.00 - Young: \$69,805.00	TOTAL BID - \$365,910.00
Rafoth Sheet Metal - Dubuque, IA. - Truman: \$No Bid - Young: \$61,000.00	TOTAL BID - Incomplete
White Roofing - Eldridge, IA. - Truman: \$241,375.00 - Young: \$60,474.00	TOTAL BID - \$301,849.00

7. Recommended Bid:

The low bid from White Roofing in the amount of \$301,849.00

8. Other Comments:

- Work to be performed during summer, when building is unoccupied.
- Contractors were given the opportunity to bid these projects with others to determine if it was beneficial to the district based upon increased scale. In this case, it was advantageous for the district to take low bid for each school instead of package price.


 Director of Support Services


 Chief Financial Officer

F. Bid #602 Partial Replacement of Roofs at Lincoln

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board approve the low Bid #602 from Rafoth Sheet Metal in the amount of \$50,526 for partial replacement of roofs at Lincoln Elementary. Director Low seconded the motion.

President Hester conducted a public hearing on Bid #602 for partial replacement of roofs at Lincoln. No one came forth to be heard.

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

G. Bid #603 Partial Replacement of Roofs at Truman and J. B. Young Intermediate

MOTION: Director Imming moved the Board approve the low Bid #603 from White Roofing in the total amount of \$301,849 for partial replacement of roofs at Truman Elementary and J. B. Young Intermediate. Director Zamora seconded the motion.

President Hester conducted a public hearing on Bid #602 for partial replacement of roofs at Truman and Young. No one came forth to be heard.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. North High School Block Schedule

The Principal Jim Andrews, Dr. Betsy Fair, and the administrative staff presented information on block scheduling at North High School. Mr. Andrews hoped the Board would approve the plans so that implementation of the Block Schedule could be in place at North High for the 2001 school year. This has been a collaborative effort at North and received overwhelming approval by the staff. They will not be requesting additional staff or funds for this program. Dr. Fair highlighted the information presented in the handouts and talked of the benefits and advantages. The Board had an opportunity to discuss this program and asked questions about the implementation process. There has been a lot of research done to be sure this will be successful. They discussed staff development, skinnies (43-minute classes), achievement, student transfers, curriculum mapping, and sharing ideas with facilitators. There was discussion about attendance and suspensions, scheduling, and specific classes such as band, foreign language and algebra. Director Howard requested to have Dr. Casstel report on the block scheduling to the Board as he did in Bettendorf. Director Low appreciated all the work the staff had done on this project. Director Hunter asked about differences from Central and North High and the impact. The differences in the block schedule at North and what is used at Central were explained, and the impact on incremental skills was discussed. There will need to be more evaluation after the program evolves during the next few years.

Student Board Member, Kevin Miller talked about his positive experiences with the block schedule at Central and being able to finish high school in less than four years. He was very interested in the concept of the skinnies and taking extra classes. Mrs. Chris McCreight added information on social studies and science classes and the Board continued with questions about class work. President Hester asked whether the feeder schools have been involved. Dr. Fair said they haven't worked on that part of the plan yet and wanted to wait until they knew the Board was interested in North High pursuing this program. Mr. Andrews noted the families are having an informational meeting and they will have a parental component to the plan. President Hester noted the importance of having parents involved in the process and to generate a positive climate. Director Howard asked about students who finish school early and what would be done to keep them in school. Dr. Fair said they would revisit graduation requirements after a year of the block to see about making any changes. The recommendation will come back to the Board for approval.

B. Board Policy Discussion

The Board had an opportunity to discuss recommendations for changes in several policies that are part of the five-year review cycle or that have been discussed at previous meetings. Board members talked with Dr. Jane Grady and Bill Thiessen about additional changes and revisions. They reviewed Policy 305.22 Use of Security Cameras; 401.23 Private Use of Public Property; 503.01 Promotion and Non-Promotion Practices in Elementary Schools; and 503.11 Graduation Requirements. The board members asked to discuss several items related to these policies at the board table in the future regarding PE requirements for graduation and waivers for sports, solution focus, the summer academy, and graduating early. Director Zamora suggested because of the time factor that discussion of Policy 605.4 Permanent Records be put off until later. Everyone agreed on postponing discussion of this policy.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS

Dr. Blanche attended a finance and leadership workshop. The group learned about making presentations to the SBRC and how to request authorization for additional spending authority.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Requests for Information:

1. Director Howard asked for the accurate cost of Edison Jefferson for the 1999-2000 school year and the cost of Jefferson School for the 1998-1999 school year.
2. Director Howard wanted an agenda item on the physical education graduation requirements.
3. Director Hunter wanted information on physical education and athletes receiving credit for their sports activities.
4. Director Imming asked about graduation requirements—when were these last changed and how might they be changed in light of suggestion regarding North's Block Scheduling proposal?

5. Kevin Miller, student board member, asked for clarification about cost savings to the district if the block schedule would be eliminated at Central. This item was listed as a possible option for cost savings at a previous board meeting. Dr. Blanche responded the savings would be for a reduction in teachers, but this was not being recommended; it was just information for the Board.
6. Director Imming stated that several people talked about Eastern Avenue East/Perry going back to a traditional setting in the general population. This was not accurate information and the administration should get back to them to clarify things. Mr. Hunigan said he did and would talk with them. Director Howard noted the program was not being eliminated but the location might be changed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Howard moved the Board adjourn. Director Low seconded the motion.

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

President Hester declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Linda M. Smith, Board Secretary