

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

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

CLOSED SESSION (SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION)

5:30 PM

CLOSED SESSION (LEGAL MATTERS)

6:15 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

7:00 PM

The Board of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met on Monday, May 10, 2010 for a Closed Session Evaluation of the Superintendent and a Closed Session on Legal Matters, pursuant to law. The closed meetings were held in the Executive Conference Room at the Administration Service Center, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said District. President Zamora called the Evaluation Session to order at 5:35 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Richard Clewell, Nikki De Fauw, Ken Krumwiede, Larry Roberson, Ralph Johanson, and Timothy Tupper. Superintendent Julio Almanza was present.

5:35 PM CLOSED SESSION (SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION)

MOTION: Director De Fauw moved the Board hold a closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance was being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to the individual's reputation, and the individual had requested a closed session, in compliance with Chapter 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called. All ayes.

6:20 PM ADJOURNMENT

By consensus the Board agreed to adjourn.
President Zamora declared the Closed Session Evaluation adjourned at 6:20 PM.

6:20 PM CLOSED SESSION (LEGAL MATTERS)

MOTION: Director De Fauw moved the Board hold a closed session as provided in IOWA CODE Section 21.5(1) (k) of the open meetings law to discuss information contained in records in the custody of a governmental body that are confidential. Director Tupper seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was called. All ayes.

6:55 PM

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus the Board agreed to adjourn.

President Zamora declared the Closed Session adjourned at 6:55 PM.

The Board took a brief recess before the start of the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM.

7:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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, May 10, 2010 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, Nikki De Fauw, Ralph Johanson, and Ken Krumwiede. Other administrators were present for the meeting.

Director Krumwiede read the vision statement.

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. Student Board Members

Director Clewell presented our student board members with a letter from the President, an appreciation certificate and a small gift of thanks for their hard work during this past year.

B. Iowa School Board Recognition Week-“Leading Students to a Brighter Future”

Superintendent Almanza recognized the board members for the time and effort that they have given to the District over this past year.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. May 24 @ 5:30 PM Closed Session (Board Secretary/Treasurer Evaluation) and 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting, Administration Service Center, Jim Hester Board Room

B. Open Forum for Community Input

Nathan Brown, 915 Cimarron Dr., Davenport: Mr. Brown spoke on the i(3) grant opportunity as a parent, not an alderman. It looks to expand the Pre-K program, provides mentors, internships, community college opportunities, and community input. These programs would be advantageous for our students now and for the future.

Susan Lagos Lavenz, N310 Lindquist, Iowa City: Ms. Lagos Lavenz is from the University of Iowa which is acting as the fiscal agent for this grant application. This is an opportunity for multiple entities to work together to secure grant funds. The grant is tentatively outlined, but placeholders are in place for partners input. They look forward to serving as a partner for this grant.

Jason Gordon, 2517 Washington Lane, Davenport: Mr. Gordon spoke on the i(3) grant as a parent, not an alderman. They have children in the school system and feel the core of this proposal shows the strengths of our current system and would help to expand on these strengths.

Jeff Weindruch, 3305 Magnolia Ct, Davenport: Mr. Weindruch spoke on the i(3) grant and complimented the district on trying to bring federal dollars to our district as well as the community trying to do the same. He would like to see both grants go forward as applications to secure as much federal money as possible for our district.

Jim Collins, 6415 Patrick Pointe, Davenport: Mr. Collins spoke on the i(3) grant. He applauded the district for addressing an application on the at-risk students. He applauded the Davenport City Council and Chamber on a grant to help college bound students. He feels it takes a village to raise our children and this opportunity allows us to do that. We need to communicate effectively as a community to do the best thing for our children through these grant opportunities.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

To conserve time and focus attention on non-routine matters on the agenda, the Board considered a number of items grouped together as a Consent Agenda, all items to be approved in one motion.

A. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Regular and Intervening Meetings

The minutes from the following meetings were presented for approval as follows: April 26, 2010 (Regular Meeting) and May 3, 2010 (Committee of the Whole Meeting)

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

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Dietz, Jeffrey	12%
Boys' Varsity Golf	\$3,294.00
North High	

5-10-10 Minutes

Gray, Melanie	19%
Sr High Cheerleading	\$5,216.00
West High	

CORRECTION MADE 5/17/10 PER HR

Hahn, Jordan	8%
Girls' Assistant Varsity Soccer	\$2,156.00
Central High	

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Anwar, Huma	Effective: May 5, 2010
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.94/hr
Jefferson-Edison	Hours: 6.0 hrs/day

Carstens, Jennifer	Effective: May 6, 2010
Para Educator	Salary: \$10.20/hr
Children's Village West	Hours: 6.25 hrs/day

Conner, Carrie	Effective: May 4, 2010
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.94/hr
Buffalo Elementary	Hours: 6.0 hrs/day

Hanson, Catherine	Effective: May 10, 2010
Para Educator	Salary: \$10.20/hr
Children's Village West	Hours: 6.25 hrs/day

RETIREMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Hill, Janice	Effective: End of 2009-10 school year
Talented and Gifted	Years of Service: 8 yrs 11 mos
Young/Walcott Intermediate	

Kindig, Bruce	Effective: End of the 2009-10 school year
Social Studies	Years of Service: 39 yrs
North High	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Alili, Nechka	Effective: End of 2009-10 school year
Reading	Years of Service: 7 mos
Monroe	

Christensen, Tara	Effective: April 18, 2010
LOA	Years of Service: 4 yrs 9 mos

Thomas, Debbie	Effective: End of 2009-10 school year
Grade 5	Years of Service: 5 yrs 9 mos
Buchanan Elementary	

Touloukian, Cami	Effective: End of 2009-10 school year
Grade 5	Years of Service: 10 mos
Lincoln Academy	

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Blocker, Al	5%
HS Strength Coach	\$1,348.00
West High	

5-10-10 Minutes

Christensen, Chad 8%
7th Grade Football \$2,156.00
Smart Intermediate

Christensen, Chad 7%
Boys' 7th Grade Basketball \$1,887.00
Smart Intermediate

CORRECTION MADE 5/17/10 PER HR

~~Hahn, Jordan 8%~~
~~Girls' Assistant Varsity Soccer \$2,156.00~~
~~Central High~~

Holbrook, Dennis 7%
Girls' 7th Grade Basketball \$1,887.00
Walcott Intermediate

Holbrook, Dennis 7%
Girls' 8th Grade Basketball \$1,887.00
Walcott Intermediate

Kindig, Bruce 6%
Department Head \$1,617.00
North High

Voss, Tonya 12%
Girls' Assistant Varsity Basketball \$3,234.00
North High

Voss, Tonya 7%
Girls' 8th Grade Basketball \$1,887.00
Smart Intermediate

Voss, Tonya 8%
Girls' Assistant Varsity Soccer \$2,156.00
West High

Voss, Tonya 8%
8th Grade Volleyball \$2,156.00
Williams Intermediate

Wood, Thomas 6%
Department Head (.5) \$808.50
West High

Wood, Thomas 10%
Assistant Senior High Band \$2,695.00
West High

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Campbell, Larry Effective: June 2, 2010
Food Service Van Driver Years of Service: 2 yrs 9 mos
Operations Center

Hamilton, Jacqueline Effective: June 25, 2010
Custodian Years of Service: 19 yrs 7 mos
Wood Intermediate

5-10-10 Minutes

Young, Ronald
Lead Custodian
KCAE

Effective: June 4, 2010
Years of Service: 20 yrs 11 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Kimura, Holly
Food Service Cashier I
Sudlow Intermediate

Effective: May 14, 2010
Years of Service: 3 mos

Mau, Corissa
Lead Para Educator
Children's Village West

Effective: May 3, 2010
Years of Service: 5 yrs 3 mos

Sullivan, Penny
Para Educator
LOA

Effective: April 21, 2010
Years of Service: 5 yrs 6 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Hansel, Alissa
Math
West High

Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: May 3, 2010 – June 4, 2010

Putman, Jessica
Preschool
Children's Village West

Unpaid Health Leave
Effective: April 27, 2010 - June 16, 2010

Tessier, Ann Marie
ESL
Buchanan Elementary

Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: April 30, 2010 – June 10, 2010

Valleroy, Julia
Physical Education/Health
Young Intermediate/Wilson Elementary

Unpaid Leave of Absence
Effective: 2010 – 2011 school year

RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED

Thede, Phyllis
Clerk II 10 ½ mos
North High

Effective: May 3, 2010
Salary: \$12.56/hr

Motion: Director Roberson moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

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

IV. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A resolution was recommended by the administration for adoption of the bills from the bill listing period: April 23, 2010 through May 5, 2010.

Motion: Director Tupper 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 with 1 voided check:

#271839 to Iowa State University for \$125.00 due to using a wrong address
Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. Foodservice Bid

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board accept the lowest responsive, responsible bid from Reinhart Foodservice of \$1,410,527.66 for food, supplies, storage, distribution and technology services for the DCSD Food and Nutrition Department. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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

B. Race To The Top

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the recommendation to not sign the second Race To The Top Memorandum of Understanding. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Almanza explained that the agenda was prepared prior to some of the changes that the Department of Education has made to the application. The teacher's union, the IASB, and the UEN discussed the issues of this application late last week. There are still concerns, but school districts across the state have had to make significant cuts in their budgets and a number of districts have had to increase their levys to make up for this deficit. After the discussion with these organizations, the final decision of the UEN is to leave it up to local school boards to decide what is best for their communities and schools. The consensus is to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and include the summary concerns as presented. This is a change of opinion, but the superintendent is supportive of signing the agreement. The concerns are as follows:

1. Requirement to "negotiate" a school reform plan (SF 2033)
2. Failure to align appropriate assessment with instruction, i.e., now virtually limited to a norm-referenced standardized test
3. The scope of Iowa's RTTT application may be insufficient to achieve the degree of reform necessary to "turn around" low performance
4. Lack of local authority to institute major reform initiatives
5. Failure to adequately fund public school education

Director Tupper mentioned this is the second time the application has come before the board. The information for the first application came to the board members with very little time for adequate consideration. At that time, our board was concerned that we did not have enough information to sign the MOU. Although this is still not a perfect document, it is consistent with our goals and worth supporting. Director Roberson feels everyone within the district should keep in mind what is best for the kids and not about disagreements among ourselves. Director Johanson questioned the sustainability of this particular grant. His understanding is that it is funded for 4 years. He wonders about the integrity issue vs “going after the money”. He feels it is difficult to accept 2033 and some of the other concerns. Director De Fauw feels that we should agree to sign the MOU so we have the opportunity to receive federal dollars that may be available if the application is granted. Director Krumwiede supports the agreement and asked for clarification on this grant and the i(3) grants. Mr. Almanza stated that the federal government is using money as the carrot to bring about change. A number of those grants come with strings attached. The question is how big are the strings and what do they entail. The RTTT is a state application meant to encourage state innovation. The i(3) grant has 3 different levels for application. They are demonstration to make significant change, validation that must identify proven programs with research, and a scale-up to implement it across the state. The districts grant falls into the demonstration grant. The different areas do not compete with each other. There will be a potential 3rd round of RTTT where districts can present a proposal. Director Clewell stated that with the clarifications for phase 2, it is much easier to understand the implications for districts who participate. He feels the four intervention models are not proven methods and is happy to see Iowa’s current proposal does not require districts to choose one of these models. Iowa has also chosen not to attach high stakes decisions to student achievement and growth until a valid and reliable evaluation system is developed. Director Johanson asked if the 50% of the awarded dollars that is to go to the Department of Education is how the grant is set up or the way the state is applying for the grant. Mr. Almanza stated the state does have a right to set aside an amount. Director Johanson questioned the state’s motivation in supporting it knowing they will receive that 50%. President Zamora stated that the two concerns she had have not been adequately addressed. One being the negotiation of “turn around” schools and the other is tying student achievement to teacher evaluations.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Johanson and Zamora. Nays: Clewell, Roberson, De Fauw, Krumwiede, and Tupper. The motion is defeated with 2 ayes and 5 nays. The board will sign the MOU for the Race To The Top application.

C. Termination of Teaching Contracts

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the recommendation that the contract of James Adams be terminated effective at the end of the current school year for the reasons that were set forth in the Superintendent’s Notice and Recommendation to Terminate the Contract of James Adams. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Clewell asked for an explanation for the terminations. Jenni Weipert explained that these were done as adjustments due to the budget reductions that have been incurred. All staffing aspects were reviewed including enrollment and student interest in classes. We were unable to cover all of the terminations through attrition this year. There is hope that if there are openings over the next two years that these employees could be recalled.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Johanson, Krumwiede and Zamora. Nays: Tupper, De Fauw and Roberson. The motion carried 4 ayes to 3 nays.

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the recommendation that the contract of Danielle Awkerman be terminated effective at the end of the current school year for the reasons that were set forth in the Superintendent's Notice and Recommendation to Terminate the Contract of Danielle Awkerman. The motion was seconded by Director Krumwiede.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Johanson, Krumwiede and Zamora. Nays: Tupper, De Fauw and Roberson. The motion carried 4 ayes to 3 nays.

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the recommendation that the contract of Robert France be terminated effective at the end of the current school year for the reasons that were set forth in the Superintendent's Notice and Recommendation to Terminate the Contract of Robert France. The motion was seconded by Director Krumwiede.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Johanson, Krumwiede and Zamora. Nays: Tupper, De Fauw and Roberson. The motion carried 4 ayes to 3 nays.

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the recommendation that the contract of Daniel Kelley be terminated effective at the end of the current school year for the reasons that were set forth in the Superintendent's Notice and Recommendation to Terminate the Contract of Daniel Kelley. The motion was seconded by Director Krumwiede.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Johanson, Krumwiede and Zamora. Nays: Tupper, De Fauw and Roberson. The motion carried 4 ayes to 3 nays.

Motion: Director Clewell moved the board approve the recommendation that the contract of Adam Olson be terminated effective at the end of the current school year for the reasons that were set forth in the Superintendent's Notice and Recommendation to Terminate the Contract of Adam Olson. The motion was seconded by Director Krumwiede.

Vote: The vote on the motion was called and recorded as follows: Ayes: Clewell, Johanson, Krumwiede and Zamora. Nays: Tupper, De Fauw and Roberson. The motion carried 4 ayes to 3 nays.

D. Policy Review

Motion: Director Johanson moved the Board approve the following policies as presented. Director De Fauw seconded the motion.

- 305.18 Paid Conditional Busing
- 306.04 Bonds for Officers and Employees
- 401.20 Suspension, Demotion, and Dismissal
- 401.27 Recognition for Service of Employees
- 401.44 Employee Substance Abuse Policy
- 401.45 Professional Development
- 401.47 Employee Substance Abuse Testing Policy
- 401.48 Drug Free Workplace Policy
- 501.05 Closing Schools
- 501.06 Homeless Children & Youth
- 501.08 Students-Legal Status

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

VI. DISCUSSION

A. i(3) Grant Proposal by The City of Davenport

Mr. Craig Malin presented the proposed Investing In Innovation i(3) grant from the City of Davenport. The partners would include the Davenport Community School District, the Davenport Education Association, the City of Davenport, the Iowa Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Scott Community College and the University of Iowa. The major elements include additional Pre-K for disadvantaged children, an optional extra hour of middle school, mentors for at-risk middle school students, paid internships for high school students, college tours, advanced vocational training or concurrent community college credit, parental outreach/family engagement, and University of Iowa resources and assessment. This would provide approximately \$25 million dollars for Davenport children. The application is consistent with district goals and directions. It would be locally managed and led by the district. This does not compete with the District's grant application. It includes parental engagement as well as educator involvement. Nothing is being taken away from the district with this proposal and provides a unique opportunity to work together. He is asking that the board sign a letter of partnership. President Zamora thanked the city for the past support of the district.

Director Tupper appreciates the interest in this topic from the community. He is happy to see people as invested in the community and its schools as he and his family are. On April 12 the board was presented with the district i(3) grant proposal and he was happy to know that we were moving forward. Approximately 2 weeks later the board received some information about the city application. He attended the city workshop not because of a direct invitation to the school board, but because his wife was attending. The board has tried over the past few days to gain more specifics on this proposal. He wants to see the specific application document for review. His understanding was that that document would have been provided by this point. He is frustrated that we still do not have the information that is necessary to make an informed decision. Mr. Malin stated he has an updated budget and a version of the application that would include changes that were discussed with Mr. Almanza this afternoon. Director Tupper acknowledges that Mr. Malin is working hard on this, but still needs to see something more specific.

Director Roberson commented that he also needs to see details of the proposal. He appreciates the people in the audience that came forward to speak on this issue. It is bothersome to him when some people think that the board members do not care about children because we don't immediately partner in this grant, but without written information he feels it is not fair to ask the board to make that decision.

Director Krumwiede also is personally invested in this district and believes strongly in community partnerships. He appreciates the city choosing education as a top priority. He also feels that he needs more specifics. He has not seen an application and he needs to know what he would be encouraging our superintendent to do. As a board member he hoped he would have been asked to participate in some of the discussions that have been taking place on this grant. He also hoped that teachers and administrators would have been involved. He feels that the goals presented are in line with the district's goals. He applauds the city in making the effort, but also wishes that they would have sought out the opinions of the board members as the elected officials of the school district.

Director De Fauw supports what the other board members have said. At this point, without details, she would find it hard to support this grant. She feels that curriculum responsibility should stay in the hands of those in the schools district and that the ideas may go beyond the scope of the grant. She appreciates the efforts, but needs more information before making a final decision.

Director Clewell appreciates the interest from the public and the ideas from the Council on this proposal. He is happy to see that some of the ideas from the Visioning Committee were included. The major concern is that he doesn't feel he has enough information to support the grant at this time. He wouldn't support such a grant with this type of limited information from the district either. He wants to know what the expectation of the district's staff would be. He is concerned whether it

is sustainable after the grant is over. The efforts are appreciated, but he is not comfortable with the lack of information.

Director Johanson appreciates the leadership that the mayor and the city have taken on this issue. He encourages the district, the city, and the community to continue to work towards a strong partnership. He asked about the private sector match and whether it is sufficient. Mr. Malin said it would be sufficient. He asked when the city would need a commitment from the district to move forward. Mr. Malin stated by tomorrow at noon is the latest date. Is Mr. Malin suggesting that both grants are not competitive and could both be awarded? Mr. Malin stated that they are actually complimentary and could both be awarded.

Director Tupper asked what they have done to integrate the components of the grant to what we are already doing in the district. Has the district had an opportunity to look at those items? Mr. Malin stated that the visioning process was something that formed the basis of the elements in the proposal. Director Tupper asked what is needed by the administration to make sure that the requirements of the grant can be implemented with our current curriculum. Mr. Almanza stated we haven't been able to talk to any other members of the City grant writers about the process. The City grant writer stated that this was the first opportunity that the board had allowed them to be on the agenda. Mr. Almanza stated that there have been collaborative discussions over the past few weeks, but we still have not received enough information to give support. There are some specific items that conflict with our current models. Our meetings did not result in a partnership, but in a dialogue about possibilities. Another opportunity is the Promise Neighborhood grant and he hopes that we do not end up at the last minute trying to put something together. He would like to work towards working together in partnership.

Director Tupper asked the people from the University of Iowa how close we are to a final document to look at. They are waiting for district input for several key issues. The city would commit whatever resources are necessary over the next couple of days to make this partnership work. Director Tupper asked what type of timeline would be needed to work together on this? If something would be presented to the board and there is time for them to look at it the board would give further consideration. The President would not be in favor of deferring to the superintendent to decide whether to sign after further information has been given. Until we see something in writing, we as a board do not even know what the implications would be.

Director Roberson asked why we didn't get something before tonight. The City grant writer said she just came on board a couple of weeks ago and there hasn't been time to work with the district to fill in their "holes".

Director Johanson said that according to our policy it states that we must post notice of our meetings 24 hours before a meeting. Technically we

could announce another meeting to look at a more final proposal for Wednesday this week.

President Zamora stated that the board has not previously discussed this so she is a little surprised that the opinions of the board are unanimous that we do not have enough information. Her concern is about the type of grant it is. A validation grant isn't appropriate to our district and doesn't fit in with what we are already doing. Although the money would be beneficial, the strings attached may not be possible for us to meet the obligations. Also, what happens when the money is gone, but the obligations remain. It is not reasonable to ask us to review a 45 page document at 9:00 PM. She would like the opportunity to work with the city and would like the money available. She cannot be supportive at this time due to timing issues and lack of information.

Director Tupper said if there is something ready tomorrow he would be happy to look at it. Mr. Malin said unless the board is willing to look at it again on Wednesday there would be no point to work on it. President Zamora asked if the board would be willing to meet again. The consensus was that all board members would make a great effort to be available for another meeting.

Director Tupper stated we should have a document tomorrow for the administration to look at it before the board would look it again.

Director De Fauw stated the administration has the expertise on how it affects our curriculum, our budget, and our current goals and should be consulted.

President Zamora stated that the board is appreciative that the community is involved and this is a good thing. We will give it a try, but we do not currently have enough information to agree to sign on as a partner.

Student board member, Mickey Herman, stated his frustration that although the board is excited and willing to work with the city, not enough information has been given in a timely manner for a decision to be made. Emily Fritz agrees that there is too much information missing for the board to make the best decision for the students and the community. Flint Ridenhour said he is excited about the involvement of colleges in this grant. However, there just isn't the information to make the decision. Keenan Hutcheson sees this grant as something that would benefit the district if it goes forward. However, it isn't something you can do on a whim, you must have your facts straight.

The Superintendent will meet with the City grant writers to review the application. A tentative special Call meeting will be set for May 12, 2010.

B. Textbook Adoptions

Juli Staszewski presented information that was made available to the board on textbook adoptions. There are a few textbooks that were approved last year, but not purchased yet. There are several other books listed for adoption for the coming year. Director Krumwiede asked how

these new adoptions will address the Iowa Core. Kathy Learn said they will encompass the Iowa Core. Director De Fauw asked if each student will have a book to take home. Ms. Staszewski said yes. The textbook management system, Destiny, will allow inventory of all books, have barcodes, create accountability and has forecasting abilities.

Director Clewell asked about electronic formats. Juli replied that we were unable to do a test program because we were unable to find the books we wanted to use in an electronic format and students would have to have their own laptops or Kindles to access their books. It is something to continue looking forward to.

Director Tupper asked if we have supportive research to the effectiveness of the material. It was reported that for the mathematics program we are looking at they have looked at research for a couple of years. They looked at the research based goals and effectiveness. He would like to see copies of the research documents. He asked which of these materials is accessible to students with disabilities. Juli stated that all of our textbooks are available for students with disabilities.

Flint Ridenhour stated that it is beneficial to have a classroom copy of textbooks. He was told that in general we order one per student and that the student take it back and forth. He asked what the school does with old textbooks. They are discarded because they are usually overused and/or out of date. Keenan Hutcheson stated that the Kindle idea is good if it were more of an iPad.

Director Johanson wondered if we considered the impact of the technology not just the curriculum that would be available at this time in electronic formats.

C. Policy Review (moved to the next meeting)

- 503.12 Junior Achievement-delete
- 504.03 Search and Seizure-revision
- 504.06 Parent's and Student's Rights-delete
- 504.08 Good Conduct Rule-revision
- 506.05 Senior Lists-no revision
- 506.06 Religious Excuse from Activities and Practices-revision
- 506.07 Fines, Fees, Charges and Waivers-revision
- 903.09/903.10 Agenda/Distribution of Agendas-revision

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/BOARD REQUESTS

Mrs. Reynolds pointed out that the new regulations for Naming of Facilities was in the board packets.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

Director Clewell will be at IASB later this week and would be unavailable for a meeting about the i(3) grant. If he is available by phone those details will be worked out.

Director Krumwiede asked if there was a way to back out of the i(3) grant if we went ahead and signed on. Almanza replied he believed it would be true if the in-kind matching grant could not be validated or if they look at the whole thing they could not accomplish it. Mr. Malin's understanding is that if the school becomes a partner, there would be opportunities along the way to make changes or withdraw completely.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Director Tupper moved the Board adjourn. Director Krumwiede seconded the motion. By consensus all board members agreed. President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Lynnette Carver, Board Secretary/Treasurer