

REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 13, 2005

The Board of Directors of the Davenport Community School District in the Counties of Scott and Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in Regular Session on Monday, June 13, 2005 pursuant to law and the rules of said Board. Due to construction at the Administration Service Center, the meeting was held in the large meeting room at the Children's Village West, 2826 West Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa, in said district. President Zamora called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Patt Zamora; Directors Richard Clewell, Nikki DeFauw, Ralph Johanson, and Larry Roberson. Absent: Directors Alan Guard and Timothy Tupper.

RECOGNITIONS

I. RECOGNITIONS

A. Davenport Schools Foundation * *Laura Cleaveland and Lola Fike*

Chairman Lola Fike thanked the Board for allowing time to share all the wonderful scholarships being awarded through the Davenport Schools Foundation. The students are a compliment to our District and the work the Board of Education was doing. There were two types of scholarships awarded—one type of scholarship was administered by the scholarship committee with different people on each committee. The second type of scholarship was decided by the donor or the donor's representatives. The scholarship winners were announced with many of the students coming forward to receive the awards and the parents who attended the meetings were also recognized. Mrs. Fike presented the awards to students who were present and named those who could not attend. **Judy Hammond**, Class of 59, presented two scholarship winners; **Brenda Jordahl Buckles** shared information about the awards for Johnson School and presented three scholarships.

KATHRYN BELL TATE SCHOLARSHIP - \$12,000 (4 YRS)

Carly Fleming (North) (\$3,000 per year)
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (Pre-Med)

PARENTS
Scott & Melanie Fleming

JOAN KOLBERG-LOWEN SCHOLARSHIP - \$4000

Benjamin Thoensen-Reller (West)
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA (Elementary Ed)

PARENTS
George Reller

HELEN G. POHLING SCHOLARSHIPS - \$1200 EACH

Abagael Frick (North)
COE COLLEGE (Biology (Med)/Spanish)

PARENTS
James & Deborah Frick

Kaitlin Klipsch (West)
LOYOLA U (Secondary Ed/Human Serv.)

Frank & Terre Klipsch

Miranda Newman (Central)
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA (Education)

Lori Newman

DAVENPORT SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000**Benjamin Kuttler** (West)

CARTHAGE COLLEGE (Business)

PARENTS

Steve & Barb Kuttler

LISA ARBISSER SCHOLARSHIP - \$500**Shawn McLaughlin** (West)

ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY (Accounting)

PARENTS

Keri McLaughlin

*Judy Hammond presented the scholarships recipients from the Class of '59.***THE CLASS OF '59 SCHOLARSHIPS – \$1000 EACH****Shawn James** (West)

AUGUSTANA (Geography & Spanish)

PARENTS

Joe & Deb James

Shawna Pennock (West)

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (Undeclared)

Sheri Pennock

*Brenda Jordahl Buckles presented the scholarship recipients for Johnson School.***JOHNSON SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS - \$1000 EACH****Danniele Johnson** (West) UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (Undecided)**David Ketelaar** (West) WESTERN ILLINOIS U (Law Enforcement)**Duyen Pham** (Central) MISSOURI COLLEGE (Bus. Admin./Law)PARENTS

Randy & Terri Johnson

Bernie & Connie Ketelaar

Le Nguyen

*Lola Fike continued with the remaining scholarship presentations as follows.***HALL OF HONOR SCHOLARSHIPS - \$1500 EACH CENTRAL HIGH****Hallie Kilmer** Elon North Carolina (Communications)**Ellen Kloppenborg** Illinois Institute of Technology (Chemical Engineering)**David Vandecar** St. Ambrose University (Political Science)**(JIM HESTER SCHOLARSHIP)****Kelsey Mims** So. Carolina State (Biology)**Nicole Bowen** (RUSSEL & ELLEN MYER SCHOLARSHIP)PARENTS

Mark & Katherine Kilmer

Daniel & Karen Kloppenborg

Kirk & Jo Vandecar

Benjamin & Dawn Mims

Guardian – Elwyn Druen

JURGENS ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS - \$1500 EACH**Kelsey Mims****Dennis Hammel****CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**PARENTS

Benjamin & Dawn Mims

Roger & Sue Hammel

GEORGE E. WEIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 WEST HIGH SCHOOL**Jacob Freeman**PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Freeman

BRAD PECK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$300 WEST HIGH SCHOOL**David Ketelaar**PARENTS

Bernie & Connie Ketelaar

HANAE FUJIWARA WIESE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP - \$500 CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**William Baker**

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (Trumpet Performance)

PARENTS

William & Nancy Baker

COMMUNICATIONS

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Monday, June 27, 6:00 PM, Closed Session Board Secretary's Evaluation; 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, Children's Village West
- B. Monday, July 4 – Holiday (offices closed)
- C. Monday, July 11 – School Board Candidate Filing Begins (first day to file nomination petitions with the Board Secretary)
- D. Monday, July 11, 7:00 PM, Annual Meeting, Children's Village West
- E. Saturday, July 30, Last Day for Vacancies on the School Board
- F. Thursday, August 4, 5:00 PM; School Board Candidate Filing Deadline
- G. Tuesday, September 13 – School Board Election Day
- H. Open Forum for Community Input
 - 1. Michael Williams, 2644 West 36th Street, Ct., Davenport, thanked the administration for listening to concerns about making changes in the staff at West High for the instrumental music department and not making the transfer. He appreciated the time he was given to discuss this matter with Dr. Schuerman and staff prior to any action.
 - 2. Fritz Miller, 28 Oak Lane, Davenport, explained his involvement with the Davenport Central Rugby Football Club and took time to share the background on how the program developed. At the beginning of last year some eighth grade students said they didn't have a place to play rugby in high school. Mr. Miller talked to Principal Wernentin about examining having students from Trinity Lutheran and Central form a rugby team. They had 41 students who came out (men and women). He thanked the district for this wonderful opportunity for the rugby program at Central and they hope to continue with this partnership next year.

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 Intervening Meetings

The minutes from the last regular board meeting and intervening meetings were presented for approval as follows: Special Call Meeting Search Process May 23, 2005 @ 5:30 PM; Regular Board Meeting May 23, 2005 @ 7:00 PM; Committee of the Whole Meeting June 6, 2005; and Special Call Expulsion Hearing June 9, 2005.

B. Secretary's Financial Report

It was recommended that the Secretary's monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of the various funds for the period ending April 30, 2005 be approved.

C. Personnel: Appointments, Resignations, Etc.

RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Grammens, Janelle Media Specialist Eisenhower Elementary	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 10 mos
Hogan, Kristine Special Education – MC/SCI West High	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 10 mos
Klingborg, Robert Industrial Technology Smart Intermediate	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos
Nurnberg, Nancy Special Education – SCI Central High	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 9 yrs 10 mos
Rothweiler, Sarah Grade 4 Buffalo Elementary	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos
Scott, Robert Physical Education Wood Intermediate	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 10 mos
Tollefson, Robert Social Studies Williams Intermediate	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 2 yrs 7 mos
Warning, Thomas Science Kimberly Center East	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos
Werner, Christopher Vocal Music Williams Intermediate	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 1 yr 10 mos

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Chancellor, Tracy Grade 2 Madison Elementary	FMLA with Pay Effective: April 18, 2005 – May 31, 2005
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DeWitte, Mary Special Education Buchanan Elementary	FMLA with Pay Effective: January 25, 2005 – April 18, 2005 Extended Leave of Absence with Pay Effective: April 19, 2005 – June 8, 2005
Guenther, Jill Grade 3 McKinley Elementary	Extended Leave with Pay Effective: March 21, 2005 – May 2, 2005
Jacque, Amber Grade 4 Lincoln	FMLA with Pay Effective: April 26, 2005 – June 8, 2005
Miller, Sharon Language Arts West High	Extension of Leave with Pay Effective: April 12, 2005 – June 8, 2005
Saylor, Renee French Walcott Intermediate	FMLA with Pay/FMLA without Pay (1 day) Effective: April 20, 2005 – June 8, 2005
Shemak, Jacquie Grade 2 Wilson Elementary	FMLA with Pay/FMLA without Pay (19 days) Effective: March 11, 2005 – June 2, 2005
Simpson, Lisa Grade 1 Madison Elementary	FMLA with Pay/FMLA without Pay (11.5 days) Effective: March 18, 2005 – June 14, 2005
Wolters, Susan Grade 4 Wilson Elementary	Leave of Absence with Pay Effective: 2005-2006 School Year

RESIGNATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Adams, Martha Head Cheerleading Coach West High	14% \$3,443.00
Argo, William 7 th Grade Wrestling, additional if needed Smart Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Baxter, Stephanie 8 th Grade Volleyball, additional if needed Williams Intermediate	8% \$1,967.00

Belz, Eugene Assistant Varsity Football North High	12% \$2,951.00
Broughton, Tonya 7 th Grade Girls' Basketball, 2 nd Team Smart Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Broughton, Tonya 7 th Grade Volleyball, additional if needed Smart Intermediate	8% \$1,967.00
Dunn, Daniel Teacher-In-Charge (.5) Eisenhower Elementary	15% \$1,844.50
Flynn, Jon Events Manager (.5) West High	10% \$1,229.50
Flynn, Jon Assistant Sophomore Football West High	10% \$2,459.00
Hartman, Chrissy Teacher-In-Charge (.5) Eisenhower Elementary	15% \$1,844.50
Hendricks, Melissa Assistant Cheerleader Coach West High	10% \$2,459.00
Heller, Julie Heller, Megan (corrected) Department Head (.5) Williams Intermediate	6% \$737.50
Johnston, Christy Head Girls' Soccer West High	8% \$1,967.00
Johnston, Eric Assistant Girls' Soccer West High	6% \$1,475.00
Lafrenz, Jill Track Girls' Cross Country North High	7% \$1,749.00

Leal, Marty 7 th Grade Boys' Basketball, 2 nd Team Smart Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Leal, Marty 7 th Grade Football Assistant Smart Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Mathurin, Diane Activities Director Young Intermediate	20% \$4,918.00
Miranda, Anthony 8 th Grade Football Assistant Smart Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Miranda, Anthony 7 th Grade Wrestling Sudlow Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Overton, Stephen Assistant Sophomore Boys' Basketball North High	10% \$2,459.00
Overton, Stephen Assistant Sophomore Football North High	10% \$2,459.00
Rios, Gregory Sophomore Boys' Basketball North High	12% \$2,951.00
Ryan, Chad Assistant Sophomore Boys' Basketball West High	10% \$2,459.00
Schlichting, Mark 8 th Grade Wrestling, additional if needed Smart Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Smith, Keith 7 th Grade Football Smart Intermediate	8% \$1,967.00

Sortor, Melissa Swimming Intermediate CoEd Assistant West Side	4% \$984.00
Sortor, Melissa Grade 9 Volleyball West High	8% \$1,967.00
Steffen, Barbara 8 th Grade Volleyball, additional if needed Smart Intermediate	8% \$1,967.00
Tollefson, Robert 7 th Grade Boys' Basketball, 2 nd Team Williams Intermediate	7% \$1,721.00
Tonn, Julie Department Head Sudlow Intermediate	6% \$1,475.00
Tritt, John Teacher-In-Charge Wilson Elementary	15% \$3,689.00
Werner, Christopher Vocal Music Assistant Williams Intermediate	3% \$738.00
Wessel, James Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball North High	12% \$2,951.00

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Gerleman, Troy Band SH Assistant Central High	10% \$2,499.00
Harrison, Michael Safety Patrol (.5) Lincoln	5% \$625.00
Lafferty, Cheryl Teacher-In-Charge Eisenhower Elementary	15% \$3,749.00

Larson, Katie Vocal Music-2 nd Position West High	20% \$4,998.00
O'Brien, Ron Head Varsity Boys' Basketball North High	25% \$6,248.00
Paul, Jennifer Track Girls – Cross Country North High	7% \$1,749.00
Ryan, Chad Head Sophomore Boys' Basketball West High	12% \$2,999.00
Seifert, Micah Assistant 9 th Grade Football West High	8% \$1,999.00

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Chancellor, Tracy Grade 2 Madison Elementary	Effective: June 1, 2005 Salary: \$30,288.00
Guenther, Jill Grade 3 McKinley Elementary	Effective: May 3, 2005 Salary: \$53,004.00
Reynolds, Cheri Grade 2 McKinley Elementary	Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$53,844.00
Shemak, Jacquie Grade 2 Wilson Elementary	Effective: June 3, 2005 Salary: \$31,550.00(1 st semester)/\$34,074.00(2 nd semester) prorated to \$29,346.62 for 166 days of the 2004-2005 school year

APPOINTMENTS: CERTIFICATED

Gerleman, Troy Assistant Band Director Central High	Degree: B.M. – Step 6 Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$32,050.00
Hanson, Tara Special Education – MD/CS Wood Intermediate	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$25,640.00

Hosmer, Karen Media Specialist Central High	Degree: M.S. – Step 7 Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$37,178.00
Larson, Katie Assistant Vocal Music West High	Degree: B.M. – Step 1 Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$25,640.00
Murray, Angela Math Central High	Degree: B.A. – Step 5 Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$30,768.00
Oslzewski, Lindsey Special Education – MD/CC Hayes Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: August 8, 2005 Salary: \$25,640.00
Stokes, Cassandra Art Jackson Elementary	Degree: B.A. – Step 1 Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$25,640.00
Wehr, Donald Industrial Technology Central High	Degree: M.S. – Step 11 Effective: August 24, 2005 Salary: \$42,306.00

RETIREMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Engler, Nancy Para Educator Walcott Elementary	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 12 yrs 7 mos
Schroeder, Barbara Para Educator Kimberly Center	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 19 yrs 8 mos

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS: CLASSIFIED

Catalano, Kim Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: May 20, 2005 Years of Service: 3 mos
Cuevas, Arminda Food Service Worker Central High School	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 9 mos
Dolan, Maureen Para Educator Blue Grass Elementary	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 9 mos

Heller, William Para Educator Truman Elementary	Effective: June 6, 2005 Years of Service: 9 mos
Hintze, Nicole Para Educator North High School	Effective: June 1, 2005 Years of Service: 9 mos
Keen, Katie Jo Para Educator Children's Village Hoover	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 1 yr 11 mos
Myers, Thomas Para Educator North High School	Effective: May 20, 2005 Years of Service: 1 yr 9 mos
Reyes, Phillip Campus Security Kimberly Center	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 9 mos
Sortor, Melissa Para Educator Children's Village West	Effective: May (corrected to) June 20 , 2005 Years of Service: 1 yr 4 mos
Stoner, Patricia Para Educator Eisenhower Elementary	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 7 mos
Weibel, Aaron Para Educator Blue Grass Elementary	Effective: June 8, 2005 Years of Service: 8 mos
LEAVES OF ABSENCE: CLASSIFIED	
Cavazos, Melissa Para Educator Blue Grass Elementary	Effective: April 29, 2005 to August 29, 2005
Firch, Kathi Para Educator Jackson Elementary	Effective: May 3, 2005 to August 29, 2005
Sullivan, Penny Para Educator Jackson Elementary	Effective: April 29, 2005 to August 29, 2005

APPOINTMENTS: CLASSIFIED

Henson, Eric	Effective: May 16, 2005
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.55
Children's Village West	Hours: 5.53 hours/day

Marshall, Tracey	Effective: May 23, 2005
Para Educator	Salary: \$8.55
Children's Village West	Hours: 5.0 hours/day

Scott, Richard	Effective: June 2, 2005
Delivery Person	Salary: \$8.15
Operations Center	Hours: 8 hours/day

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

**ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA
JUNE 13, 2005
PERSONNEL SECTION**

APPOINTMENTS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Scott, Robert	Effective: August 1, 2005
Assistant Principal of Student Activities	Salary: \$59,876.00
Central High School	

Tollefson, Robert	Effective: August 1, 2005
Assistant Principal	Salary: \$59,876.00
West High School	

RETIREMENTS: ADMINISTRATIVE

Andrews, James	Effective: June 30, 2005
Executive Director of Administrative Services	Years of Service: 29 yrs. 1 mo.
Administration Service Center	

RESIGNATIONS: CERTIFICATED

Scott, Robert	Effective: June 8, 2005
Physical Education	Years of Service: 10 mos.
Wood Intermediate	Reason: Other District Employment

Tollefson, Robert	Effective: June 8, 2005
Social Studies Teacher	Years of Service: 2 yrs. 9 mos.
Williams Intermediate	Reason: Other District Employment

APPOINTMENTS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Flynn, Jon	25%
Head Varsity Football Coach	\$6,248.00
North High	

RESIGNATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Scott, Robert	12%
Assistant Varsity Girls'	\$2,999.00
Basketball Coach	
North High	

Scott, Robert	8%
Intramurals Intermediate Boys/Girls	\$1,999.00
Wood Intermediate	

RESIGNATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS (**correction made earlier**)

Heller, Julie Heller, Megan	6%
Department Head (.5)	\$737.50
Williams Intermediate	

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as written with the addendum items added. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Director Clewell expressed his appreciation for the time Jim Andrews spent as a principal in our district and also as the Executive Director of Learning Services this past year. He appreciated Mr. Andrew's sincerity and ability to mediate situations. He has been a positive role model for people. Director Roberson stated his appreciation and said he was sad to see Jim leave our district. President Zamora said she started teaching about the same time as Jim started as a principal and she was happy for the time they had together. Best wishes were extended to Mr. Andrews for his retirement.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION: Director Roberson moved: "Resolved all claims presented to the Board having been duly certified as correct by the Secretary, and reviewed by the administration and Board Treasurer, the same be and they are hereby audited and allowed as just claims and warrants drawn on the Treasury for the several amounts. Further Resolved, the payment of claims and salaries be approved as presented, with the exception of one voided check #168825 in the amount of \$70 to Iowa Illinois Materials. Co. Director Johanson seconded the motion.

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

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

V. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

A. UEN DUES FOR 2005-2006

UEN annual dues were recommended for approval. Membership dues cover a variety of services provided the District for being one of the urban eight school districts in Iowa.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board renew the Urban Education Network annual membership dues for 2005-2006 in the amount of \$7,800. Director DeFauw seconded the motion.

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

B. IASB DUES FOR 2005-2006

IASB annual dues were recommended for approval. Membership services include: Board Governance; Student Achievement; Legislative Advocacy; General Publications; School Finance; Human Resources; Legal; Policy; Meetings and Conferences; Community Relations and Outreach; Business; and Awards and Recognition.

MOTION: Director Johanson moved the Board renew the IASB Membership Dues for 2005-2006 in the amount of \$8,349 which is based upon the District's general fund budget. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

C. TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS 2005-2006

The administration recommended adoption of the new textbooks and materials presented during the review and discussion at the May 23, 2005 board meeting.

MOTION: Director DeFauw moved the Board accept the administration's recommendation for adoption of new textbooks and materials presented for review and discussion with the projected costs estimated to be approximately \$551,426.61. Director Roberson seconded the motion.

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

D. IASB LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2006

The Board considered action for selection of their top five IASB Legislative Priorities for 2006 which need approval by August.

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the following top five IASB Legislative Priorities for 2006 which need approval by August:

- 1 **School Finance:** Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts. Therefore allowable growth for the FY 2005-06 should be set at 6 percent, as the 4 percent already committed is not sufficient to meet the increasing costs of education. The allowable growth rate for FY 2006-07 should be set no lower no lower than 6 percent. (#4 IASB List)
- 2 **Infrastructure:** Supports state funding and legislation to address funding inequities existing in the local option sales and services tax, property tax, and other sources of revenue dedicated for infrastructure. IASB also supports state funding and legislation that promotes property tax equity (both regular and special levies) to minimize rate differences between districts while maximizing resources for students. (#2 IASB List)
- 3 **Personnel:** Supports full state funding to implement quality professional development to improve student learning through each school district's Career Development Plan. (#15 IASB List)
- 4 **Unfunded Programs/Mandates:** Supports funding to ensure that all three-and four-year-olds have access to a high-quality public school preschool program to be funded by revenues that do not divert what would otherwise be K-12 resources. (#25 IASB List)
- 5 **Taxes:** Opposes a constitutional amendment or statewide voter referendum that would limit taxes, spending or local control impacting education. (#13 IASB List)

Director Johanson seconded the motion.

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

E. BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

The Policy Committee recommended approval of the revisions for the following policies that were previously discussed at board meetings.

- #303.01 -- Purchasing
- #501.03 -- Foreign Exchange Students
- #501.11 -- Attendance Centers

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board approve the revisions made in the following policies

previously discussed at board meetings:

- #303.01 -- Purchasing
- #501.03 -- Foreign Exchange Students
- #501.11 -- Attendance Centers (formerly Student Transfers)

Director Roberson seconded the motion.

Director Clewell remarked on revisions made in policies to make sure board members understood the recommendations. Policy 303.01 had minor changes and the sixth paragraph had issues clarified on bidding practices. Policy 501.03 took out the exact number of foreign exchange students and the superintendent will appoint a person to research questions dealing with bona fide programs. Director Roberson asked about diplomas being awarded to foreign exchange students. Mr. Andrews said students receive a certificate of attendance which is different from the diplomas. Policy 501.11 had a name change to "Attendance Centers" and deletion of point #5 which dealt with Lincoln School transfers. Lincoln is working at charter school status and there will be different guidelines for transfers than what was listed. (Copies of the policies will be included in the minutes of record.)

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION WORKSHOP

President Zamora talked about plans to conduct a summer-time board evaluation. The workshop could include activities for goal setting, board evaluation, and brainstorming on plans for the upcoming year. She thought three or four hours should cover the dinner and workshop setting. It was suggested the Board consider using a hotel conference room for the dinner session. Board members felt Monday, August 15 would work with the time from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. This will come back to the full board for action.

B. SUSPENSION PROCESS REPORT

Executive Director Jim Andrews briefly reported on a request regarding how students who are suspended are processed, how they receive homework, and where are they located during suspensions. He collected data from principals at the high schools, intermediate schools, and elementary schools on how they handled suspensions. At the high school level suspensions may range from 1 to 10 days depending on the infraction and the student's prior discipline record. Teachers provide homework and parents are involved in the process. If the suspension is for five or more days, there are alternative sites available for supervision. At the intermediate level alternative to suspension is always offered and parents are involved. At the elementary level parents are informed of incident, homework is sent home with the parent, and there is a re-entry conference held. There may be outside referral made to help.

Director Clewell talked about harassment and bullying and we know this is not unique to our district. He asked about the Youth Survey and what it indicated about how students perceive the problems at school. There were some facts shared such as 72% of the children surveyed said classes were stopped at some time to deal with a major discipline disruption. There were 44% who felt they were not treated with respect and 40% 17% did not feel safe. Although we have tried suspensions, Director Clewell wondered if we were doing enough and being effective.

Jim Andrews talked about training for staff and students being critical. The Board could help by making "Anti-bullying" a priority in our schools. We are focusing on this matter at the Policy Committee and looking at adoption of a policy on anti-bullying. We have curriculum which will also help students learn better ways to handle problems. Director Clewell talked about "gray areas" for suspension and victims being suspended because of fights. Mr. Andrews talked about fights, harassment, thefts, drugs, and assaults as reasons for suspension but the time for offenses and circumstances makes a difference in the suspension. We are using solution focus in middle schools and there will be more work done from K-12 in the future.

Dr. Schuerman added the administration was attempting to minimize the whole conundrum with staff on how they handle referrals. We can't discipline through referrals and we need to make sure we are on the same page on expectations. This will be a priority with the Second Step Chance Program and we will see things happening at the elementary and middle schools. We will put this on the front burner and we are training the leadership now. Director Roberson appreciated the steps being taken but felt the training has to start in the elementary schools. If we wait until middle school, it is too late. Dr. Schuerman agreed; we have to work with K-12 to help form good practices.

Director Clewell asked if there was a different punishment given to the perpetrator than for the other student. Mr. Andrews says this depends on the judgment of the administrator and the facts of the individual case. The perpetrator should get more time and he was working with the leaders on consistency issues. He could see this from many angles and the circumstances make a difference. Parents should be able to get homework for their students within 24 hours. Director Clewell asked about follow up with the parents or students. Mr. Andrews said he doesn't get many calls on this and the counseling department deals with follow up work if needed.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE & INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS; BOARD REQUESTS

1. Dr. Schuerman said he didn't know Jim Andrews before this year, but they established a bond that is unusual in such a short time. We will miss Jim and wish him success in his new position as Assistant Superintendent for H. R. across the river in Rock Island. We hope to still use his advice and expertise on occasion. We appreciate his 30 years of service to the District and wish him luck in his retirement.

2. Dr. Schuerman noted a parents meeting this morning at Garfield and additional meetings are planned for Tuesday, June 14 @ Sudlow @ 5:30; Wednesday, June 15 @ Madison at 5:30; and Monday, June 20 @ Jefferson at 5:30. Board members are welcome to attend. This will be a beneficial process regardless of the final decision on the 8th grade academy. We are looking at how to make improvements and whether we use this model or others, the efforts will work. Not all the idea seeds that are planted will terminate, but there has been lots of discussion on a number of issues and ideas have been brought up. Some time this summer the Board will be getting a report and talk about where to go from here. The Executive Council will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the topic more. Dr. Schuerman answered a question about the length of the parents meeting, and he said they were approximately one hour with a 15 minute presentation and 45 minutes for questions.
3. Director Clewell said he attended the Eisenhower meeting. Public discussion is good but not always easy. It is important to talk with people. As long as they understand what we are about and not think we are slipping something over them, it helps. This is not a done deal and we hope through these visits, people will know more about what we are trying to accomplish. We must continue to involve parents in the process and listen to their ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Clewell moved the Board adjourn. Director DeFauw seconded the motion. By consensus the Board agreed to adjourn. President Zamora declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Linda Smith Kortemeyer, Board Secretary