

**DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CLOSED SESSION, ROOM 2002,
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AND WORK SESSION
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
1800 GRAND
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

CLOSED SESSION — 5:15 P.M.

The Board of Directors met in open session in Room 2002 at 1800 Grand Avenue.

Present: Boesen, Elsbernd, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney

In accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5 (1)(c), Ms. Elsbernd moved that the board move into a closed session by affirmative public vote of either two-thirds of the members of the body or all of the members present at the meeting to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure of the discussion would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the board in that litigation. Motion seconded by Ms. Boesen.

Aye: Boesen, Elsbernd, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney

Nay: None

Motion passed 5-0.

The board returned to open session at 5:40 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM — 5:47 P.M. - 5:57 P.M.

The Board of Directors held a public forum on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, in the multi-purpose room at 1800 Grand Avenue, Dick Murphy presiding.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney

Speaker: Philimena B. Glahn, 926 Oakridge, Des Moines

REGULAR MEETING — 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Murphy called the September 3, 2013, meeting of the Des Moines Public Schools Board of Directors to order.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA — 6:01 P.M.

Ms. Boesen moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Mr. Sweeney.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — 6:02 P.M.

Mr. Jongewaard moved approval of the minutes for August 20, 2013, seconded by Ms. Caldwell-Johnson.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0.

DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS — 6:02 P.M.

Superintendent Ahart recognized two art teachers who were recently honored as Outstanding Art Educators of the Year by the Art Educators of Iowa. Both are working at Findley this year.

- Sarah Dougherty was named the 2013 Outstanding Elementary Art Educator for the state of Iowa.
- Lisa Jorgensen was named the 2013 Outstanding Middle School Art Educator for the state of Iowa. Ms. Jorgensen was previously a teacher at Webster City Middle School.

CONSENT ITEMS — 6:05 P.M.

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MINUTES

Ms. Elsbernd moved that the board approve the consent items including payment of bills previously authorized and certified by the secretary in the amount of \$4,931,016.11 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$2,539,644.87. Motion was seconded by Mr. Howard.

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Ms. Caldwell-Johnson raised the question of how the public is made aware of the opportunity to apply as a director for Heartland AEA. It is not known what Heartland does to publicize the openings, other than making the district aware.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney
Nay: None
Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS — 6:08 P.M.

15. Relocation of the District Print Shop (7-0)	9
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OTHER — 6:16 P.M.

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ITEMS OF PRIVILEGE — 6:36 P.M.

19. Chair's Report

There was no report from the chair.

20. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ahart thanked each of the board members for their work and support of the very complex and hard work in serving all 32,000+ students.

ADJOURN — 6:37 P.M.

WORK SESSION — 6:47 P.M.

The board convened a work session at 6:47 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at 1800 Grand Avenue.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy and Sweeney

The board met with staff and discussed content for the monitoring report on student achievement that will be presented at the September 17 meeting of the board.

The work session adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Item No. 7**Page 1 of 1****Subject: CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS****For: ACTION****Contact: Bill Good**

(harold.good@dmschools.org/242-8321)

Attachment: None

Issue: Payment of contractor invoices.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends that the following contractor and supplier payments be authorized.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Percent Paid</u>	<u>Estimated Fee</u>	<u>Previous Payments</u>	<u>Current Payment Due</u>
<u>Seneca Corp.</u>				
Hoyt Middle School	95%	\$109,900.00	\$91,002.87	\$13,402.13
Asbestos Abatement				
App. 4 (SWP)				
Sealed Bid NO. B6672				
Pleasant Hill Elementary	95%	\$91,275.00	\$30,652.46	\$56,058.79
Asbestos Abatement				
App. 2 (SWP)				
Sealed Bid No. B6665				
			TOTAL	\$ 69,460.92

Presenters: None**Background:** None**Contact:** Bill Good

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Subject: REQUEST OF PROPERTY RIGHT OF WAY AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL HUTCHINS FIELD (2425 BELL AVENUE) FROM THE CITY OF DES MOINES

For: ACTION

Contact: Bill Good
(harold.good@dmschools.org/242-8321)

Attachment: None

Issue: Request for the City of Des Moines to vacate SW 11th Street Right Of Way, South of Kirkwood Avenue – legal description follows:

ALL THAT PART OF THE EAST 25 FEET OF SW 11TH STREET RIGHT OF WAY (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MOON AVENUE) WEST OF AND ADJOINING LOT 63, IN KIRKWOOD HEIGHTS, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA.

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THE WEST 25 FEET OF THE SOUTH 137 FEET OF LOT 19 IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP 78 NORTH, RANGE 24 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., SAID AREA ALSO BEING THE WEST 25' OF SW 11TH STREET RIGHT OF WAY (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MOON AVENUE), ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY IOWA.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the board approve the request for the city to move forward with the vacating of the SW 11th Street Right of Way.

Background: The district owns property on both the east and west sides of the vacated 11th Street and this would allow improved district access to this area.

Item No. 9**Page 1 of 1****Subject: AWARD OF DESIGN FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE DISTRICT PRINT SHOP****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Bill Good****Attachment: None**

(harold.good@dmschools.org/242-8321)

Issue: Design for the relocation of the district print shop.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends that the board approve the contract with Angelo Architectural Associates for the design of the relocated district print shop.**Presenters:** None, Bill Good will be present to answer any questions.**Background:** The work planned is for the print shop to be located in a portion of the existing warehouse at 1917 Dean Avenue. The print shop would move from the fourth floor of Central Campus.

Angelo has submitted a design cost proposal in the amount of \$33,000 including the cost of their consultant's design work.

Funding: PPEL (Physical Plant & Equipment Levy)

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Subject: RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING: GRANTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT (SANITARY SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO THE CITY OF DES MOINES AT STUDEBAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For: ACTION

Presentation: None

Contact: Bill Good

Attachment: None

(harold.good@dmschools.org/242-8321)

Issue: The City of Des Moines is requesting the Des Moines Public Schools grant a permanent easement for the purpose of a sanitary sewer right-of-way at the Studebaker school site, 300 County Line Road.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board approve the resolution to hold a public hearing for the purpose of granting a permanent easement to the City of Des Moines.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District (the "District") has received a proposal to grant a permanent easement for sanitary sewer right-of-way to the City of Des Moines, over, under, through, and across the District's real property located at Studebaker/McCombs, 201-300 County Line Road Des Moines, Iowa and legally described as follows:

Property Description: A PART OF PARCEL 'O' AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 14534, PAGE 839 AND PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER ALL IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 78 NORTH, RANGE 24 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL 'M' AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 14401, PAGE 847; THENCE NORTH 89°22'58" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL 'M', 167.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 24°49'07" WEST, 32.89 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°22'58" WEST, 419.40 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°37'02" EAST, 30.00 FEET TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF PARCEL 'M'; THENCE SOUTH 89°22'58" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 432.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 12,784 SQUARE FEET.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to publish a Notice of the proposed grant of easement and of the hearing and to receive and consider objections and petitions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District:

Section 1. That this Board shall set a public hearing, on the grant to the City of Des Moines a permanent easement over, under, through, and across the above described property, for September 17, 2013 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in the Des Moines Independent Community School District Board Room, 1800 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

Section 2. That the Secretary is authorized and directed to prepare, publish, and distribute the Notice of Hearing.

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**Subject: RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING: GRANTING A
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AT STUDEBAKER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

For: ACTION

Presentation: None

Contact: Bill Good

Attachment: None

(harold.good@dmschools.org/242-8321)

Issue: Solid Ground, L.L.C. is requesting the Des Moines Public Schools grant a temporary construction easement for the purpose of construction of a sanitary sewer at the Studebaker school site, 300 County Line Road.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board approve the resolution to hold a public hearing for the purpose of granting a temporary construction easement to the City of Des Moines.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District (the "District") has received a proposal to grant a temporary construction easement for sanitary sewer to the Solid Ground, L.L.C., over, under, through, and across the District's real property located at Studebaker 300 County Line Road Des Moines, Iowa and legally described as follows:

Property Description: A PART OF PARCEL 'O' AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 14534, PAGE 839 AND PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER ALL IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 78 NORTH, RANGE 24 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL 'M' AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 14401, PAGE 847; THENCE NORTH 89°22'58" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL 'M', 123.2 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 24°49'07" WEST, 76.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°22'58" WEST, 475.28 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°37'02" EAST, 70.00 FEET TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF PARCEL 'M'; THENCE SOUTH 89°22'58" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 506.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 34,370 SQUARE FEET OF WHICH 12,784 SQUARE FEET IS PERMANENT SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to publish a Notice of the proposed grant of easement and of the hearing and to receive and consider objections and petitions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District:

Section 1. That this Board shall set a public hearing, on the grant to Solid Ground, L.L.C., a temporary construction easement over, under, through, and across the above described property, for September 17, 2013 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in the Des Moines Independent Community School District Board Room, 1800 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

Section 2. That the Secretary is authorized and directed to prepare, publish, and distribute the Notice of Hearing.

Item No. 12**Page 1 of 1****Subject: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF HEARTLAND AREA EDUCATION
AGENCY DISTRICTS 6 AND 7****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Board****Attachment: None**

Issue: Director Districts #6 and #7 on the Heartland Area Education Agency (AEA) Board of Directors must be filled.

Recommendation: The board chair recommends the board approve the candidates listed below.

Background: Citizens interested in being a candidate for director of district 6 and district 7 on the Heartland AEA Board of Directors were required to file with the secretary of the AEA 11 Board by August 15, 2013.

The candidates filing are:

- District #6 – Pete Evans, Ankeny
- District #7 – Earl Bridgewater, Des Moines

Both candidates currently represent these districts on the AEA board.

District #6 boundaries include the Des Moines Independent Community School District. The district's vote is weighted according to those boundaries, and constitutes 24.3% of the total vote in District #6.

District #7 boundaries constitute 100% of the total vote for the Des Moines Independent Community School District.

Pursuant to Section 273 of the Code of Iowa, the official ballot for the election for Districts #6 and 7 must be received by the AEA on or before September 30, 2013, or must be clearly postmarked by an officially authorized postal service not later than September 29 and received by the AEA no later than noon on the first Monday following September 30, 2013.

The board needs to take action on whether or not to cast the district's vote for these candidates.

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Subject: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Anne Sullivan****Attachment: None**

(anne.sullivan@dmschools.org/242-7763)

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board approve the personnel recommendations.

Background:**ELECTIONS - GENERAL EDUCATION**

Name	School, Position	Effective Date
Banks, Lindsay	Hillis, 2 nd , 3 rd	08/19/2013
Cavey, Jamie	Callanan, Math	08/22/2013
Coffey, Misty	Madison, .5 In-Class Reading/Stowe,.5 In-Class Reading	09/05/2013
Daughhetee, Diann	Moulton, 5 th	09/03/2013
Davis, Scott	Curriculum, .5 Band	08/19/2013
Howard, Allison	Moulton, Counselor	08/16/2013
Killins, Chelsea	Hanawalt, 4 th	08/15/2013
King, Jill	Madison, Nurse	09/09/2013
Martin, Joy	Brubaker, ELL	08/20/2013
Ogden, Kaitlin	Meredith, Math	08/22/2013
Soria, Rick	Brubaker, .5 Counselor/Pleasant Hill, .5 Counselor	08/26/2013

ELECTIONS-SPECIAL EDUCATION

Name	School, Position	Effective Date
Carr, Jessica	Student Services, Occupational Therapist	08/29/2013
Erickson, Teddy	Ruby Van Meter, Strategist II-ID	08/15/2013
Granger, Brent	Hoyt, Multi-Categorical	08/20/2013

RESIGNATION

Name	School, Position	Effective Date
Anderson, Nicole	Madison, Nurse	06/05/2013
Feuerbach, Melissa	Hoover, FCS	08/21/2013 New Hire on 8/6/13
Green, Melvin	Hoover, Vice Principal	09/30/2013
Smith, Shawntae	Meredith, Math	08/16/2013 New Hire on 7/9/13
Summers, Sarah	Samuelson, 4th	08/26/2013
Whittle, Brett	Brubaker, .5 Counselor/Pleasant Hill, .5 Counselor	08/20/2013

Item No. 14**Page 1 of 1****Subject: LIST OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Thomas Harper**
(thomas.harper@dmschools.org/242-7745)**Attachment: None**

Issue: A list of previously paid and unpaid bills will be reviewed by one of the directors prior to the meeting who may randomly or specifically select various entries for detailed review with Business and Finance staff. Such director will make a motion for action to be taken by the board at the meeting.

Item No. 15**Page 1 of 1****Subject: RELOCATION OF THE DISTRICT PRINT SHOP****For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Bill Good**

(harold.good@dmschools.org/242-8321)

Attachment: None

Issue: Approval of the plans and specifications for the general construction package for the relocation of the print shop. Publication for the public hearing was included in The Des Moines Register on August 26, 2013.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the board approve the plans and specifications prepared by Angelo Architectural Associates for the relocation of the print shop to 1917 Dean Avenue from Central Campus.

Presenters: None. Bill Good will be present to answer any questions.

Background: This project consists of improvements to a portion of the existing warehouse at 1917 Dean Avenue for relocation of the print shop from the fourth floor of Central Campus. This relocation will help facilitate the renovations of the fourth floor of Central Campus for future educational uses.

Funding: Statewide Penny (Students First Program) and PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy)

Minutes

The public hearing was opened at 6:08 p.m. No speakers were present and the public hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m.

Ms. Boesen moved approval of the superintendent's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Elsbernd.

Mr. Howard asked what the actual cost of moving the equipment, etc. would be and would like to have the district be committed to using the Print Shop. Mr. Good stated the project has not been bid pending this action, but the total expense was estimated in the budget which included that specific piece. Rental of a crane will be involved as taking equipment out the window was less costly than disassembling.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson also commented that the Print Shop needs to be utilized as much as possible. She also requested that when the request for approval of the project is submitted, the costs be identified by funding source—statewide penny and PPEL.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy and Sweeney
Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Item No. 16**Page 1 of 1****Subject: HARDING MIDDLE SCHOOL – WINDOW REPLACEMENT****For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Bill Good**
(harold.good@dmschools.org/242-8321)**Attachment: None**

Issue: Approval of the plans and specifications for the window replacement package for Harding Middle School. Publication for the Public Hearing was included in The Des Moines Register on August 23, 2013.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the board approve the plans and specifications prepared by Larrison & Associates for the replacement of the windows at Harding Middle School.

Presenters: None. Bill Good will be present to answer any questions.

Background: This project consists of replacing the exterior windows at Harding Middle School.

Funding: Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

Minutes

The public forum was opened at 6:15 p.m. No speakers were present and the hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved the superintendent's recommendation, seconded by Ms. Boesen.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Item No. 17**Page 1 of 2****Subject: UEN LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES****For: DISCUSSION****Presentation: None****Contact: Thomas Ahart****Attachment: None**(thomas.ahart@dmschools.org/242-7766)

Issue: Development of UEN Legislative Priorities

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board discuss what legislative priorities DMPS would like to recommend to the UEN for its lobbying efforts in the upcoming legislative session.

Presenters: None

Background: Annually, the Urban Education Network develops its legislative priorities. These priorities are developed, in large part, by considering the input of its member districts. Our DMPS board representative to the UEN will bring the DMPS priorities forward to the UEN board in the fall as it develops its legislative agenda. Below are some of the issues that the superintendent would like to be considered.

- Change state code to establish that school districts may develop shared programming agreements with any community college and four-year institution.
- Continue to support additional years of weighted funding for ELL students.
- Adopt a state assessment aligned with the Iowa Common Core and designed to measure student growth.
- Increase flexibility in use of at-risk allowable growth funds.
- Continue to advocate for at least 4% allowable growth as the next two-year budget is developed.

Minutes

Board members made the following recommendations:

Murphy: Increase the fifth item to 6% allowable growth.

Caldwell-Johnson: Obtain greater flexibility and latitude for local school districts around utilization of certain funding streams and program dollar allocations.

Boesen: May want to identify top three areas where flexibility is desired.

Jongewaard: Meet with legislative advisors to help identify a couple of areas that would have traction.

Howard: Flexibility for larger districts to award contracts outside of low bids.

Boesen: Increase in preschool funding to expand to more at-risk students, include all-day programs, and expand to three year olds.

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Murphy: Require every teacher in Iowa receive training on language acquisition. Ask that the UEN members hire staff from institutions that require language-acquisition training as part of their teacher certification.

The superintendent will include the comments provided, contact the SGroup for their recommendations and comments and share revised information with the board electronically prior to the next meeting.

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Subject: RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANT AWARDS FROM PRAIRIE MEADOWS RACETRACK AND CASINO, INC.

For: ACTION

Presentation: None

Contact: Thomas Harper
(thomas.harper@dmschools.org/242-7745)

Attachment: None

Issue: A process implemented by Prairie Meadows in 2010 requires the board to submit a completed resolution stating their approval of the submission of all Community Betterment Grant Applications for the district as ranked in order of need as determined by the school board at its discretion.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the board adopt the proposed resolution as recommended by a district review committee.

Background: Per notification from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino:

"Any school district that will be submitting more than one Community Betterment Grant Application must submit a signed and completed school board resolution. The resolution must include a ranking of the grant applications in order of the board's funding priorities for the entire district.

All organizations within a school district that are submitting a grant application must be included on the school board resolution.

These organizations may include but are not limited to:

- Booster Clubs
- Schools
- Alumni Associations
- Clubs
- PTO/PTA
- Classes
- Sports Teams
- Foundations

The signed and completed school board resolution must be forwarded to the Grants Manager by Friday, September 13..."

Consequently, the district has established an application process to address this mandatory requirement. This process applies to all DMPS schools and programs and to DMPS-affiliated groups such as PTOs, booster clubs, and foundations.

An invitation to apply was sent to all district schools and departments. By the July 17 deadline, 38 preliminary applications were received and all preliminary grant applications received were reviewed and a prioritized list was prepared by a committee

of district officials chosen by the superintendent. The committee included the executive directors, COO, CFO, and chief human resources officer. The top 16 applications determined by the rankings were invited to submit a full application to Prairie Meadows. This ranking process enables the district to submit top-quality proposals to Prairie Meadows that represent district-identified priorities.

Criteria used by the committee included all of the criteria important to Prairie Meadows, as well as criteria important to the district. The following criteria were taken into consideration:

Does the project:

1. Align with a Prairie Meadows funding priority (listed below)?

Prairie Meadows Funding Priorities for Education:

- * Projects that provide core curriculum enhancements or necessities for students.
- * Projects that reach a broad range of students or a specific demographic in need.
- * Technology and other enhancements to the classrooms and building.
- * Advanced educational opportunities, learning beyond the classroom.

Prairie Meadows Funding Priorities for Arts & Culture:

- * Projects that enhance the quality of life and opportunities for Central Iowans.
- * Projects that provide unique opportunities and educational experiences.
- * Projects that provide access to the arts for new and/or underserved audiences.

Prairie Meadows Funding Priorities for Economic Development:

- * Projects that provide a significant impact on a community and its residents.
- * Project that emphasize environmental, beautification, or restoration efforts.
- * Parks and trails programs and enhancements.

Prairie Meadows Funding Priorities for Health and Human Services:

- * Patient education or direct services.
- * Fire, Police, or Emergency Services.
- * Projects that provide services for low-income, at-risk, or underserved clients.

2. Meet an identified school (or community) need?
3. Describe a project that will have a measurable impact on students that will lead to a meaningful evaluation?
4. Align with DMPS Graduate Ends?
5. Have a proven track record of success or is it research-based?
6. Describe how a project is sustainable over the long-term?

The following resolution includes the ranking of all applications with the highest prioritized project or program ranked first.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
DES MOINES INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR
COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANT AWARDS FROM
PRAIRIE MEADOWS**

WHEREAS, Prairie Meadows has Community Betterment Grant Program funds available that target Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Education, and Health and Human Services, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District is supportive of these applications and the ranking given by the superintendent's review committee for the betterment of our schools, students, and communities, and

WHEREAS, all applications from the Des Moines Independent Community School District and/or from organizations with projects that benefit DMICSD students will be submitted to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. by the September 13, 2013, deadline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District that the following 16 Community Betterment Grant Program applications shown in rank order be submitted to Prairie Meadows:

RANK	PROJECT NAME	REQUEST AMOUNT	TOTAL SCORE
1.	AP for All	\$60,000.00	72
2.	Hoyt Boys Club	\$6,093.45	73
3.	Hillis Summer Camp	\$6,063.53	79
4.	Brubaker Elementary Targeted Extended Learning	\$41,898.00	84
5.	Hoover High School Graphing Calculators	\$12,077.00	102
6.	Technology For All at River Woods Elementary	\$10,717.00	102
7.	Bridging the Digital Divide at Capitol View Elementary	\$11,434.00	103
8.	Save the Oak Park Elementary Music Program!	\$11,767.81	110
9.	Callanan Afterschool and Summer Program	\$30,118.95	113
10.	Enhancing Education through Technology at Walnut Street School	\$31,998.00	113
11.	Rainbow Reading Project	\$10,000.00	116
12.	Ron Sallade Children's School Clothing Program	\$15,000.00	117
13.	Imagineering: Afterschool Robotics at Studebaker	\$8,213.01	118

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14.	Greenwood Imagine Learning	\$20,236.00	120
15.	Perkins Interactive Lesson Design	\$8,059.00	125
16.	Weeks Middle School Challenge Day	\$9,790.54	128
TOTAL REQUEST		\$293,466.29	

Passed and adopted this 3rd day of September, 2013.

Richard Murphy, President

ATTEST:

Thomas Harper, Secretary

Minutes

Ms. Boesen moved approval of the Resolution to Prairie Meadows listing the district's top sixteen Community Betterment grant requests, seconded by Ms. Elsbernd.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy and Sweeney

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0.