

**DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
1800 GRAND
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

PUBLIC FORUM — 5:45 P.M. - 5:57 P.M.

The Board of Directors held a public forum on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, in the multi-purpose room at 1800 Grand Avenue, Dick Murphy presiding.

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

Speaker: Deidre DeJear, 2800 Shadow Creek Ln, Des Moines

REGULAR MEETING — 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Murphy called the September 17, 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 Ms. Caldwell-Johnson.

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 September 3, 2013, seconded by Mr. Sweeney.

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

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0.

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Mr. Sweeney moved that the board approve the consent items including payment of bills previously authorized and certified by the secretary in the amount of \$774,433.83 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$9,680,174.59. Motion was seconded by Ms. Elsbernd and Mr. Howard.

Mr. Howard commented on item nine. He feels it is important to try to handle items in-house before we give outside contractors the opportunity. If we can't handle them in-house then we should bid the job.

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

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ITEMS OF PRIVILEGE – 7:26 P.M.

21. Chair's Report

Ms. Elsbernd congratulated the newly elected members of the Board and thanked everyone. She said it is an honor to serve as Board Chair and she looks forward to working with everyone. She also said she will work to finalize orientation and training opportunities and will communicate those to members soon.

22. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ahart congratulated the four newly elected members of the Board and said he is looking forward to getting the Board off to a good start. Now that Board officers have been elected he will work with them to plan Board orientation and training. In the meantime, he has planned presentations for next Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. at Walnut Street. Cabinet members will present information to educate members about what is happening in each of the major divisions of the district. He will send an invitation via email. Mr. Ahart gave members their CIML passes and encouraged them to use the passes often. He asked to see Mr. Barron and Mr. Cheatom after the meeting so he could give them a few items, and to see Ms. Elsbernd and Mr. Howard so they can discuss agenda planning for the next meeting.

ADJOURN – 7:30 P.M.

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Subject: ARCHITECT PAYMENTS

For: ACTION

Contact: Bill Good

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

Attachment: None

Issue: Payment of architect/engineer invoices.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the following architect/engineer payments be authorized.

<u>Architect/Engineer/Project</u>	<u>Percent Paid</u>	<u>Estimated Fee</u>	<u>Previous Payments</u>	<u>Current Payment</u>
<u>Design Group</u>				
Edmunds Elementary Architect App 31 (SWP)	95%	\$566,500.00	\$531,107.06	\$10,620.94
Hoyt Middle School Architect App 14 (SWP)	88%	\$375,000.00	\$317,778.84	\$12,823.71
<u>Wells + associates</u>				
Findley Elementary Architect App. 14 (SWP)	90%	\$253,686.00	\$225,349.70	\$3,255.66
Casady Education Center Architect App. 6 (SWP)	70%	\$390,380.00	\$254,019.20	\$15,151.20
Jefferson Elementary Architect App. 14 (SWP)	90%	\$251,400.00	\$222,683.00	\$3,299.40
<u>OPN Architects</u>				
Merrill Middle School Architect App. 04 (SWP)	21%	\$94,040.00	\$12,658.42	\$6,887.26
<u>KCL Engineering</u>				
Prospect Support Facility Architect App 11 (SWP)	87%	\$106,568.00	\$87,234.00	\$5,508.00

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RDG Planning and Design

Park Avenue Elementary Architect App. 12 (SWP)	84%	\$96,250.00	\$76,615.01	\$4,042.49
Pleasant Hill Elementary Architect App. 13 (SWP)	84%	\$342,000.00	\$274,147.20	\$12,448.80
Central Campus Phase 3 Architect App. 18 (SWP)	95%	\$312,741.00	\$294,571.80	\$2,533.20

Alvine & Associates

Lincoln RAILS Architect App. 2 (SWP)	11%	\$273,200.00	\$22,392.00	\$7,464.00
Harding Middle School FINAL (SWP)	100%	\$219,000.00	\$211,992.00	\$7,008.00
Meredith Middle School FINAL (SWP)	100%	\$308,800.00	\$293,360.00	\$15,440.00

TOTAL	\$106,482.66
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Presenters: NoneBackground: NoneContact: Bill Good

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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>Cerebral</u> Jefferson Elementary Addition (SWP) GC App. 7 Sealed Bid No. B6641	89%	\$5,131,096.00	\$3,545,434.15	\$1,020,573.98
<u>Absolute Concrete</u> Mitchell Education Student Drop Off App. 2 (SWP) Quote No. B6748	95%	\$168,260.00	\$152,380.00	\$7,466.99
<u>Dean Snyder</u> Hoyt Middle School Addition / Ren. (SWP) GC App. 6 Sealed Bid NO. B6658	90%	\$7,775,183.00	\$4,528,112.30	\$2,445,295.25
<u>GreenTrac LLC</u> Casady Demolition App. 2 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6762	27%	\$173,205.00	\$16,862.50	\$29,611.50
<u>DDVI</u> Central Campus Phase 3 Renovation GC App. 14 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6499	97%	\$4,195,214.00	\$4,073,363.97	\$42,937.15

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Stahl Construction

Edmunds	95%	\$10,531,121.00	\$9,897,569.04	\$106,995.91
GC App. 15 (SWP)				
Sealed Bid No. B6504				

Edge Commercial

Pleasant Hill School	93%	\$4,005,360.00	\$3,012,406.30	\$714,303.10
Addition (SWP)				
GC App. 7				
Sealed Bid No. B6640				

Kurtz Elevator	94%	\$251,176.00	\$188,494.25	\$48,137.45
Addition (SWP)				
GC App. 5				
Sealed Bid No. B6688				

Lang Construction

Findley Elementary	92%	\$4,653,194.00	\$3,349,289.40	\$916,799.89
Addition (SWP)				
GC App. 7				
Sealed Bid No. B6613				

Pro Commercial LLC

Park Avenue School	91%	\$1,973,771.00	\$1,445,903.80	\$357,227.55
Renovation (SWP)				
GC App. 6				
Sealed Bid No. B6693				

REEP, Inc.

Kurtz Building	95%	\$516,895.00	\$488,079.83	\$3,182.21
Windows (SWP)				
GC App. 7				
Sealed Bid No. B6586				

ECCO MIDWEST

Findley	95%	\$130,145.33	\$108,463.40	\$15,174.66
Asbestos Abatement				
App. 4 (SWP)				
Sealed Bid No. B6617				

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Hoover VAV	90%	\$756,968.00	\$420,922.20	\$256,918.95
GC App. 4 (SWP)				
Sealed Bid No. B6722				

Two Rivers Group

Prospect Facility	68%	\$2,468,305.75	\$1,143,981.68	\$541,110.21
App. 4 (SWP)				
Sealed Bid No. B6706				

New Horizons LLC

Park Avenue Elem.	100%	\$53,786.00	\$51,096.70	\$2,689.30
FINAL (SWP)				
Sealed Quote Q6670				

Robinson Brothers

Lincoln RAILS	95%	\$45,093.50	\$0.00	\$42,838.82
App. 1 (SWP)				
Sealed Bid Q6771				

TOTAL				\$6,551,262.92
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Presenters: None**Background:** None**Contact:** Bill Good

Item No. 9**Page 1 of 1****Subject: AWARD OF CONTRACT ON BID****For: ACTION****Contact: Jamie Wilkerson****Attachments: None**james.wilkerson@dmschools.org (242-7700)

Issue: Bids have been advertised, issued and received for services as outlined below.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the contract as shown below be approved.

Background: The suggested bid awards and detailed information for each of the bids are as shown below. Where cost comparisons are shown, they are merely a representative sample of the items on the bid, and are not intended to be all inclusive.

- **Bid B6793 General Labor Services**

Ja-Ra Enterprises	Pleasant Hill, IA
Iowa Prison Industries	Des Moines, IA

Total:	Est.	\$85,000
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Facility Management requires the use of unskilled general labor services for tasks such as construction site cleaning, packing, loading, moving and unpacking. In order to maximize the District's funds, a bid proposal was released to area providers to secure competitive rates. The result is the selection of two firms to provide these services when required by the District's Facility Manager.

Bids were examined by the Purchasing and Facility Management Departments. A complete tabulation of the bid is available:

<http://www.dmschools.org/departments/operations/purchasing-central-stores/purchasing/open-proposals/>

8 bids were sent, 2 bids were received, 1 no bid was received, and 5 did not respond.

Funding Source: Facility Management accounts

Contact: Jamie Wilkersonjames.wilkerson@dmschools.org 242-7700

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**Subject: AWARD OF BID # B6782 CENTRAL NUTRITION CENTER
FREEZER ADDITION**
For: ACTION
Contact: Bill Good
Attachments: None
[\(harold.good@dmschools.org/242-8321\)](mailto:harold.good@dmschools.org/242-8321)

Issue: Award of contract to add more freezer storage space.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the contract for the bid be awarded to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder Bryan Crow Construction, Waukee, IA in the amount of \$503,793.00.

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

Background: Plans and specifications were prepared by Angelo Architects and Facility Management. Work will begin on or before October 1, 2013. The project came before the board on August 6, 2013, for public hearing and action.

Funding Source: Physical plant and Equipment Levy and Central Nutrition Account

The district received 8 bids on September 5, 2013. The results are as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid
Ball Team - Urbandale, IA	\$521,900
Bergstrom Construction - Des Moines, IA	\$527,400
Brocon Services - Johnston, IA	\$556,000
Bryan Crow Construction - Waukee, IA	\$503,793
Edge Commercial - Grimes, IA	\$593,100
Jensen Builders - Des Moines, IA	\$659,700
Lang Construction - WDM, IA	\$543,000
Prostruct Construction - WDM, IA	\$523,460

Item No. 11**Page 1 of 1****Subject: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: CENTRAL CAMPUS—PHASE 3****For: ACTION****Contact: Bill Good**

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

Attachment: None

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board give final acceptance to the project listed below and approve final payment to the contractor listed, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 26 and 573 of the Code of Iowa.

SCHOOL: Central Campus—Phase 3

CONTRACTOR: DDVI, Inc. - Bid No. B6499

CONTRACTED AMOUNT: \$4,195,214.00

CONTRACT BALANCE: \$78,912.88

Item No. 12**Page 1 of 1****Subject: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: EDMUNDS****For: ACTION****Contact: Bill Good**

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

Attachment: None

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board give final acceptance to the project listed below and approve final payment to the contractor listed, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 26 and 573 of the Code of Iowa.

SCHOOL: Edmunds Elementary School – Bid No. B6504

CONTRACTOR: Stahl Construction Company

CONTRACTED AMOUNT: \$10,533,437.00

CONTRACT BALANCE: \$528,872.05

Item No. 13**Page 1 of 1****Subject: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: MITCHELL STUDENT DROP OFF****For: ACTION****Contact: Bill Good**

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

Attachment: None

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board give final acceptance to the project listed below and approve final payment to the contractor listed, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 26 and 573 of the Code of Iowa.

SCHOOL: Mitchell Education Center Student
Drop Off – Bid No. B6748

CONTRACTOR: Absolute Concrete Construction Inc.

CONTRACTED AMOUNT: \$168,260.00

CONTRACT BALANCE: \$8,413.01

Item No. 14**Page 1 of 1****Subject: APPROVAL OF BID B6790 - BIOMETRIC SCREENING****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Cathy McKay****Attachment: None**

(catherine.mckay@dmschools.org/242-8131)

Issue: Approval of bid B6790 - Biometric Screening**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the board award the bid for biometric screenings to UnityPoint Health.**Presenters:** None**Background:** The District wellness initiative places an increased focus on the health and well-being of our employees. Part of the wellness plan focuses on the use of biometric screenings to gain baseline information for participants as well as provide aggregate data for the program.

The bid request was sent to 24 vendors. Five vendors responded to the bid, although two responses were incomplete. The following three vendor responses were evaluated:

Vendor	Location	Bid total
Mercy Medical	Des Moines, IA	\$990,000
Passport Health	Scottsdale, AZ	\$300,000
UnityPoint Health	Des Moines, IA	\$240,000

Upon evaluation, UnityPoint Health has been selected as the vendor for the biometric screening.

Funding Source: Self-insurance fund

Item No. 15**Page 1 of 1****Subject: SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES FOR SPRING 2013****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Holly Crandell****Attachment: None**

(holly.crandell@dmschools.org/242-7568)

Issue: Parents/guardians from Title I schools submitted Supplemental Education Services (SES) Request Forms for 75 students for tutoring services through Shout Church. Shout Church recently billed DMPS for the spring semester, 2013.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board approve the purchase, \$89,010.00.

Presenters: None (Holly Crandell will be available to answer any questions.)

Background: Federal regulations require all Title I schools designated as Schools in Need of Assistance (SINA), year 2 and beyond, to offer students SES services. During the 2012-13 school year, all 27 of the district's Title I schools were required to offer SES. Districts required to provide SES must reserve a minimum of 5 percent of their district Title I allocation for these services. The Iowa Department of Education calculates a per pupil allocation for each district for SES services. The DMPS SES per pupil allocation was a maximum of \$1,321 in SES funding for services during the 2012-13 school year. Parents/guardians were able to select from among 24 providers for SES services and the district is billed by the provider for these services.

Funding Source: Title I set-aside for SES services

Item No. 16**Page 1 of 1****Subject: REQUEST FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT UNDER THE IOWA OPEN ENROLLMENT LAW****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Susie Tallman****Attachment: None**

(susan.tallman@dmschools.org/242-7725)

Issue: Request for open enrollment for the 2013-2014 School Year**Presenters:** none**Background:** State Open Enrollment Code allows for students to submit an application after the March 1 deadline if it meets several defined good cause reasons.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the board approve this application.

Student Name	Grade	Requested District
Mahoney, Jolyne	10	Clayton Ridge

Item No. 17**Page 1 of 1****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
Feuerbach, Melissa	Hoover, Family and Consumer Science	09/09/2013

RESIGNATION

Name	School, Position	Effective Date
Rude, Julia	Hoover, Family and Consumer Science	09/13/2013

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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. 19**Page 1 of 1****Subject: GRANTING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AT
STUDEBAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****For: PUBLIC HEARING / 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 near the Studebaker school site, 300 County Line Road. 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.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board hold a public hearing and grant a temporary construction easement to Solid Ground, LLC near the Studebaker school site.

Background: On September 3, 2013, the Board of Directors approved a resolution to hold a public hearing. As required by law, the notice of public hearing was published on September 4, 2013.

Minutes

The public hearing was opened at 6:04 p.m. No speakers were present and the hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Sweeney 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. 20**Page 1 of 1****Subject: GRANTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT (SANITARY SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO THE CITY OF DES MOINES AT STUDEBAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****For: PUBLIC HEARING / 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. 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.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board hold a public hearing and grant a permanent easement to the City of Des Moines for the purpose of sanitary sewer right-of-way.

Background: On September 3, 2013, the Board of Directors approved a resolution to hold a public hearing. As required by law, the notice of public hearing was published on September 4, 2013.

Minutes

The public hearing was opened at 6:04 p.m. No speakers were present and the hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

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

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

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0

Item No. 21**Page 1 of 1****Subject: HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL, DOOR AND FRAME REPLACEMENT
NEW SECURITY VESTIBULE – SEALED BID NO. B6796****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 replacement of certain exterior doors and glazing as well as installation of a new security vestibule. Publication for the Public Hearing was included in the Des Moines Register on September 12, 2013.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the plans and specifications prepared by Larrison & Associates for the door replacement and secure vestibule project.

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

Background: This project replaces certain exterior doors that have deteriorated. A new security vestibule will be added at the north entry in order to control access to the school.

Funding: Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

Minutes

The public hearing was opened at 6:05 p.m. No speakers were present and the hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

Ms. Elsbernd 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. 22**Page 1 of 1****Subject: NEW POLICY 490 AND REVISIONS TO SERIES 200****For: DISCUSSION/ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Board Policy Review Committee****Attachment: 13-059**

Issue: A new statute on background checks for newly hired and existing employees was passed during the last legislative session.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board approve the policy changes.

Presenters: None. Connie Boesen, Bill Howard and Pat Sweeney serve on the policy review committee and have reviewed the changes.

Background: The new policy under the 400 series is required by law. Revisions to the 200 series are intended to reflect Board processes.

Minutes

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

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

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0

Item No. 23**Page 1 of 2****Subject: UEN LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES****For: DISCUSSION/ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Thomas Ahart****Attachment: None**

(thomas.ahart@dmschools.org/242-7766)

Issue: Determining DMPS legislative priorities for UEN consideration.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board discuss the list of legislative priorities, prioritize them by ranking from first to last, and forward the list to the UEN for inclusion in its legislative agenda discussions. Due to the timing of UEN discussions, we need to have the list to the UEN prior to our next meeting.

Presenters: NA

Background: At the September 3, 2013, meeting, the DMPS Board created a list of possible legislative priorities. Each UEN member district will be sending its list to the UEN to inform its discussion on determining the overall UEN legislative agenda.

- 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.
- Adoption of a state assessment aligned with the Iowa Common Core and designed to measure student growth.
- Increased flexibility in use of at-risk allowable growth (and other state categorical funds).
- Advocate for 6% allowable growth as the next two-year budget is developed.
- Eliminate requirement for lowest responsible bid language and/or consider a weighting system to give advantage to local vendors.
- Increase pre-school funding and provide for three-year-old preschool funding.
- Require our regent university teacher preparation programs to teach a language acquisition course to all teacher preparation students (and have UEN districts commit to requiring language acquisition coursework for all teacher hires).

Minutes

Ms. Caldwell Johnson moved for discussion

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Ms. Caldwell- Johnson stated that she believes the Board should advance these priorities to the UEN, but move forward with their own legislative agenda. She asked for an update on the renewal of a contract with the district lobbyist. Phil Roeder stated that he has spoken with the district lobbyist and received an updated contract with the same terms as the previous contract. Mr. Roeder recommends that the district continue with the lobbyist firm. Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked that the contract come before the Board on the next agenda. Ms. Boesen and Mr. Howard agreed. Members agree to let UEN rank these items, but expressed their interest in continuing to work with a district lobbyist to rank DMPS specific interests. Mr. Howard and Ms. Boesen stated the desire to set priorities now so the district can reach legislators before session begins. Ms. Caldwell-Johnson requested a work session to discuss DMPS specific priorities.

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

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

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0

Item No. 24**Page 1 of 3****Subject: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MONITORING REPORT: PART 1 (FALL)****For: DISCUSSION****Presentation: PowerPoint****Contact: Holly Crandell/Mary Grinstead****Attachment: 13-060**(holly.crandell@dmschools.org/242-7568;mary.grinstead@dmschools.org/242-7664)

Issue: Report on district performance on No Child Left Behind (NCLB) academic achievement requirements.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the board is informed of the district's No Child Left Behind (NCLB) status.

Presenters: Holly Crandell, Mary Grinstead, and Cindy Slinger

Background: The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 requires each district and school to annually demonstrate adequate yearly progress towards meeting the state academic targets (as measured by percent proficient on the state accountability test), state test participation rate, and other academic indicators goals (graduation rate and attendance rate).

Iowa Assessments are the current state accountability test used to measure academic achievement, having replaced the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills/Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITBS/ITED) during the 2011-12 school year.

Minutes

Ms. Grinstead provided a brief overview of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, what is reported and the terminology used in reporting. She also shared graphs showing the percentages of ELL students by race currently enrolled at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Ms. Grinstead presented reading data and Ms. Slinger reported math data. Data was presented for both proficiency and growth. The presentation was concluded with a video of interviews with staff and students regarding the work being done in schools to increase student achievement.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation given. Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked what happens if we get to year 10 of No Child Left Behind and enough progress hasn't been made. The district already made leadership changes at year five and she is wondering what will happen if we reach year 10 and we still haven't met proficiency. Mr. Ahart replied that no one knows. The state of Iowa hasn't enforced restructuring in the past probably because that path can lead to the state taking over

schools and in Iowa it is illegal for the state to take over a local school. This year the Department of Education is enforcing a uniform restructure that all schools at a particular benchmark will have to follow. We don't know exactly what that will look like yet. The Department of Education is still working with districts on this.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked how best to interpret proficiency versus growth. Ms. Grinstead explained that proficiency is a set standard score and the percentage of students who hit that mark. Growth is independent of that set score. Growth shows how many gains you made from last year. Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked whether our emphasis should be proficiency or growth. Mr. Ahart answered that he emphasizes growth. Proficiency is arbitrary. In 2002, a point on a bell curve was picked as proficient. No one knows how that determination was made. Proficiency is a goal but growth is what he finds most important. In the interest of the community and our students, the district needs to ensure that students continue to grow.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked for confirmation that multi-racial is a new term. Mr. Ahart and Ms. Grinstead confirmed that the multi-racial category is new; it was created about three years ago. Ms. Caldwell-Johnson pointed out that the multi-racial group made some big gains this year and in the past those students were included in other categories which presumably would have led to larger gains in those subgroups as well.

Ms. Boesen thanked Ms. Grinstead and Ms. Slinger for their presentation. She stated that the Board now has a better understanding of the No Child Left Behind law and the difficulties of the law as it pertains to DMPS.

Ms. Elsbernd agreed and said she loved the video.

Mr. Howard thanked the presenters for creating the report in terms the common person can understand.

Mr. Murphy thanked every teacher, principal, coach, staff member, administrator in the district. He said the scores are outstanding. Mr. Murphy stated that he believes the big reason Congress is stuck on the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind is because a lot of them want to measure growth instead of proficiency but they don't know how to do that. Mr. Murphy posed a challenge to the Board to find a district with a population like the Des Moines Public Schools and most urban districts who can meet that goal of having all students proficient by this time next year. Mr. Murphy said the news story is

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the outstanding growth in the district. He stated that staff is working hard to make this happen and the Board knows this.

Item No. 25a**Page 1 of 2****Subject: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RESOLUTION: CANVASS OF REGULAR ELECTION****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Patricia Lantz****Attachment: None**(patricia.lantz@dmschools.org/242-8398)

According to the Code of Iowa, the canvass of the election is to be completed by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on Friday, September 13, 2013. The following procedures are to be taken, incorporating any corrections that may be reported.

RESOLUTION

At a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of September, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District met for the purpose of receiving the canvass of the vote and returns as submitted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors of the election held on the 10th day of September 2013.

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Supervisors has duly canvassed the vote and returns as filed with the secretary as to the election held on the 10th day of September 2013, at which ballots were cast, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors acknowledges the following results. The total number of votes cast for each candidate for director for a term of four (4) years as follows:

<u>At-Large</u>	Rob X. Barron	2,699
	Connie Boesen	2,838
	Joe Jongewaard	2,671
	Heather A. Ryan	1,076
	Shane P. Schulte	2,251
 <u>Director District 2</u>	 Toussaint Cheatom	 607
	Edward W. Linebach III	534
 <u>Director District 4</u>	 Darlene Blake	 327
	Teree Caldwell-Johnson	522
	Joel Doyle	393

The Board, therefore, finds from said returns and declares that Connie Boesen and Rob X. Barron having received the highest number of votes in the at-large race, Toussaint Cheatom having received the highest number of votes in Director District 2,

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and Teree Caldwell-Johnson having received the highest number of votes in Director District 4 are elected as directors for the Des Moines Independent Community District for a term of four (4) years and directs the secretary to issue the certificates indicating each elected.

A motion and second are required for the approval of the Resolution on the Canvass of the School Board Election submitted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors. Upon passage of the motion by a majority vote, the chair will declare the adoption of the resolution.

Minutes

Mr. Howard moved and Ms. Elsbernd seconded a motion to approve the Resolution on the Canvass of the School Board Election.

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

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0

Item No. 25b**Page 1 of 1****Subject: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: ITEMS OF PRIVILEGE****For: DISCUSSION****Presentation: None****Contact: Patricia Lantz****Attachment: None**(patricia.lantz@dmschools.org/242-8398)

An opportunity will be provided at this time to make closing remarks.

Minutes

Mr. Jongewaard stated that being on the School Board has been one of the greatest privileges. He wished the new board well and said that he hopes they will always remember to ask challenging and tough questions on behalf of our students, teachers, parents and taxpayers.

Mr. Murphy stated that it has been quite a year for the Board. They have accomplished a lot of things. After eight years on the Board he wishes to leave them with a few thoughts. The district is financially solvent for the first time in a long time. In addition to continuing the work on renovating facilities, he urged the Board to add staff thoughtfully. He asked them to look for ways to use resources to help families be more in touch with schools and what their students are doing in school. Also to look for ways to use more technology to help differentiate and help kids move at all levels. Mr. Murphy also suggested the district consider establishing student internships so they can go out into the community and see how the skills they are learning are applied in the workforce. Mr. Murphy concluded by thanking the members of the Board and the DMPS staff for their hard work and the community for supporting the schools.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson stated that members of the Board put in a lot of time and they put their best energy forward. She thanked Mr. Murphy and Mr. Jongewaard for their time.

Ms. Elsbernd presented Mr. Jongewaard and Mr. Murphy with gifts and thanked them for their service.

Ms. Boesen thanked Mr. Jongewaard and Mr. Murphy for their service.

Item No. 25c**Page 1 of 1****Subject: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Patricia Lantz****Attachment: None**(patricia.lantz@dmschools.org/242-8398)

The current board chair will call for a motion for adjournment. Roll call vote will be taken.

Minutes

Mr. Murphy moved for adjournment without objections, there being none, the Board adjourned.

Item No. 25d**Page 1 of 1****Subject: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: OATH OF OFFICE: NEW DIRECTORS****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Patricia Lantz****Attachment: None**(patricia.lantz@dmschools.org/242-8398)

According to Policy No. 205, the board member with the longest tenure will serve as chairperson and call the meeting back to order and administer the oath of office to the newly elected directors. Since the three directors continuing on the board all have the same tenure, Ms. Elsbernd, the most recent vice chair, will administer the oath of office to the newly elected directors.

“Do you and each of you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa and that you will faithfully and impartially to the best of your ability discharge the duties of the office of director in the Des Moines Independent Community School District as now or hereafter required by law?”

Minutes

Ms. Elsbernd invited the new members, Toussaint Cheatom and Rob Barron, to join the rest of the Board at the table.

Ms. Elsbernd called the meeting back to order and called for a roll call.

Present: Barron, Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Cheatom, Elsbernd, Howard, Sweeney

Ms. Elsbernd administered the oath of office to Connie Boesen, Teree Caldwell-Johnson, Rob Barron and Toussaint Cheatom.

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For: ACTION

Presentation: None

Contact: Patricia Lantz

Attachment: None

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Ms. Boesen, the board member with the longest tenure, will direct the secretary to call the roll.

Minutes

Present: Barron, Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Cheatom, Elsbernd, Howard, Sweeney

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Ms. Boesen will conduct the election of chair in accordance with law. Board Policy Code 205 calls for nominations followed by written ballot, with election by simple majority.

Ms. Boesen will administer the oath of office to the chair-elect.

“Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa and that you will faithfully and impartially to the best of your ability discharge the duties of the office of president in the Des Moines Independent Community School District as now or hereafter required by law?”

Minutes

Ms. Boesen called for election of the chair of the Board.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson nominated Ms. Elsbernd, seconded by Mr. Howard.

Ms. Boesen moved the nominations cease and called for a vote by written ballot.

The ballots were read and Cindy Elsbernd was unanimously elected as Board chair.

Ms. Boesen administered the oath of office to Cindy Elsbernd

Item No. 25g**Page 1 of 1****Subject: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR****For: ACTION****Presentation: None****Contact: Patricia Lantz****Attachment: None**(patricia.lantz@dmschools.org/242-8398)

The new chair will conduct the election of vice-chair in accordance with law. Board Policy Code 205 calls for nomination followed by written ballot, with election by simple majority.

The chair will administer the oath of office to the vice-chair elect.

“Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa and that you will faithfully and impartially to the best of your ability discharge the duties of the office of vice chair in the Des Moines Independent Community School District as now or hereafter required by law?”

Minutes

Ms. Elsbernd called for election of the vice chair of the Board.

Ms. Boesen nominated Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Caldwell-Johnson.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved to close nominations.

Ms. Elsbernd called for a vote by written ballot.

The ballots were read and Bill Howard was unanimously elected as vice-chair of the Board.

Ms. Elsbernd administered the oath of office to Bill Howard.

Ms. Elsbernd asked for a roll call.

Present: Barron, Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Cheatom, Elsbernd, Howard, Sweeney

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Subject:	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: ADOPTION OF POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND RULES BY THE NEW BOARD	
For:	ACTION	Presentation: None
Contact:	Patricia Lantz (patricia.lantz@dmschools.org /242-8398)	Attachment: None

The chair will call for a motion to adopt the policies, regulations, and rules of the previous board. The motion will be seconded and followed by a roll call vote.

Minutes

Ms. Boesen moved and Mr. Howard seconded a motion to adopt the policies, regulations, and rules of the previous Board.

Aye: Barron, Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Cheatom, Elsbernd, Howard, Sweeney

Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0

Item No. 25i**Page 1 of 1****Subject: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: ITEMS OF PRIVILEGE****For: DISCUSSION****Presentation: None****Contact: Patricia Lantz****Attachment: None**(patricia.lantz@dmschools.org/242-8398)

An opportunity will be provided at this time for newly elected directors to make comments.

Minutes

Mr. Barron stated that he is excited by the opportunity before this board and his role in that going forward. He will approach this endeavor with enthusiasm and excitement. He will work to the best of his abilities to serve the kids of this district.

Mr. Cheatom stated that he is excited about this opportunity and looks forward to working with everyone.