

March 13, 2012

**DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BOARDROOM — 1800 GRAND**

**MINUTES  
MARCH 13, 2012**

**PUBLIC FORUM — 5:45 p.m.**

The Board of Directors held a public forum on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in the boardroom at 1800 Grand; Teree Caldwell-Johnson presiding.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney  
Absent: None

Speakers: Terry Severin, Barb Moeller; Smouse School  
Luke Sheely, 2504, Countryside Drive, West Des Moines  
Rhonda Anderson, 2324 Reynolds Lane  
Cecilia Coates, 1415 Dean Judy Campbell, 2508 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Ct.

**REGULAR MEETING — 6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in the boardroom at 1800 Grand; Teree Caldwell-Johnson presiding.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney  
Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA — 6:05 p.m.**

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson recommended amending the agenda by moving Items 30 and 31 for discussion and action immediately following Item No. 24.

Ms. Boesen moved approval of the agenda as amended; second by Elsbernd.

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

The motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES — 6:05 p.m.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes; second by Boesen

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

The motion carried, 6-0-1.

**DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS — 6:10 p.m.**

Dr. Sebring presented the following six groups for recognition:

1. The North HS robotics team won the Motivate Award at the FIRST Tech Challenge – Iowa Championship on February 25 in competition with 48 other schools. Coach Bryan Butcher introduced team members Amanda Senn, Ngoc Truong, Logan Neades, Alex Hernandez, A.J. Walker and Ken Sayavong.
2. The Hoover HS World Design Challenge team won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the state competition held at the Science Center of Iowa on February 18 and will compete at the national level in Washington D.C on April 20. In collaboration with mentors from Iowa State University the team helped design a light aircraft. Coach Mark Schnurstein introduced team members Amra Softic, Chris Markle and Thayne Henderson.
3. The DMPS Kofu Exchange Program conducted a district-wide fundraiser in support of relief efforts in the wake of the Japanese tsunami disaster last year. \$2,000 were raised for the Red Cross. Mr. Greg Grylls and students Nicholas Bafia and Benny Nielsen presented the Board with a certificate of appreciation for its longstanding support of the Kofu program.
4. Students at Merrill MS hosted a Bullying Awareness Night at the school on February 27 and over 300 students participated. Principal Alex Hanna and teacher Dale Erickson played clips from the best student videos produced in connection with the event.
5. The following five wrestlers represented DMPS at the IHSA state wrestling tournament this year: Josh Davis; freshman @ East HS (coached by James Giboo, Scott Rourke and Zach Hamann), four-time state qualifier and former state champion Brian Warren; senior @ North/Hoover (coached by Jason Lampe), Jake Kristensen; sophomore @ Roosevelt HS, D'riecce Shirley; senior @ Roosevelt HS and four-time state champion John Meeks; senior @ Roosevelt HS (Roosevelt wrestlers all coached by Jay Groth). Meeks was undefeated (168-0) in his high school career, only the sixth wrestler in state history to accomplish that feat.
6. The following swimmers from Lincoln HS (coached by Brayton Weber) and Roosevelt HS (coached by Steve Teter) represented DMPS at the state meet in Marshalltown: Lincoln = Luis Arias, Brady Edwards, Matt Friend, Mitchell Friend, Curtis Knapp, Keaton Tripp, Hunter Hofmaier, Michael Nachtigal, Chase Shumaker, Charter Worth, Kort Kern. Roosevelt = Ross Turner (Academic All-State), Max Ward (state champion; 100 meter butterfly), Mitch Arends and Ian Baker.

**CONSENT ITEMS — 6:40 p.m.**

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#### Minutes

Mr. Howard moved to approve the consent items including payment of bills previously authorized, certified and reviewed by him in the amount of \$5,727,031.51 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$3,348,497.02; second by Boesen.

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

The motion carried, 7-0.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS — 6:45 p.m.**

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#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION — 8:10 p.m.**

At the suggestion of Ms. Caldwell-Johnson the Board requested an update on the overall status of the International Baccalaureate program at all levels in DMPS.

#### **CHAIR’S REPORT — 8:30 p.m.**

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Ms. Caldwell-Johnson announced that the next meeting of the newly formed Strategic Issues Advisory Committee (SIAC) is slated for March 26. She said the membership of SIAC so far may be too homogeneous for a district as diverse as DMPS and requested a list of those who've participated so far as a means of triggering recommendations from the other Board members of others who might be interested in getting involved. She also thanked the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) for facilitating the two recent public school budget forums and expressed her appreciation to those who attended them.

Finally, it was reported that Mr. Murphy and Bill Good, the district's Chief Operations Officer, would be traveling to Washington D.C. to accept the Energy Star Partner of the Year Award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 15 in recognition of the district's remarkable achievements in energy efficiency.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT — 8:40 p.m.**

Dr. Sebring reported on the involvement of district students in various events during the iWeek celebration of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) coordinated by DMACC West. She expressed her appreciation to Tony Paustian, the Provost at the DMACC West Campus.

**ADJOURN — 8:35 p.m.**

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**Item No. 7**
**Page 1 of 2****Subject: ARCHITECT PAYMENTS****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Payment of architect/engineer invoices.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends 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>
<b><u>BCDM</u></b>				
Studebaker Elementary Architect App. 06 (SWP)	64%	\$240,000.00	\$119,040.00	\$34,560.00
<b><u>OPN Architects</u></b>				
Hiatt Middle School Architect App. 6 (SWP)	66%	\$339,200.00	\$167,200.20	\$57,204.80
McCombs Middle School Architect App. 12 (SWP)	80%	\$364,100.00	\$286,378.20	\$4,051.80
Samuelson School Architect App. 3 (PPEL)	75%	\$12,200.00	\$8,708.00	\$388.00
North High School Arch. App. 14 (SWP)	98%	\$1,036,270.00	\$996,674.20	\$23,164.25
<b><u>RDG Planning</u></b>				
Central Campus Phase 2 Architect App 17 (SWP)	84%	\$764,737.00	\$636,928.45	\$6,860.68
Central Campus Phase 3 Architect App. 4 (SWP)	28%	\$312,741.00	\$85,065.10	\$2,501.90

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**Baldwin White**

Edmunds Elementary	56%	\$563,000.00	\$262,020.20	\$53,071.20
Architect App. 13 (SWP)				

**Wells + Associates**

Lovejoy Elementary	65%	\$240,000.00	\$152,736.00	\$3,264.00
Architect App. 5 (SWP)				

**Alvine & Associates**

Meredith Middle School	28%	\$308,800.00	\$0.00	\$86,465.00
Architect App. 1 (SWP)				

<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$271,531.63</b>
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**Presenters:** None**Background:** None

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**Item No. 8**
**Page 1 of 3****Subject: CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Payment of contractor invoices.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends 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>
<b><u>Larson &amp; Larson</u></b>				
Central Campus Ph. 2 (SWP) GC App 15 Sealed Bid No. B6220	95%	\$8,336,812.00	\$7,896,633.93	\$13,186.31
McCombs School Addition / Renovation (SWP) GC App 6 Sealed Bid No. B6379	47%	\$5,710,369.00	\$2,421,284.24	\$283,430.56
Roosevelt Athletic Area (LOSST) GC App 9 Sealed Bid No. B6311	95%	\$3,523,809.00	\$3,343,954.40	\$3,664.15
<b><u>Dean Snyder</u></b>				
North High School (SWP) - Addition GC App 18 Sealed Bid No. B6151	99%	\$7,616,277.00	\$7,235,463.15	\$289,862.60
North High School (SWP) - Elevator GC App 8 Sealed Bid No. B6309	99%	\$154,710.00	\$146,974.50	\$6,188.40

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North High School (SWP) - Kitchen GC App 7 Sealed Bid No. B6338	99%	\$313,235.00	\$297,573.25	\$12,529.40
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**Edge Commercial LLC**

CC Fire Sprinkler (LOSST) GC App 10 Sealed Bid No. B6310	92%	\$655,500.00	\$577,773.09	\$27,116.85
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**REEP, Inc.**

Meredith Middle (SWP) GC App 8 Sealed Bid No. B6312	95%	\$399,007.00	\$376,061.49	\$2,448.15
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**Rochon Corp.**

Harding Middle School (SWP) GC App. 10 Sealed Bid No. B6321	97%	\$4,762,034.00	\$4,547,798.85	\$67,220.70
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**Neumann Brothers**

Central Campus Entry GC App. 3 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6411	32%	\$1,118,667.00	\$172,118.15	\$182,034.25
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**Ball Team LLC**

Harding Door Hardware GC App. 2 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6399	77%	\$209,980.00	\$131,858.10	\$31,505.80
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**Wheeler Contracting**

Woodlawn Center RETAINAGE RELEASE Sealed Bid No. B6201	100%	\$178,590.00	\$169,660.50	\$8,929.50
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**Lindstrom Environ.**

Central Campus	93%	\$252,256.84	\$213,321.28	\$21,192.72
GC App. 5 (SWP)				
Sealed Bid No. B6192				

**Superior Painting**

North High School	100%	\$90,197.00.00	\$85,687.15	\$4,509.85
(SWP)				
RETAINAGE RELEASE				
Sealed Bid No. B6367				

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$953,819.24</b>
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**Presenters:** None**Background:** None

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**Item No. 9****Page 1 of 2****Subject: APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS****For: ACTION****Contact: Various****Attachments: None**

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**Contract No. 12-004****Project:** MICROSOFT SCHOOL AGREEMENT YEAR 2012-2013**Contractor:** Microsoft Corp.

**Background:** The Microsoft School Agreement is a subscription licensing program for K-12 schools and districts. DMPS will be licensed for all software upgrades and downgrades during the licensed period for all faculty, staff, and students.

**Financial:**

Revenues: \$100,000

Expenses: \$252,516.43

**Funding Source:** \$100,000 from the Microsoft Settlement account  
\$152,516.43 from the Tech Service account

**Term:** Fiscal year 2012-2013**New or Renewal:** Renewal (third year in a three-year agreement)**Contact:** Dan Warren (danny.warren@dmschools.org; 242-8192)**Contract No. 12-005****Project:** Student Teaching Agreement**Contractor:** Utah Valley University

**Background:** The Des Moines Public Schools has provided student teaching experiences for students from various colleges and universities for a number of years. College students are placed with teachers throughout the district for either a full or half semester. The individual teacher receives remuneration from the appropriate university. This agreement sets forth the general terms and conditions for placing student teachers, pre-kindergarten through 12th.

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**Financial:**

Revenues: None

Expenses: None

**Term:** Beginning March 1, 2012**New or Renewal:** New**Contact:** Thomas Mitchell, Director (thomas.mitchell@dmschools.org; 242-7967)**Contract No. 12-006****Project:** E-Rate Contract for Eligible Internet/Telecommunication Services**Contractor:** eChalk

**Background:** The Universal Service Fund (E-Rate) program requires the district to establish contracts with providers of eligible E-Rate service. These vendors must be chosen through a competitive bid process that complies with both local and E-Rate bidding requirements.

These requirements have been met, and eChalk has been selected to provide the eligible telecommunication/internet web hosting services.

DMPS is requesting \$260,350.00 after E-Rate over a three-year period from the E-Rate program to support the E-Rate eligible work done by eChalk in fiscal years 2013-15. The actual services will be provided by eChalk and be based on district needs and resource allocation. This E-Rate contract does not bind the district to do a set amount of work with eChalk.

**Financial:**

Revenues: 0

Expenses: up to \$86,826.22/annually

**Term:** Three year: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015**New or Renewal:** New

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**Item No. 10**
**Page 1 of 3****Subject: AWARD OF CONTRACTS ON BID****For: ACTION****Contact: Various****Attachments: None**


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**Issue:** Bids have been advertised, issued and received for various equipment items, supplies, and services as outlined below.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the contracts 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 item on the bid, and are not intended to be all inclusive.

**A. Bid 5181-08 Pest Extermination FY 2012-13**

Diam Pest Control	Des Moines, IA	\$ 31,800.00
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The vendor performs pest control and extermination for district-wide food preparation areas, as well as all other district facilities. The vendor has agreed to extend the contract with the same terms and conditions and prices as last year.

This is the fourth and final extension.

2011-2012	Est.	\$31,800.00
2010-2011	Est.	\$30,240.00
2009-2010	Est.	\$28,800.00
2008-2009	Actual	\$29,758.00

**Funding Source:** Custodial & Food Service Accounts.

**Contact:** Sheila Mason (sheila.mason@dmschools.org; 242-7981)

**B. Bid 5127-07 for High Speed Digital Stencil Duplicators- Rental FY 2012-2013**

Midwest Office Technology	Des Moines, Iowa	\$160,000.00
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The vendor has agreed to extend the contract at the same cost per copy of \$.0072 which includes machine rental, Hecon keypads, all supplies, parts and labor, but excludes paper. The district has requested this extension in order to develop a long term plan to reduce the costs of printing throughout the district. This extension will allow Technology more time to ensure the proper course of action is taken to achieve this goal.

2011-2012	Estimated Award	\$160,000.00
2010-2011	Actual	\$151,000.00
2009-2010	Actual	\$145,663.70
2008-2009	Actual	\$207,305.12
2007-2008	Actual	\$165,876.57

**Funding Source:** Various district-wide accounts.

**Contact:** Dan Warren (danny.warren@dmschools.org; 515-242-8192)

**C. B6115 Multifunctional Copiers FY 2012-13**

Midwest Office Technology    Des Moines, IA                      \$350,000.00

The vendor leases multifunctional copiers district-wide; this is the second year of a five year lease. The vendor has agreed to extend the contract with the same terms and conditions.

**This is the second extension.**

2011-2012	Estimated Expenditure	\$350,000.00
2010-2011	Actual Expenditure	\$304,000.00

**Funding Source:** Various district-wide accounts.

**Contact:** Dan Warren (danny.warren@dmschools.org; 515-242-8192)

**D. B6314 Renewal of Armored Car Service for 2012-13**

The vendor as agreed to extend the same terms and conditions as last year for FY 2012-2013

**This is the first extension.**

2012-2013	Armored Knights, Omaha, NE	\$26,500.00
2011-2012	Estimated	\$25,246.08

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**Funding Source:** Central Nutrition Center Accounts.

**Contact:** Sandy Huisman (sandy.huisman@dmschools.org; 242-7712)

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Award of purchase order for the asbestos abatement at Meredith Middle School.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends a purchase order for the Base Bid be awarded to the lowest responsive/ responsible bidder, Great Plains Asbestos Control Inc. in the amount of \$81,448.**Presenters:** None.**Background:** This is a project under the statewide penny funding. The work at Meredith consists of:

- **Base Bid:** Asbestos abatement in preparation for renovation work.

The district received quotes on March 2, 2012. The results are as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid
Great Plains Asbestos Control, Kearny, NE	\$81,448
Robinson Brothers Environmental, Waunakee, WI	\$94,480
Mid-Iowa Environmental, Des Moines, IA	\$98,000
ICM Ltd., Des Moines IA	\$94,900

**Funding Source:** Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

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**Item No. 12****Page 1 of 1****Subject: AWARD OF ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT HIATT MIDDLE SCHOOL****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Award of purchase order for the asbestos abatement at Hiatt Middle School.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends a purchase order for the Base Bid be awarded to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Wheeler Contracting in the amount of \$74,000.**Presenters:** None.**Background:** This is a project under the statewide penny funding. The work at Hiatt consists of:

- **Base Bid:** Asbestos abatement in preparation for renovation work.

The district received quotes on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2012. The results are as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid
Wheeler Contracting; Omaha, NE	\$74,000
Great Plains Asbestos Control; Kearny, NE	\$83,256
Robinson Brothers Environmental; Waunakee, WI	\$107,425
Mid-Iowa Environmental; Des Moines, IA	\$165,000
ICM Ltd.; Des Moines, IA	\$109,100

**Funding Source:** Statewide Penny (Students First Program)



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**Item No. 13****Page 1 of 1****Subject: AWARD OF BID NO. B6486 – ADDITION AND RENOVATION  
AT HIATT MIDDLE SCHOOL****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Award of contract for the addition and renovation project at Hiatt Middle School.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends a contract for the Base Bid and Alternate 1 be awarded to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Dean Snyder Construction in the amount of \$6,728,000.00.**Presenters:** None**Background:** The work at Hiatt consists of:

**Base Bid:** This project will enhance energy efficiency and safety/security measures. It will provide electrical upgrades including new lighting, a fire sprinkler system, upgraded technology, and improvements to the mechanical systems. Also included is work for Boys and Girls Club spaces within the building.

**Alternate 1:** Change the mechanical system to a geothermal system.

The district received bids on March 6, 2012. The results are as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate 1</b>
Dean Snyder Construction Ankeny, Iowa	\$6,450,000	\$278,000
Rochon Corp of Iowa Urbandale, Iowa	\$6,806,000	\$239,000
Lang Construction Group West Des Moines, Iowa	\$7,167,000	\$286,000

**Funding Source:** Statewide Penny (Students First Program), Boys and Girls Club funding and PPEL.

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**Item No. 14****Page 1 of 1****Subject: AWARD OF BID NO. B6481 — CLASSROOM ADDITION  
BRODY MIDDLE SCHOOL****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Award of contract for the classroom addition project at Brody Middle School.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends a contract for the Base Bid be awarded to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Edge Commercial in the amount of \$1,418,230.00.**Presenters:** None. Bill Good will be present to answer any questions.**Background:** This is one of the projects under the statewide penny funding. The work at Brody consists of:

- **Base Bid:** A two-story, four classroom addition to the west end of the classroom wing and a two-story addition to extend the existing restrooms for ADA compliance. Also, modifications in the auditorium to accommodate ADA seating.

The district received bids on February 28, 2012. The results are as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
Edge Commercial Grimes, IA	\$1,418,230
Rochon Corp of Iowa Urbandale, IA	\$1,524,000
Lang Construction Group West Des Moines, IA	\$1,536,500

**Funding Source:** Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

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**Item No. 15****Page 1 of 1****Subject: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECTS AT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**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:** North High School

**PROJECT:** Addition and Renovations – Bid No. B6151

**CONTRACTOR:** Dean Snyder Construction

**CONTRACTED AMOUNT:** \$ 7,616,277.00

**CONTRACT BALANCE:** \$ 90,951.25

**PROJECT:** Elevator – Bid No. B6309

**CONTRACTOR:** Dean Snyder Construction

**CONTRACTED AMOUNT:** \$154,710.00

**CONTRACT BALANCE:** \$1,547.10

**PROJECT:** Kitchen – Bid No. B66338

**CONTRACTOR:** Dean Snyder Construction

**CONTRACTED AMOUNT:** \$ 313,235.00

**CONTRACT BALANCE:** \$ 3,132.35

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**Item No. 16****Page 1 of 1****Subject: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT — COWLES MONTESSORI SCHOOL****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**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:** Cowles Montessori School – Mechanical Renovation– Bid No. B6289

**CONTRACTOR:** Rochon Corporation of Iowa

**CONTRACTED AMOUNT:** \$ 1,865,983.67

**CONTRACT BALANCE:** \$ 93,299.17

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**Item No. 17****Page 1 of 1****Subject: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT — MERRILL MIDDLE SCHOOL****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**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:** Merrill Middle School – Mechanical Renovation– Bid No. B6294

**CONTRACTOR:** Rochon Corporation of Iowa

**CONTRACTED AMOUNT:** \$ 3,034,164.00

**CONTRACT BALANCE:** \$ 151,708.20

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**Item No. 18****Page 1 of 1****Subject: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT — ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**  
(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us : 242-8321)**Attachments: None**

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**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:** Roosevelt High School Athletic Renovations Bid No. B6311

**CONTRACTOR:** Larson & Larson Construction Company

**CONTRACTED AMOUNT:** \$ 3,523,809.00

**CONTRACT BALANCE:** \$ 176,190.45

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**Subject: RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING  
LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CENTRAL  
IOWA AT HIATT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**For: ACTION**

**Contact: Bill Good**

**Attachments: 12-018**

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

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**Issue:** Iowa Code requires that a public hearing be held for the approval of long term leases and operating agreements and related documents for the Hiatt Middle School project.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution to hold a public hearing for the agreements with The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Iowa for the shared use of spaces at Hiatt Middle School.

**Presenters:** None

**Background:** Portions of the Hiatt Middle School complex (building and grounds) owned by the district will be used to house The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Iowa, Inc. The leased premises will consist of dedicated and shared space for The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Iowa within the building to be used for youth activities.

The lease will have an initial term of five years at an annual rental rate of \$1.00 for each year in exchange for funding participation by The Girls & Boys Clubs of Central Iowa in the amount of \$200,000.00. Tenant shall have the right to extend this lease for five (5) periods of five (5) years each (each an "Option Term"). The Boys & Girls Clubs will also be responsible for operational costs as stipulated within the operating agreement.

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**Item No. 20****Page 1 of 1****Subject: NEW CARRIER FOR BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES****For: ACTION****Contact: Scott R. Mikesch****Attachments: None**

(scott.mikesch@dmschools.org; 242-7972)

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**Issue:** A new carrier for performing background check services.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve Pre-Employ as the new carrier for performing background check services on all prospective employees. Services with Pre-Employ will begin effective March 14, 2012.

**Background:** For the past several years the district has been using the services of One Source through the Local Government Services, Inc. (Iowa Association of School Boards) to perform background checks on all prospective employees. For this current fiscal year, One Source has performed approximately 656 background checks to date at their standard rate of \$78.00 per background check.

July 2011	109	Nov 2011	64
Aug 2011	174	Dec 2011	78
Sept 2011	109	Jan 2012	56
Oct 2011	66		

An RFP was recently conducted to see if another carrier might provide background check services at a reduced rate, therefore resulting in a cost savings to the district. Five companies submitted bids. The bids were reviewed by Tom Mitchell, Director of Human Resources Management and Mark Mattiussi, Purchasing Agent of the Purchasing Department. The screening process began with a review of all five companies and then led to three company preferences, and eventually resulting in the final selection which was Pre-Employ. For trial purposes Pre-Employ provided the district with 10-15 free background checks. Pre-Employ will perform background check services for the district at the standard rate of \$43.95 per background check. It is proposed that the district use the services of Pre-Employ to perform background checks on all prospective employees.



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Subject: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

For: ACTION

Contact: Scott R. Mikesh

Attachments: None

(scott.mikesh@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7972)

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the following personnel recommendations:

**Background:****LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Sinha, Katy	Extend Leave of Absence	08/22/2012	Personal

**RESIGNATION**

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Hausman, Tracy	Findley, In Class Reading	02/28/2012	Personal
Klein, Eric	Hiatt, Vice Principal	06/18/2012	Personal
McGregor, Katrina	King, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	03/02/2012	Personal
Schuck, Erika	Wright, 1 <sup>st</sup>	04/01/2012	Personal
Tensen, Tracy	East, GU Online Learning	02/21/2012	Personal

**REGULAR RETIREMENT**

Name	School, Position	Position	Effective Date
Gale, Frank	Casady	BD	06/08/2012
Kerr, Joan	Hanawalt	Multi-categorical	06/08/2012
Nassif, Joan	Hillis	Preschool	06/08/2012

**EARLY RETIREMENT**

Name	School	Position	Years in DMPS District	Effective Date
Hansen, Heather A.	Turning Point	BD	12	06/01/2012
Isaac, Marcia S.	Goodrell	Band	19	06/01/2012
Kephart, Chrissie D.	King	K	16	06/01/2012
Kozel, Kristina L.	Jackson	Tech Educator	20	06/01/2012
Mulcahy, Diane M.	Student Services	Physical Therapist	24	06/01/2012
Prey, Bette J.	Central Campus	Dean	30	06/01/2012
Reynolds, Shawn E.	Willard	Art	34	06/01/2012
Richards, Claudia L.	East	English	28	06/01/2012
Rudisill, Carol A.	Jefferson	4	20	06/01/2012
Schaffer, Michael J.	Central Campus	Social Science	23	06/01/2012
Stiles, Karen L.	Central Campus	Marine Biology	38	06/01/2012
Wade, Yolaine A.	Cattell	K	35	06/01/2012
Zavala, Beth M.	Hoover	Science	32	06/01/2012

**Item No. 21****Page 2 of 2****ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT**

Name	Position	Amount	Effective Date
Belt, Carrie A.	Principal, Hubbell Elementary School	\$86,846	07/01/2012

Masters Degree in Educational Leadership, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, 2002. Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, 1995. Experience: Release Dean of Students/Dean of Students/Fifth/Third Grade, Park Avenue Elementary School, Des Moines Public School District, 2009-present; Third Grade Teacher, Karen Acres Elementary School, Urbandale, Iowa, 2008-2009; First/Third Grade Teacher, Bloomer Elementary, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 2001-2008; First Grade Teacher, Edmunds Academy of Fine Arts, Des Moines, Iowa, 1996-2001. Address: Indianola, Iowa.

**ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT**

Name	Position	Amount	Effective Date
Hoffman, Thomas	Principal, Brody Middle School	\$95,672	07/01/2012

Masters Degree in Educational Leadership, National-Lewis University, Chicago, Illinois, 2009. Masters Degree in Urban Educational Leadership and Supervision, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, 2006. Masters Degree in History, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1996. Masters Degree in Divinity in Pastoral Theology and Counseling, Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, 1992. Bachelors Degree in English Literature, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska 1988. Experience: Principal, Ames Middle School, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois, 2009-present; Resident Principal, Kenwood Academy High School, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois, 2008-2009; Assistant Principal, Salt River High School, Arizona Department of Education Center, Scottsdale, Arizona, 2006-2008; Literacy Specialist, Pueblo del Sol (6-8 grade), Isaac School District, Phoenix, Arizona, 2005-2006; ELL/Language Arts/History Teacher, Pueblo del Sol, Isaac School District, Phoenix, Arizona, 2000-2005. Address: Chicago, Illinois.

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**Subject: LIST OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

**For: ACTION**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** A list of bills will be furnished to the Board of Directors at the Board meeting for approval. The secretary will be glad to furnish information as requested on any of these items. Prior to the meeting, one member of the Board will have checked this list with the invoices.

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**Subject: RENOVATION TO MEREDITH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION**

**Contact: Bill Good**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Approval of the plans and specifications for work at Meredith Middle School. Publication for the Public Hearing was included in the Des Moines Register on March 7, 2012.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the plans and specifications prepared by Alvine Engineering for the renovation of the existing school.

**Background:** This project will renovate the existing school building. Included are improvements to the kitchen and cafeteria areas, minor changes in the main office and in some classrooms. The building will receive new ceilings and be re-painted. The school will receive a new geothermal mechanical system and a fire sprinkler system. This project will also enhance energy efficiency and safety/security measures. It will provide electrical upgrades including new lighting, and upgraded technology.

A copy of the plans and specifications is available for review at the district's Operations Center, 1917 Dean Avenue.

**Funding:** Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

Minutes

Mr. Howard moved approval of the plans and specifications; second by Elsbernd.

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

The motion carried, 7-0.

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**Subject: MEREDITH MIDDLE SCHOOL — ADDITIONAL WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT**

**For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION**

**Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Approval of the plans and specifications for work at Meredith Middle School. Publication for the Public Hearing was included in the Des Moines Register on March 9, 2012.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the plans and specifications prepared by Larrison Architects for additional window and door replacement at Meredith Middle School.

**Background:** A previous window project replaced the majority of the windows at Meredith Middle School. Certain curtain wall glass areas were not replaced at that time because of coordination work that is required with the renovation project being bid concurrent to this additional window project.

A copy of the plans and specifications is available for review at the district's Operations Center, 1917 Dean Avenue.

**Funding:** Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

Minutes

Ms. Elsbernd moved approval of the plans and specifications; second by Jongewaard.

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

Nay: None

The motion carried, 7-0.

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**Item No. 25****Page 1 of 2****Subject: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE****For: INFORMATION****Contact: Phil Roeder/Margaret Buckton****Attachments: 12-019**

(phillip.roeder@dmschools.org; 242-8153/margaret.m.buckton@gmail.com)

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**Issue:** The Iowa General Assembly convened in January and is considering several pieces of schools-related legislation.

**Background:** The governor submitted a blueprint for education reform and amended versions of it have emerged in both houses of the state legislature. The Board has requested a status summary of bills pending at the statehouse with the potential to directly impact the district.

**Presenters:** Margaret Buckton

#### Minutes

Ms. Boesen expressed her concern that state legislators generally have an insufficient understanding of school finance.

Ms. Buckton, a partner in Iowa School Finance Information Services (ISFIS) and a former Board member, agreed that none of the part-time citizen legislators have a background of expertise in that area. She said that makes it even more critical for the community to weigh in on legislation pending at the statehouse.

Mr. Murphy asked what areas might be the basis for compromise between the House and Senate versions of education reform legislation.

Ms. Buckton cited the respective positions on teacher evaluation as one key point on which there should be room to negotiate. She said the Senate should not yield to the House's position in favor of a less regulatory climate for charter schools but hoped it would reach agreement on something similar to the House language on revamped student assessment. She also mentioned the need for resources to support early literacy programs as something both chambers are emphasizing.

Mr. Sweeney wondered how online schools might be impacted by the education reform that ultimately emerges from the legislature.

Ms. Buckton said there is a provision in the Senate bill that prohibits more than 50% of a student's curriculum being online based, effectively ending open enrollment into online academies like the ones proposed for two Iowa school districts which, according to an

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opinion just issued by the attorney general's office, would be legal under current law. She said that online learning has great potential as an educational tool and the conversation going on at the statehouse about how best to regulate it is a healthy one.

Ms. Boesen asked if the two districts planning to go exclusively online next fall were counting on open enrollments to make it work.

Ms. Buckton said the prospects of open enrollments probably matter more to the vendors than to the school districts, both of which are small and by themselves could not deliver the student numbers that would make the virtual academies commercially viable.

Mr. Howard asked about the clearinghouse for teacher and administrator job applicants that is part of the governor's reform package.

Ms. Buckton said it provides for centralized posting of job openings in order that the state may verify the credentials of applicants. To address concerns the state would use the clearinghouse to weed out applicants on the basis of unspecified aptitude screening surveys she said the House version of the governor's proposal is voluntary and less controversial.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson suggested the Board send a letter to key legislators stating its position on education bills still pending and there was a consensus that doing so would be worthwhile.

Ms. Buckton offered her assistance to the Board in articulating those positions and identifying who ought to be made aware of them.

Mr. Howard asked the status of bills dealing with the rate of allowable growth in state funding for schools.

Ms. Buckton reported the Senate has passed a bill setting allowable growth at 4% for FY 2013-14. The House bill would defer the question until next year through its provision that allowable growth only be addressed in two-year increments established in odd-numbered years.

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**Subject: ROOSEVELT HS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NAMING RIGHTS**

**For: DISCUSSION**

**Contact: Board/Kathie Danielson**

**Attachments: 12-015**

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**Issue:** Naming various facilities at Roosevelt HS in recognition of major contributors to the school's capital improvements campaign.

**Background:** To broaden the scope of renovations at the school funded by the statewide penny tax the Roosevelt Foundation conducted a complementary fundraising campaign that included naming rights for various facilities as a donor incentive. Board Policy Code 740 addresses the naming of district schools and facilities.

**Presenters:** None. Kathie Danielson will be available to answer questions.

#### Minutes

On behalf of the Board subcommittee on district facility naming rights comprised of himself, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Howard, Mr. Sweeney recommended approval of the proposed changes in recognition of major donors to the Roosevelt Foundation's capital fundraising campaign.

Ms. Danielson, the principal at Roosevelt, endorsed all of the proposed changes.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson said the matter will be placed on the Board's April 3 agenda for final action.



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**Item No. 27****Page 1 of 2****Subject: PRESCHOOL UPDATE RELATED TO BUDGET ISSUES****For: INFORMATION****Contact: Tom Ahart/Susie Guest****Attachments: None**

(thomas.ahart@dmschools.org; 242-7536/Susie.guest@dmschools.org; 242-8424)

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**Issue:** Restructuring of the district's universal preschool program.**Background:** The Board has requested a report on the status of the DMPS preschool program as it prepares for the expiration of two key funding streams, Early Reading First and the Harkin Early Learning Grant, at the end of the current fiscal year.**Presenters:** Tom Ahart (thomas.ahart@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7536/susie.guest@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8424)

Minutes

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked how much funding the Harkin grant had provided to the program.

Ms. Boesen said the last installment of it had amounted to approximately \$750,000.

Mr. Jongewaard asked if there are plans to expand the preschool program.

Mr. Ahart, the district's Associate Superintendent, explained that the program has steadily grown from year to year with the exception of this year due to uncertainty a year ago when the legislature threatened to withhold pre-k funding for the 2011-12 school year. That resulted in a decline of about 200 students which should be restored next year. He said the district does intend to continue to grow the program as physical space for it becomes available.

Mr. Sweeney asked if kids who enter DMPS at the pre-k level tend to remain in the district long-term and also wondered where those 200 or so kids who'd been in the program last year were placed in 2011-12.

Mr. Ahart said his sense is that kids who attend DMPS for preschool stay in the district unless their families move out of its boundaries. He speculated the displaced kids may have found spots in private facilities for this year.

Ms. Boesen said some of them may have been picked up by a United Way early learning program. She added that the DMPS program has developed into an effective public/private network that pays dividends as kids move through the K-12 curriculum.

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Mr. Ahart noted that the state funding for the program cannot be used for infrastructure such as leasing program space but can be used to reimburse service providers who partner with the district. Accordingly, the district is actively searching for private facilities with the capacity to help widen the reach of the district's pre-k offerings.

Mr. Howard asked if the state's pre-k funding is adequate.

Mr. Ahart said more would be better but in lieu of additional funds it would be very helpful if the strings were simply removed from what's currently provided so that money could be used for things like leasing space and providing transportation, enabling the district to reach high-need families that aren't currently served.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson said she had been at a community meeting earlier that day where the topic was the fact that preschool services too often don't reach those with the most critical need for them.

Mr. Jongewaard asked if transportation can be supplied by private providers.

Mr. Ahart said yes, but only at their own expense.

Ms. Boesen said it makes no sense to curtail preschool funding when research demonstrates overwhelmingly that every dollar invested in it returns at least seven later in reduced social costs.

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**Item No. 28****Page 1 of 2****Subject: CENTRAL IOWA METRO LEAGUE (CIML) UPDATE****For: INFORMATION****Contact: Bryce Amos/Mike Zelenovich****Attachments: 12-017**

(bryce.amos@dmschools.org/michael.zelenovich@dmschools.org)

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**Issue:** Realignment of the Central Iowa Metro League (CIML) athletic conference and the transition to district scheduling for member schools in football.

**Background:** CIML athletic directors have been considering the implications of realignment scenarios since 2009 when high schools in Sioux City and Council Bluffs indicated a desire to schedule 3A as well as 4A opponents in football. Realignment became inevitable when the new Ankeny Centennial HS was admitted to the CIML effective in the fall of 2013. In November, 2011 the CIML athletic directors adopted a realignment plan and in February, 2012 the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) announced district format football schedules for the 24 4A teams in the western half of the state.

**Presenters:** None. Bryce Amos will be present to answer questions

#### Minutes

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked if the CIML realignment will result in increased travel costs for DMPS member schools.

Mr. Zelenovich, the district's Activities Director, said the net result shouldn't be much if any increase because the formation of the Metro 7 which combines Indianola with the five DMPS high schools and Ottumwa will create relatively nearby home-and-home scheduling arrangements and reduce the need for trips to more remote CIML schools like Mason City.

Mr. Sweeney said it's too bad the Des Moines schools have to travel as far as Sioux City and Council Bluffs because states across the Missouri River closed their borders for scheduling purposes.

Mr. Zelenovich said the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) mandated that accommodation of the schools on the state's western edge. He said the home-and-home scheduling means that travel costs will even out and reminded the Board that the conference/division alignments and scheduling will be reexamined every two years with the goal of achieving a competitive balance.

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Mr. Murphy said longstanding rivalries may fall by the wayside with the biennial reshuffling.

Mr. Zelenovich noted that schools will retain the right to designate each other as preferred opponents even if they are placed in different divisions and said that he felt each of the Metro 7 schools had approached the scheduling question trying to be as sensitive as possible to both tradition and competitive balance.

Mr. Murphy said if he had his way each of the five DMPS high schools would continue to play one another every year in football. He understands that schools with an enrollment of 1,000 or less may not always be eager to play schools with enrollments more than double that size, regardless of how longstanding a rivalry is, so maybe the Board needs to consider redrawing school boundaries.

Ms. Boesen wanted to clarify that as things now stand not all DMPS high schools will play one another in football in 2012.

Mr. Zelenovich confirmed that point, but said that most of the intra-city traditional rivalries will be on the schedule this fall and reminded the Board that all of this will be reviewed every two years.

Mr. Howard expressed his concern that football schedules are getting too long and exposing kids to too much risk of injury.

Mr. Amos, the district's Executive Director of Secondary Schools, said the emphasis on competitive balance should also reduce injuries and there are no plans to increase the number of games played.

Mr. Howard asked if the conversion to a divisional format is limited to football.

Mr. Zelenovich said yes, it is.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked to have the Board members provided with the 2012-13 sports schedules for each of the DMPS high schools as soon as possible.

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**Item No. 29****Page 1 of 2****Subject: MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM UPDATE****For: INFORMATION****Contact: Bryce Amos/Mike Zelenovich****Attachments: 12-014**

(bryce.amos@dmschools.org/michael.zelenovich@dmschools.org)

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**Issue:** The Board receives an annual report on the scope of the district's extracurricular athletic program for middle school students.

**Background:** DMPS currently offers 11 sports at the middle school level; five for boys, five for girls and coed soccer. Some are district funded and others are fee-based and administered in collaboration with the district's Department of Community Education. Attached is a four-year summary of program offerings including season calendars, fee schedules and participation rates disaggregated by grade level and school.

**Presenters:** None. Bryce Amos will be available to answer questions.

#### Minutes

Ms. Boesen asked what the trends are with the middle school extra-curricular programs in terms of what's offered and participation levels.

Mr. Zelenovich said over the course of the last decade or so 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball for both boys and girls has been dropped but 8<sup>th</sup> grade tackle football for boys and coed soccer have been added. He said there has been a slight increase in overall participation levels over the most recent two-year period versus the one prior to it.

Mr. Amos said there is an enrollment bubble of current 6<sup>th</sup> graders that hopefully will lead to boosted participation levels as they advance to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades where most of the extra-curricular opportunities exist.

Mr. Howard asked if the program fees are a deterrent to participation.

Mr. Zelenovich said he feels the fees are minimal and have not increased much in recent years. Students who cannot afford them up front are allowed to pay them in installments although there are no formal scholarships awarded to defray participation fees.

Mr. Murphy said he would like to see this update expanded in the future to include fine arts as well as sports. He added it's well-documented that extra-curricular involvement is strongly linked to academic improvement and feels the Board has been remiss in not emphasizing and monitoring it at the middle school level. He would like to see a

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significant increase in the percentage of kids who participate in something and believes that compensation for the teacher/coaches in charge should be one element of any plan to make that happen.

Mr. Jongewaard suggested that perhaps the DMPS Foundation could play a role in making extra-curricular compensation and summer camps possible at the middle school level.

Ms. Elsbernd said it's important to have building staff in charge of middle school extra-curriculars because parents are so preoccupied with the other transitions their children are making at that stage they might not even be aware of opportunities unless someone who's at the school every day makes a point of bringing them to their attention.

With regard to Mr. Jongewaard's suggestion, Ms. Boesen pointed out that the middle schools were a declared area of emphasis for the DMPS Foundation when it was established. She encouraged the community to make donations to it.

For purposes of future reports in this area, Ms. Caldwell-Johnson said it would be a good idea to track the extent to which kids who get involved in middle school stay involved throughout high school.

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**Item No. 30****Page 1 of 2****Subject: STATEWIDE PENNY SALES TAX BONDS, SERIES 2012****For: ACTION****Contact: Thomas Harper**

(thomas.harper@dmschools.org; 242-7745)

**Attachments: 12-012****12-013****12-016**

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**Issue:** Issuance of Revenue Bonds

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board take action on a Resolution setting the Date of Sale of approximately \$72,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2012, Approval of the Official Statement, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures, and Approval of the Post-Issuance Tax Compliance.

**Presenter:** Thomas Harper

**Background:** The district would like to sell approximately \$72.5m in Tax Revenue Bonds in April, 2012 with the close of the sale on or about May 8, 2012. Due to the fluctuation of interest rates the value will change.

The Bonds will provide funds for the following purposes:

1. Minimize inflationary increases on a portion of the construction program.
2. Maximize the use of construction dollars in the first 10 years of the construction program.
3. Add flexibility to the construction schedule.
4. Allow the district to develop the most optimal construction plan.
5. Lock up a portion of the revenue stream for debt service (and/or projects).
6. Allow the district to move up projects earlier for the benefit of the students.
7. Lock in projects at an estimated borrowing cost of approximately **4%** which may be lower than the projected average inflationary factor over the next 17 years.
8. Continue to provide operational efficiencies which will have a direct impact on the general fund in the form of reduced energy costs.

It should be noted that in addition to these bonds, the district is considering coming to the Board in the future for authorization to sell an additional \$44m Sales Tax Revenue Bonds.

The ***suggested timeline*** is as follows:

<b>Jan. - March 2012</b>	<b>Document Preparation</b>
<b>March 13, 2012</b>	<b>School Board Meeting</b>
<b>March 27, 2012</b>	<b>Official Statement</b>
<b>April 3, 2012</b>	<b>Bond Sale</b>
<b>April 17, 2012</b>	<b>School Board Meeting</b>
<b>April 17-May 8, 2012</b>	<b>Closing Preparations</b>
<b>May 8, 2012</b>	<b>Closing</b>

Minutes

Ms. Boesen moved approval of the bond sale; second by Sweeney.

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

Nay: None

The motion carried, 7-0.



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**Subject: DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION FOR SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS**

**For: ACTION**

**Contact: Thomas Harper**

**Attachments: 12-011**

(thomas.harper@dmschool.org; s;515-242-7745)

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**Issue:** Increase the maximum deposit amount for investments.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the attached resolution.

**Presenter:** Thomas Harper

**Background:** District policy limits the maximum deposit at \$100,000,000. Given the current fund levels and the issuance of sales tax bonds it is necessary to increase that amount to \$250,000,000 in order to be in compliance with Board policy.

The following financial institutions are currently approved:

Bankers Trust Company  
Wells Fargo Bank  
The Education Liquidity Fund

Minutes

Mr. Murphy moved approval of the resolution; second by Boesen.

Mr. Howard asked on what basis the three designated depository institutions were selected.

Mr. Harper, the district's Chief Financial Officer explained the district has longstanding affiliations with them and that each of them pay competitive short-term interest rates on deposited funds.

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

The motion carried, 7-0.