

April 17, 2012

**DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BOARDROOM — 1800 GRAND  
MINUTES  
APRIL 17, 2012**

**PUBLIC FORUM — 5:45 p.m.**

The Board of Directors held a public forum on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, in the boardroom at 1800 Grand; Teree Caldwell-Johnson presiding.

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

Absent: None

Speakers: Brena Corona, Carver Community      Carol Van De Pol, 1515 42<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Lester Small, 1419 17<sup>th</sup> St.      Marylyn Bruce, 833 Walker

**REGULAR MEETING — 6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 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. Boesen moved approval of the agenda; 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. Jongewaard requested the minutes of April 10, 2012 be amended to include his motion to approve the proposed budget verbatim. Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes for April 3, and April 10 (as amended), 2012; second by Howard

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

Nay: None

The motion carried, 7-0.

**DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS — 6:10 p.m.**

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Dr. Sebring introduced students and teachers from the following middle schools, each of whom participated in the Iowa Science & Technology Fair at Iowa State University on March 30 and 31: Merrill, Meredith, Cowles, Moulton and Weeks.

Also recognized was Windsor Elementary, recently named a Mix It Up Model School for 2012 by the Southern Poverty Law Center for its efforts to foster an atmosphere of respect and understanding. Windsor was one of only 77 schools nationwide to receive the honor.

**CONSENT ITEMS — 6:40 p.m.**

7. Architect Payments -----	XX
8. Construction Payments -----	XX
9. Approval of Contract(s) -----	XX
10. Award of Contracts on Bid -----	XX
11. Award of Bid 6499 — Central Campus Phase III -----	XX
12. Final Acceptance Bid 6322 — Playground Downtown School -----	XX
13. Award of Bid 6501 — Window and Door Replacement at Meredith -----	13
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15. Resolution to Hold Public Hearing for Electric Easement — Meredith -----	17
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Minutes

Mr. Sweeney moved to approve the consent items, including payment of previously authorized and certified bills reviewed by him in the amount of \$1,946,373.42 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$3,058,261.74; 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.**

7. Sale of Property at 4801 Oakwood Dr., Pleasant Hill -----	X
8. Easement to MidAmerican Energy — Hiatt -----	29

**Other — 6:50 p.m.**

30. Finalization of Sale of Statewide Panny Sales Tax Bonds; Series 2012-----	33
31. Sales Tax Oversight Committee -----	35
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34. Graduation Rate Report -----	41

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

NA

**CHAIR’S REPORT — 8: p.m.**

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson announced that Michael Casserly, the Executive Director of the Council of Great City Schools, will address the Board as part of the superintendent search discussion on May 8th to bring members abreast of current industry trends. Also at that time Phil Roeder, the district’s Director of Community Relations, will give a presentation outlining the most recent superintendent search process in 2006 at which time he was a Board member himself.

She advised the Board that appreciative responses to its letter in support of the National Guard unit stationed at the Des Moines airport had been received from Congressman Tom Latham and Senator Charles Grassley. Also, she said, the Board’s letter to the Des Moines City Council objecting to the renewal of a liquor license for a business near East HS was read aloud by Mayor Frank Cownie at a council meeting and appeared to have influenced the council’s consideration of the matter. A final decision is still pending. The Board is also still awaiting a response from the Des Moines police to its overture about the possibility of utilizing the DMPD canine unit in drug prevention efforts on district high school campuses.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson deferred to Ms. Boesen for an update on the district’s Pass-and-Play program which is being expanded to include 8<sup>th</sup> graders this summer. Students who meet grade and attendance criteria receive coupons and incentives from a coalition of Des Moines businesses for a variety of area summertime activities.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT — p.m.**

Dr. Sebring said she received lots of positive feedback about health expos held recently at Lincoln HS and East HS under the auspices of the U.S. Army. She reminded the Board about upcoming fine arts productions at North HS and Lincoln HS and suggested attendance at as many school events as possible as the busy spring season gets underway.

**ADJOURN — 8: p.m.**

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Subject: ARCHITECT PAYMENTS

For: ACTION

Contact: BILL GOOD

Attachments: None

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

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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 07 (SWP)	68%	\$241,800.00	\$153,600.00	\$11,400.00
<b><u>OPN Architects</u></b>				
Hiatt Middle School Architect App. 7 (SWP)	67%	\$339,200.00	\$224,405.00	\$4,080.00
McCombs Middle School Architect App. 13 (SWP)	82%	\$364,100.00	\$290,430.00	\$7,506.00
North High School Arch. App. 23 (SWP)	99%	\$1,036,270.00	\$1,019,838.45	\$11,579.20
<b><u>Gould Evans</u></b>				
Roosevelt High School Architect App. 47 (LOSST)	99%	\$2,128,149.00	\$2,083,145.03	\$35,003.97
<b><u>Baldwin White</u></b>				
Edmunds Elementary Architect App. 14 (SWP)	59%	\$566,500.00	\$315,091.40	\$17,693.59

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Lovejoy Elementary	67%	\$240,000.00	\$156,000.00	\$4,800.00
Architect App. 6 (SWP)				

**Alvine & Associates**

Meredith Middle School	64%	\$308,800.00	\$86,465.00	\$111,168.00
Architect App. 2 (SWP)				

Woodlawn Ed. Center	95%	\$140,625.00	\$114,609.38	\$18,984.37
Architect App. 8 (SWP)				

Hoover Technology	100%	\$22,000.00	\$21,340.00	\$660.00
Architect App. (SWP)				

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Brody Classroom Additions	68%	\$78,540.00	\$50,265.60	\$3,141.60
Architect App. 3 (SWP)				

Brody Classroom Additions	68%	\$78,540.00	\$53,407.20	\$1,060.29
Architect App. 4 (SWP)				

<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$227,077.02</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. 16 Sealed Bid No. B6220	95%	\$8,368,134.00	\$7,909,820.24	\$30,726.76
McCombs School Addition / Renovation (SWP) GC App. 7 Sealed Bid No. B6379	51%	\$5,737,520.00	\$2,704,714.80	\$244,371.24
Roosevelt Athletic Area (LOSST) RETAINAGE RELEASE Sealed Bid No. B6311	100%	\$3,523,809.00	\$3,347,618.55	\$176,190.45
Roosevelt High School (LOSST) GC App. 33 Sealed Bid No. 5226-09	98%	\$18,036,590.00	\$17,748,706.30	\$ 11,054.20
<b><u>Dean Snyder</u></b>				
North High School (SWP) - Addition RETAINAGE RELEASE Sealed Bid No. B6151	100%	\$7,616,277.00	\$7,525,325.75	\$90,951.25

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North High School (SWP) - Elevator RETAINAGE RELEASE Sealed Bid No. B6309	100%	\$154,710.00	\$153,162.90	\$1,547.10
North High School (SWP) - Kitchen RETAINAGE RELEASE Sealed Bid No. B6338	100%	\$313,235.00	\$310,102.65	\$3,132.35
Hiatt Middle School (SWP) - Renovation GC App. 1 Sealed Bid No. B6486	1%	\$6,728,000.00	\$0.00	\$55,541.75
<b><u>Edge Commercial LLC</u></b>				
CC Fire Sprinkler (LOSST) GC App 11 Sealed Bid No. B6310	94%	\$657,586.00	\$604,889.94	\$14,831.42
<b><u>Rochon Corp.</u></b>				
Harding Middle School (SWP) GC App. 11 Sealed Bid No. B6321	98%	\$4,762,034.00	\$4,615,019.55	\$50,016.55
Merrill Middle School (SWP) RETAINAGE RELEASE Sealed Bid No. B6294	100%	\$3,034,164.00	\$2,882,455.80	\$151,708.20
Cowles Montessori (SWP) RETAINAGE RELEASE Sealed Bid No. B6289	100%	\$1,865,983.67	\$1,772,684.50	\$93,299.17

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**Neumann Brothers**

Central Campus Entry GC App. 4 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6411	57%	\$1,164,771.00	\$354,152.40	\$310,188.30
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**Ball Team LLC**

Harding Door Hardware GC App. 3 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6399	95%	\$214,021.00	\$163,363.90	\$39,956.05
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**Concrete Technology**

North Parking Lot (SWP) RETAINAGE RELEASE Sealed Bid No. B6387	100%	\$183,480.00	\$174,306.00	\$9,174.00
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**Bryan Crow Constr.**

Samuelson Classroom GC App. 1 (PPEL) Sealed Bid No. B6456	2%	\$197,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,201.50
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<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,285,890.29</b>
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**Presenters:** None**Background:** None

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**Item No. 9****Page 1 of 1****Subject: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT****For: ACTION****Contact: Shelly Bosovich**

(shelly.bosovich@dmschools.org; 242-7714)

**Attachments: None**

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**Contract No. 12-009****Project:** Orchard Place Summer School**Contractor:** Orchard Place

**Background:** Orchard Place wants to provide a summer school program for its residents, but lacks the necessary and qualified staff to provide such a program. Therefore, Orchard Place has requested to contract with the district to provide staff and services to provide summer school. All costs of the summer program will be reimbursed; therefore, ***there is no cost to the district***. The following is an estimated breakdown of the cost for the summer program.

**Financial:**

Revenues: \$53,790

Expenses:	\$52,070	Supervisor, Teacher and Associate Salaries
	<u>1,720</u>	Consumable Materials
	\$53,790	

**Term:** This agreement is from June 11, 2012 through August 31, 2012**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. 5170-08 Tires and Tire Repair FY 2012-2013**

The vendor has agreed to extend the contract with the same terms, conditions as last year and an average 5% increase in pricing.

Graham Tire	Des Moines, IA	\$ 53,500.00
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**This is the fourth and final extension.**

2011-2012	Est.	\$52,750.00
2010-2011	Actual	\$53,790.76
2009-2010	Actual	\$36,617.09
2008-2009	Actual	\$39,775.47

**Funding Source:** Transportation account.

**Contact:** Todd Liston  
(todd.liston@dmschools.org; 242-8353)

**B. 5219-09 Office Furnishing-HON FY 2012-2013**

Staples Corp Express	Urbandale, IA	Estimated Expenditure	\$ 40,000.00
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The vendor has agreed to extend the contract with the same terms, conditions, and a price increase ranging from 5% to 7%. This vendor provides HON office furnishings and services for all district sites.

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2011-2012	Est.	\$28,000.00
2010-2011	Actual	\$50,282.85
2009-2010	Actual	\$10,201.02

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

**Contact:** Mark Mattiussi  
(mark.mattiussir@dmschools.org; 242-7649)

**C. 5716-08 Individual Yogurt FY 2012-2013**

Rinehart Foods      Cedar Rapids, IA      Estimated Award      \$ 72,000.00

The vendor has agreed to extend last year's contract terms/conditions. Pricing has increased by 1.2%. The contract covers supplying yogurt to the Central Nutrition Center.

**Funding Source:** Food & Nutrition Management account.**This is the fourth and final extension.**

2011-2012	Est.	\$70,719.32
2010-2011	Est.	\$60,768.76
2009-2010	Est.	\$59,789.02
2008-2009	Est.	\$58,184.70

**Contact:** Sandy Huisman  
(sandy.huisman@dmschools.org; 242-7636)

**D. Q08-7103 Incidental Plumbing Supplies FY 2012-2013**

Incidental plumbing supplies are used throughout the district by Facility Management personnel. Supplies are purchased as required to repair or improve the plumbing at the individual sites. The quotes were generated to ensure the district received the best available pricing when the items were needed. Amounts spent at each location are determined as needs arise and by the type of product required for the job.

Plumb Supply	Des Moines, IA	
City Supply Corp	Des Moines, IA	
Total		\$ 68,000.00

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**This is the fourth and final extension.**

2011-2012 Estimated

\$ 67,300.00

**Funding Source:** Facility Management account.

**Contact:** Dave Silver  
(dave.silver@dmschools.org; 242-7700)

**E. Bid B6514 Changing Tables — Smouse**

Max-Ability Inc.                  Santa Rosa, CA      2 Items                  \$ 35,507.00

Bids were examined by the Purchasing and Student Services Departments

A complete tabulation of the bid is available:

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

10 bids were mailed; three bids were received, and seven did not respond.

**Funding Source:** SPED

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**Item No. 11****Page 1 of 1****Subject: AWARD OF BID NO. B6499: CENTRAL CAMPUS - PHASE III****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**  
(harold.good@dmschools.org : 242-8321)**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Award of contract for the Phase III renovation project at Central Campus.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends a contract for the Base Bid be awarded to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, DDVI, Inc. in the amount of \$3,906,000.00.**Presenters:** None. Bill Good will be present to answer any questions.**Background:** This project will renovate the west end of the first floor, the west end and center areas of the second floor as well as areas in the east gym balcony for the Wellness Center.

The district received bids on April 10, 2012. The results are as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid
DDVI, Inc. – Albia, IA	\$3,906,000
Neumann Bros – Des Moines, IA	\$3,955,300
Lang Construction Group – West Des Moines, IA	\$4,100,000
Rochon Corp of Iowa – Urbandale, IA	\$4,688,000

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

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**Subject: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF BID NO. B6362 STUDENT PLAYGROUND  
FOR DOWNTOWN SCHOOL AT CENTRAL CAMPUS**

**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:** Central Campus

**PROJECT:** Downtown School Playground

**CONTRACTOR:** Larson & Larson Construction LLC

**CONTRACTED AMOUNT:** \$ 232,312.00

**CONTRACT BALANCE:** \$ 11,615.60

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**Item No. 13**
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**Subject: AWARD OF BID NO. B6501 — ADDITIONAL WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT AT MEREDITH 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 additional window and door replacement project at Meredith Middle School.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends a contract for the Base Bid be awarded to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, Two Rivers Glass and Door in the amount of \$102,800.00.

**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 Meredith consists of the following:

- **Base Bid:** Replacement of additional exterior windows and doors not replaced under the previous window project.
- **Alternate 1:** Change in manufacturer of the window and door system.

The district received bids on April 5, 2012. The results are as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate 1</b>
Edge Commercial Grimes IA	\$143,300	No Bid
Lang Construction Group West Des Moines IA	\$179,800	No Bid
Bergstrom Construction Des Moines IA	\$136,800	\$50,000
Two Rivers Glass West Des Moines IA	\$102,800	No Bid

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

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**Item No. 14****Page 1 of 1****Subject: AWARD OF BID NO. B6498 — RENOVATION OF MEREDITH 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 renovation project at Meredith Middle School.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends a contract for the Base Bid be awarded to the lowest responsive / responsible bidder, Edge Commercial LLC in the amount of \$5,411,000.00.**Presenters:** None, Bill Good will be present to answer any questions.**Background:** The primary focus of this project is a replacement of the lighting and mechanical system to provide climate control. A geothermal system will be part of the new mechanical system to continue to meet energy reduction goals. Some minor renovation of kitchen, cafeteria, and the main office will be included. In addition to the new efficient lighting, ceilings will be replaced and the school completely painted. Both hard-wired and wireless technology will be upgraded.

The district received bids on April 3, 2012. The results are as follows:

	Base Bid
Edge Commercial LLC Grimes, IA	\$5,411,000
Rochon Corp. of Iowa Inc. Urbandale, IA	\$5,765,000
Lang Construction Group West Des Moines, IA	\$5,980,000

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

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**Item No. 15****Page 1 of 1****Subject: RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING – EASEMENT TO  
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL LINE AT  
MEREDITH MIDDLE SCHOOL****For: ACTION****Contact: Bill Good**

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

**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** MidAmerican is requesting an underground electric line easement at Meredith Middle School, 4827 Madison Ave.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the resolution to hold a public hearing for the purpose of granting an underground electric line easement to MidAmerican Energy for \$1.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District (the "District") desires to grant an underground electric easement to MidAmerican Energy for \$1.00. The area subject to the easement is Meredith Middle School, 4827 Madison Ave. and is legally described as follows:

Property containing easement area: The West 1,650 feet of the North Half (N ½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 19, township 79 North, Range 24 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., (except the South 25 feet thereof) containing in all 50.166 acres an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

Said easement being 5 feet on each side of the following described centerline: beginning at a point on the East property line that is 450 feet, more or less, North of the South property line; thence Northeasterly for a distance of 195 feet, more or less; thence West for a distance of 105 feet, more or less, to the point of termination.

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

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

Section 1. That this Board shall set a public hearing, on the granting of an underground electrical easement of the above described property, for May 1, 2012, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in the Des Moines Independent Community School District Board Room, 1800 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

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

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**Item No. 16****Page 1 of 1****Subject: PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS — HUMANITIES;  
UNITED STATES HISTORY AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED  
STATES HISTORY****For: ACTION****Contact: Amber Graeber/Nancy Sebring****Attachments: None**

(amber.graeber@dmschools.org; 242-7947/nancy.sebring@dmschools.org; 242-7766)

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**Issue:** Purchase of instructional materials for Humanities.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the purchase of these materials.**Presenters:** None.

The materials are for the following courses:

- United States History – Teacher Curriculum Institute [www.teachtci.com](http://www.teachtci.com)  
*History Alive! Pursuing American Ideals*

**Total cost: \$135,312.00**

- Advanced Placement United States History -  
*Give Me Liberty!*

**Total cost: \$67,275.00****Total: \$202,587.00****Funding Source:** FY2011-2012 Curriculum Materials Budget: HSRGWLZJ – 0641.  
The publishers have guaranteed receipt of these materials by June 30, 2012.

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**Item No. 17****Page 1 of 1****Subject: PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS — HIGH SCHOOL  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS****For: ACTION****Contact: Jesse Johnston/Thomas Ahart****Attachments: None**

(jesse.johnston@dmschools.org; 242-7892/thomas.ahart@dmschools.org; 242-7536)

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**Issue:** Purchase of instructional materials for English Language Arts.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the purchase of these materials.**Background:** Previously, new instructional materials have been approved for adoption by the Board.

The materials are for the following courses:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade      English I  
    *Literature*      Holt McDougal Student Edition & Interactive Online Access
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade      *English II*  
    *Literature*      Holt McDougal Student Edition & Interactive Online Access

**TOTAL      \$322,596.00****Funding Source:**

FY2011-2012 Curriculum Materials Budget Account No. HSRGHMZJ – 0641.

The publishers have guaranteed receipt of these materials by June 1, 2012.

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**Item No. 18****Page 1 of 1****Subject: PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS/ TEACHER RESOURCE UPGRADE — MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS****For: ACTION****Contact: Jesse Johnston/Thomas Ahart****Attachments: None**

(jesse.johnston@dmschools.org; 242-7892/thomas.ahart@dmschools.org; 242-7536)

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**Issue:** Purchase of instructional materials/teacher resources for English Language Arts.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the purchase of these materials.**Background:** Previously, new instructional materials have been approved for adoption by the Board.

The materials are for the following courses:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts  
*Literature* Holt McDougal Teacher Resources
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts  
*Literature* Holt McDougal Teacher Resources

**TOTAL \$39,830.10****Funding Source:**

FY2011-2012 Curriculum Materials Budget Account No. DWPDCOREXA – 0612.

The publishers have guaranteed receipt of these materials by June 1, 2012.

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**Item No. 19****Page 1 of 1****Subject: PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS — MATH ADAPTIVE SOFTWARE****For: ACTION****Contact: Holly Crandell/Thomas Ahart****Attachments: None**

(holly.crandell@dmschools.org; 242-8170/thomas.ahart@dmschools.org; 242-7536)

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**Issue:** Purchase of math adaptive software for Title I schools.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve the purchase of these materials.**Background:** *Fastt Math* and *Fraction Nation* are interactive adaptive software packages from Scholastic. This software will be used during the school day, as well as during extended learning opportunities in order for students to practice math concepts and skills. This proposal also provides for ongoing services (implementation, professional development and technical support).**Expenses:** \$499,830.00**Presenter:** None. Tom Ahart will be available to answer questions.**Funding Source:**

FY2011-12 Title I funds

The publishers have guaranteed receipt of these materials by June , 2012.

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**Item No. 20**
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**Contact: Scott R. Mikesch**  
 (scott.mikesch@dmschools.org; 242-7972)
**Attachments: None**


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

**Background:****RESIGNATION**

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Connell, George	Lincoln, Math	08/22/2012	Personal
Ellingson, Keith	Roosevelt, Activities Director	06/30/2012	Personal
Greeno, Jenna	Harding, Science	08/22/2012	Personal
Holt, Therese	Weeks, Language Arts/Reading	08/22/2012	Personal
Miller, Kathleen	Orchard Place, Special Education BD	08/22/2012	Personal
Thompson, Michael	North, Social Science	08/22/2012	Personal
Titter, Curtis	Harding, Science	08/22/2012	Personal

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Corkrean, Tammy	Edmunds, Multi-categorical	08/22/2012	Personal

**REGULAR RETIREMENT**

Name	School	Position	Effective Date
Good, Nancy	Wright	Art	06/08/2012
Palmer, Nancy	Student Services	Psychologist	05/31/2012

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**Item No. 21**

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**Subject: LIST OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL**

**For: ACTION**

**Contact: Thomas Harper**

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**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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**Item No. 22****Page 1 of 1****Subject: SALE OF PROPERTY - 4801 E OAKWOOD DRIVE;  
PLEASANT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION****Contact: Bill Good**

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**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** Sale of property at 4801 E Oakwood Drive; Pleasant Hill Elementary School. The resolution to hold the public hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on April 4, 2012.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board hold the public hearing and approve the sale of 2.91 acres of property located at 4801 E Oakwood Drive to the City of Pleasant Hill for \$1.00.

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

**Background:** The City of Pleasant Hill has requested to purchase of 2.91 acres of property connected to Pleasant Hill Elementary School for development as a city park. Students and the community will be better served by conversion of the land to a municipal property.

Minutes

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson opened the public hearing.

Speaker:

Heath Ellis  
Park & Rec Supervisor  
5050 Doanes Park Rd.  
Pleasant Hill, IA

There being no further speakers Ms. Caldwell-Johnson closed the public hearing and asked Dr. Sebring to officially introduce the matter.

Mr. Howard said he would like the terms of the sale to explicitly stipulate that the property in question be permanently maintained as public green space.

Mr. Murphy moved approval of the sale; second by Howard.

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

Nay: None

The motion carried, 7-0.

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**Item No. 23**

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**Subject: EASEMENT TO MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL LINE AT HIATT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION**

**Contact: Bill Good**

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**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** MidAmerican is requesting an underground electric line easement at Hiatt Middle School, 1214 East 15<sup>th</sup> St. legally described as follows:

Lot 273, except the South 10 feet of the East 300 feet, and except beginning at the Southwest corner; thence north along the West line 240 feet; thence Southeasterly to a point 20 feet East of the West line and 70 feet North of the South line; thence South 70 feet to the South line; thence West along the South line 20 feet to the point of beginning, all in Ashbrook, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board approve granting an underground electric line easement to MidAmerican Energy for \$1.

**Background:** On April 3, 2012 the Board of Directors approved a resolution to hold a public hearing. As required by law, the notice of public hearing was published on April 4, 2012.

Minutes

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, she closed the hearing and asked Dr. Sebring to officially introduce the matter.

Mr. Howard moved approval of the easement; second by Boesen.

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

Nay: None

The motion carried, 7-0.

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**Item No. 24****Page 1 of 2****Subject: FINALIZATION OF THE SALE OF STATE WIDE PENNY SALES TAX BONDS; SERIES 2012****For: ACTION****Contact: Thomas Harper****Attachments: None**[thomas.harper@dmschools.org](mailto:thomas.harper@dmschools.org) 242-7745

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**Issue:** Board actions necessary to finalize the sale of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds; Series 2012.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board take separate action on each of the following:

- Approval of the Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of Same.
- Approval of the Tax Exemption Certificate.
- Approval of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.
- Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds

**Presenter:** Kevin Baccam will be available for questions.

**Background:** On April 3, the Board approved the sale of \$71,900,000 in Revenue Bonds to Guggenheim Securities, LLC, New York, New York.

Therefore, consistent with state law and local rules, the Board must individually approve the following actions:

1. Approve the resolution appointing Banker's Trust Company of Des Moines, Iowa, to serve as paying agent, bond registrar, and transfer agent; and approving the agreement for the paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent; and authorizing the execution of same.
2. Approve the Tax Exemption Certificate – assuring that interest on bonds received by the owners of the bonds is tax exempt.

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3. Approve the Continuing Disclosure Certificate – assuring bond holders that the district will provide an annual report to the National Repository and disclose the occurrence of certain significant events should they occur.
4. Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds – assuring that the provisions of Chapters 423E and 423F of the Code of Iowa will be followed and also providing for a method of payment of the bonds.

In addition, but not requiring Board action, the Board President and/or Board Secretary, as required by law, will sign the following documents:

- Delivery Certificate – certifying the delivery of bonds to Guggenheim Securities, LLC.
- Authentication Order – authorizing the registrar, Bankers Trust Company, to authenticate the bonds, complete the records required with respect to registration and deliver the bonds to the purchaser, Guggenheim Securities, LLC.
- District Certificate – certifying that certain facts relative to the district are true.

#### Minutes

Mr. Howard moved approval to finalize the sale of the bonds; second by Boesen.

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 1****Subject: SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE****For: ACTION****Contact: Bill Good**

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**Attachments: None**

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**Issue:** During the ten years of the Polk County local option sales tax, the district was required to establish a sales tax oversight committee which completed its service on June 30, 2010. The Board of Directors believes that such oversight is prudent and beneficial, and wishes to establish an equivalent committee to oversee the statewide penny sales tax, which funds the “Students First” construction program. The district is also required to include statewide penny information in its certified annual report.

**Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board consider appointing a five-member committee to ensure oversight of the use of the statewide penny sales tax. Members would serve staggered terms to provide for continuity of vision. Purposes of the committee shall include the following:

- a. Ensure that funds are allocated for infrastructure in accordance with Board action
- b. Review the district’s progress in identifying general infrastructure and maintenance needs of all schools
- c. Ensure the implementation of a district-wide preventive maintenance policy
- d. Review current energy conservation practices and other cost-saving strategies
- e. Report annually on receipt and expenditure of statewide penny tax revenues

**Presenters:** None. Bill Good will be available for questions.

#### Minutes

Ms. Boesen said the Board needs to spell out the protocol for term lengths and rotation of membership on the proposed committee.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson commented that the forerunner of the committee adopted makeup guidelines designed to ensure that there were always members with expertise appropriate to the committee’s work. She said similar provisions would be wise in this case too.

Mr. Murphy suggested leaving it up to the committee membership, once it’s been established, to decide on how to stagger their terms in accordance with their respective levels of availability.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson said the matter will be deferred to a Board meeting agenda next month for final action.

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**Subject: CRITERIA FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ENROLLMENT**

**For: CONSENT**

**Contact: Tom Ahart**

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**Attachments: 12-029**

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**Issue:** The criteria for 8<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment in credit-bearing classes will be updated and established per changes in Iowa Department of Education (DE) requirements.

**Presentation:** None. Tom Ahart will be available for questions.

Minutes

Dr. Sebring said the district is working with the state to expand opportunities for students to challenge themselves academically and earn credits toward graduation accordingly.

Mr. Howard asked if the proposed changes will require students to travel more from their home schools in order to capitalize on the additional opportunities.

Mr. Ahart, the district's Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Learning, said they are designed to serve students at the home schools.

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**Item No. 27****Page 1 of 1****Subject: INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE UPDATE****For: INFORMATION****Contact: Tom Ahart/David Johns/Tim Schott****Attachments: None**

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tim.schott@dmschools.org/242-7660)

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**Issue:** In light of the addition of four new members during the current school year, the Board has requested a report on the status of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme in the district.

**Background:** In 2008 DMPS became the first school district in Iowa to offer IB programming. Since then it has been expanded and implemented at all levels (Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma) and the district remains the only authorized IB provider in the state.

**Presenters:** David Johns, Tom Ahart, Tim Schott

#### Minutes

Ms. Boesen asked if there are any predetermined limits on the expansion and availability of IB programming in the district.

Mr. Ahart, the district's Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Learning, said there is no built-in capacity for IB in terms of the number of buildings. He added that it should never be imposed on a community that neither wants nor is ready to implement it.

Mr. Johns, a School Improvement Leader at Meredith MS and the district's IB Coordinator, said factors like feeder patterns will also be considered as the district weighs whether and where to expand IB now that it's in place at all levels (Primary, Middle Years and Diploma) in DMPS.

Ms. Boesen said she thinks there is the perception in some quarters in the community that IB is an exclusive program that was never intended to be accessible to everyone who might be interested.

Ms. Elsbernd said she recalls the implementation of IB at Hubbell Elementary as a parent and based on that experience she feels it is a great model in terms of generating parental involvement.

Mr. Howard asked who takes the initiative in expanding IB to additional schools; the community or the administration.

Mr. Ahart said there are pockets of exploratory discussion in the district about potential expansion of IB. In some cases the school communities approach the district; in others the reverse is true.

Mr. Schott, the district's Executive Director of Secondary Education and the principal at Hubbell when it was authorized as the first IB school in Iowa, pointed out that expansion isn't necessarily the goal. He said the emphasis is on the quality of the district's IB schools rather than the quantity.

Mr. Howard said he hopes it will be at least widespread enough to dispel charges that it's an elitist curriculum.

Mr. Jongewaard asked to what extent the students have a choice with regard to the IB "target languages."

Mr. Johns replied that the target languages presently available are Spanish and Mandarin Chinese and which of them a student is taught depends largely on the school they attend at this time.

Mr. Jongewaard asked if it's anticipated that the expansion of the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) to Meredith/Hoover will eventually lead to Diploma Programme (DP) students there.

Mr. Johns said that is the expectation.

Mr. Jongewaard asked if IB schools are held to any standards of diversity in their student populations.

Mr. Ahart said there are no formal diversity criteria imposed by IB.

Mr. Jongewaard said his concern is that over time the diversity of the IB student cohort in DMPS will erode. He added that IB has the potential to be an instrument of economic development as something attractive to the employees of companies looking for expansion sites.

Mr. Sweeney wondered if a student anywhere in the district could attend an IB school right now if they so desired.

Mr. Ahart said yes, theoretically, due to the district's open enrollment policy. However, with the exception of Walnut Street School for the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Goodrell for the MYP, both of which are magnet schools, open enrollment access to IB would depend on whether or not the neighborhood schools where it's available are at capacity.

Mr. Sweeney asked to what extent students who continue on to the DP level in high school are able to participate in traditional types of extra-curricular activities.

Mr. Ahart said the rigor of the DP in grades 11 and 12 often makes such participation impractical.

Mr. Johns said that with the addition of the MYP in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades will come increased scheduling flexibility for students who know at those levels they want to pursue the IB diploma.

Mr. Sweeney asked if IB students also take AP courses.

Mr. Johns said they may take AP exams but the rigor of IB at the diploma level precludes enrollment in IB and AP classes simultaneously.

Mr. Ahart mentioned that many of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities give preference to applicants who graduate high school with an IB diploma.

Mr. Johns said the district will host an IB representative this summer who will meet with officials from area colleges and universities for the purpose of raising awareness of IB's presence in DMPS and the implications of it in terms of competition for admissions, scholarships, etc.

Mr. Murphy clarified that the MYP for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades (the MYP covers grades 6-10) will only be available at Hoover and Gateway and the DP for grades 11 and 12 at Central Academy.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson said she thinks the district has done a good job so far of spreading out the implementation of IB to make it as widely available as possible. She also feels the fact that DMPS is the only district in Iowa to offer IB is another important choice that distinguishes the district from others. But she suggested a summary of talking points be developed that would make the merits of IB easier to explain when Board members are questioned about it in the broader community.

Ms. Boesen said that would be a good tool for members of the Board's Linkage Committee to take with them when they meet with community groups. She added that something similar to explain to neighborhoods without IB schools why they aren't being shortchanged would be helpful.

Mr. Ahart said the district leadership team believes every school needs to establish its own distinct identity. District-wide the emphasis is on provision of meaningful choice because what's best for one student or neighborhood isn't necessarily best for another. But in all cases, the quality of what's delivered will be high.

Dr. Sebring said there are a variety of means to the district's Graduate Ends and IB is only one of those. She agreed that each school should have a distinct identity that it's proud of but not necessarily a gimmick. She emphasized that implementation of IB at a particular school is entirely driven by professional development as opposed to the

purchase of a separate and distinct curriculum. IB schools do not receive favorable treatment from the district in terms of class sizes or extra funding.

Mr. Jongewaard advised that any summary of IB talking points that may be developed not be too laden with jargon. He said it will be need to be understandable to its target audience[s] if it's to be effective.

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**Item No. 28****Page 1 of 1****Subject: GRADUATION RATE REPORT****For: INFORMATION****Contact: Bryce Amos**

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**Attachments: 12-027  
12-028**

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**Issue:** 2010-2011 Graduation Rate

**Background:** The Iowa Department of Education (IDE) publicly released graduation and dropout rates the week of March 5, 2012 for 2010-2011.

Des Moines Independent School District Graduation Rates:

Cohort ending 2010-2011 4-year cohort graduation rate: 75.68%

Cohort ending 2010-2011 5-year cohort graduation rate: 82.88%

Des Moines Independent School District Dropouts:

Number of grade 7-12 dropouts in 2010-2011: 630

Number of grade 9-12 dropouts in 2010-2011: 624

Grade 7-12 dropout rate in 2010-2011: 4.8%

Grade 9-12 dropout rate in 2010-2011: 7.2%

**Presenters:** Bryce Amos

Minutes

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked why the report includes dropout rates for both grades 7-12 & 9-12.

Mr. Amos, the district's Executive Director of Learning Services, said both are required by the federal government under the terms of No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Ms. Boesen asked how a student would be counted if they were part of a DMPS cohort but left the district and enrolled in another one without notifying DMPS.

Mr. Amos said they would be counted as a dropout for purposes of calculating the DMPS graduation rate unless they transferred to another district in Iowa in which case they could be tracked by their state ID number.

Mr. Murphy recalled that the old method of calculating graduation rates penalized the district by not counting early graduates since they did not graduate with the rest of their freshman cohort. He wondered if the rate reflected in this report does the same.

Mr. Amos said the new methodology does account for early graduates.

Mr. Murphy said he liked the fact the new calculations include a five-year rate. He applauded all the ways the district, Mr. Amos particularly, is retrieving dropouts and getting them across the finish line and commented that the district's true graduation rate reflecting every student that eventually gets their diploma would be even higher than the official one.

Mr. Jongewaard echoed Mr. Murphy's praise of Mr. Amos' work in the areas of dropout prevention and reclamation.

Ms. Boesen noted the district used to be able to include GED numbers in its graduation rate but NCLB ended that.

Mr. Amos said the district is still pursuing a data sharing agreement with DMACC that will enable follow up on kids who drop out with the declared intention to pursue a GED even though those who actually do can't be credited to the district.

Ms. Boesen also suggested that inter-district rate comparisons may not always be apples-to-apples since not all districts require the same number of credits to graduate. As cited in the attachment to the report, DMPS has raised its requirement from 18 to 23 in recent years.

Mr. Howard said he's impressed by the district's menu of alternative routes to graduation and glad they don't seem as stigmatized as in the past. He thinks the district deserves more credit than it's getting from local media for its efforts in dropout prevention.