

August 2, 2011

DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
CITY BOARDROOM — 400 ROBERT D. RAY DRIVE
MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2011

PUBLIC FORUM — 5:45 p.m.

The Board of Directors held a public forum on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, in the city hall boardroom at 400 Robert D. Ray Drive; Connie Boesen presiding.

Speakers: Jim Patch; 2803 Stanton Ave.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Absent: Link

REGULAR MEETING — 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, in the city hall boardroom at 400 Robert D. Ray Drive; Connie Boesen presiding.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Absent: Link

APPROVAL OF AGENDA — 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Strong moved approval of the agenda as amended; second by Caldwell-Johnson.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

The motion carried, 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 12, 2011.

Mr. Gallardo moved approval of the minutes of July 12, 2011 as amended; second by Murphy.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Strong, Murphy

Nay: None

The motion carried, 6-0.

DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Sebring recognized the Lincoln HS and East HS girls' softball teams. Both qualified for the Class 4A state tournament and East won the championship.

Lincoln Head Coach, Diana Repp, noted that all five Railsplitter seniors will attend college next year.

East’s Activities Director, Ric Powell, said that all of the school’s varsity players donated at least 50 hours of community service during the school year. He also pointed out that 11 team members were named NFCA Academic All-American Scholar Athletes and seven of the players have been offered at least partial softball scholarships.

CONSENT ITEMS — 6:05 p.m.

7. Construction Payments ----- 1

8. Contracts for Approval ----- 3

9. Award of Bid No. 6376 — North High Track Resurfacing Project ----- 7

10. Des Moines Teachers’ Retirement System ----- 9

11. Personnel Recommendations ----- 13

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Minutes

Ms. Strong moved approval of the consent items including payment of bills previously authorized and certified by the secretary and reviewed by her as paid in the amount of \$5,114,932.65, and unpaid bills in the amount of \$2,282,320.46; second by Caldwell-Johnson.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods
Nay: None
The motion carried, 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING — 6:10 P.M.

13. Renovation of and Addition to McCombs Middle School ----- 21

14. Southwest Parking Lot Replacement — North High School ----- 23

15. Auditorium Light Replacement — Roosevelt High School ----- 25

16. Easement to MidAmerican Energy for Underground Electric Line —
Harding Middle School ----- 27

OTHER — 6:15 p.m.

17. Statewide Penny Sales Tax Bonds ----- 29

18. Easement to MidAmerican Energy for Underground Electric Line ----- 33

19. Resolution Approving Applications for Community Betterment
Grant Awards from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. -----35

20. Ballot Measure for School Board Election ----- 41

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION — 7:05 p.m.

NA

CHAIR’S REPORT — 7: 10 p.m.

NA

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT — 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Sebring said she had attended a meeting of the Urban Education Network [UEN] superintendents earlier that day where there had been discussion about expanding the roles of member school boards. She said the annual UEN conference and banquet will be held on November 15&16. She added that several school districts have expressed their intention to join UEN as associate members in accordance with recently developed criteria for that level of membership.

Mr. Murphy suggested separating the UEN conference from the one typically held on the same dates by the Iowa Association of School Boards [IASB] to avoid confusion in the future and Dr. Sebring said the UEN is already considering moving in that direction.

She also reported that a new group within the School Administrators of Iowa [SAI] called Executive Leaders has formed. It is comprised of superintendents and Area Education Agency [AEA] directors statewide and its first meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 4.

Dr. Sebring shared preliminary indications from the Iowa Department of Education that five DMPS elementary schools will come off the DE “watch list” in reading and three will be removed in math.

She asked if the Board wished to hold a reception for the 14 new district administrators as it has done in the past. There was a consensus to do so.

Dr. Sebring reminded the Board about the Back to School Health Fair scheduled for August 3 at East HS and thanked all of the district’s school nurses for their help in coordinating the event.

Mr. Gallardo said he had heard from some families at continuous calendar schools who suggested moving the event up so they would be able to attend in the future, an idea that Dr. Sebring said will be considered.

Finally, Dr. Sebring noted that the district would be holding its first ever summer commencement ceremony on August 3 at Hoyt Sherman Place for Class of 2011 students who completed their requirements for graduation during summer school.

ADJOURN 7:20 p.m.

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

(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8321)

Attachments: None

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>
<u>Tri-City Electric Company</u>				
Hoover High School (SWP)	100%	\$123,686.00	\$117,501.69	\$ 6,184.31
RETAINAGE RELEASE				
Sealed Bid No. B6221				
			TOTAL	\$6,184.31

Presenters: None**Background:** None

Item No. 8**Page 1 of 4****Subject: CONTRACTS FOR APPROVAL****For: ACTION****Contact: Various****Attachments: None**

Contract No. 11-039

Project: Use of Cooperative Purchasing Programs
US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance

Contractor: Various

Background: US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance is a nationwide purchasing cooperative designed to be a procurement resource for local and state governmental agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education and non-profits. As a registered participant of the program DMPS can access a broad line of competitive solicited contracts which provide quality products and services.

US Communities uses bidding processes that meet DMPS requirements. Board approval is sought in order to treat the US Communities Alliance in a manner similar to state contracts.

Financial: Revenues: \$0.00
Expenses: \$0.00

Term: FY2011-2012

New or Renewal: Renewal

Contact: Mark Mattiussi
(mark.mattiussi@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7649)

Contract No. 11-040

Project: Use of Cooperative Purchasing Programs
Iowa Education Consortium (IEC) Cooperative

Contractor: Various

Background: The superintendent recommends approval to treat items offered in the IEC product catalog in a manner similar to state contracts. The IEC is an initiative of the Iowa Area Education Agencies formed to support AEA's and school

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districts statewide and provide a purchasing program which takes advantage of aggressive pricing based on the purchasing volume of Iowa schools.

IEC uses bidding processes that meet DMPS requirements. Board approval is sought in order to treat the IEC in a manner similar to state contracts.

Financial: Revenues: \$0.00
Expenses: \$0.00

Term: FY2011-2012

New or Renewal: Renewal

Contact: Mark Mattiussi
(mark.mattiussi@dmps.k12.ia.us)

Contract No. 11-041

Project: Use of Cooperative Purchasing Programs
Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)

Contractor: Various

Background: The superintendent recommends approval to treat items offered in the TCPN in a manner similar to state contracts. TCPN is a purchasing cooperative designed to be a procurement resource for nationwide public agencies. As a registered participant of the program DMPS can access the line of competitively solicited contracts which provide quality products and services.

TCPN uses a bidding process that meets DMPS requirements. Board policy allows the Purchasing Department to utilize state contracts. Counsel has advised the Purchasing Department to seek Board approval to treat the TCPN as a state contract.

Financial:
Revenues: \$0.00
Expenses: \$0.00

Term: FY2011-2012

New or Renewal: Renewal

Contact: Mark Mattiussi
(mark.mattiussi@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7649)

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Contract No. 11-042

Project: Equipment Insurance Program for Multifunctional Copiers.

Contractor: Specialty Underwriters Group, LLC

Background: Insurance for equipment repair is available to Iowa school districts under the Equipment Insurance Program provided by Specialty Underwriters Group, LLC.

The policy written for DMPS supports the cost of replacement parts and the use of outside-contracted labor to repair the multifunctional copiers leased in FY11. The Technology Department will track repair work and review claims for reimbursement as specified by program rules.

The term of this agreement is for FY2012 and FY2013. The total cost for the policy is \$241,202 annually and will be paid in four equal installments over a twelve-month period. The premium payments will be made from the management fund.

Financial: Revenues \$0.00 (none)
Expenses (Management Fund): \$241,202

Funding Source: Management Fund

Term: FY2012 and FY2013

New or Renewal: Renewal

Contacts: Dan Warren, Kevin Baccam
(dan.warren@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8192/kevin.baccam@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7718)

Contract : 11-043

Project: Iowa Energy and Sustainability- Iowa Power Fund Community Grant

Contractor: Midwest Tech – Madrid, IA

Background: The Iowa Energy and Sustainability Academy (IESA) at Central Campus received an Iowa Power Fund Community Grant for \$43,394.63. The grant supports a dynamic, rigorous, and relevant curriculum for students to understand how to use energy more efficiently and increase awareness of careers in renewable and alternative energy fields. The grant will support a six-month project for IESA students that: (1) Incorporates lab experiments so students can explore first-hand the issues discussed in class, and (2) Incorporates expeditionary learning opportunities so students can gain real-world experience with the issues studied in

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the project. The lab experiment kits will be used to explore energy and alternative energy models, resources, and understanding.

Financial: Revenue \$ 0.00
Expense \$27,490.00

Funding Source: Power Fund Grant- CCPOWERFD

Term: July 1, 2011- January 16, 2012

New or Renewal: New

Contact: Julie Rosin/Larry Beall

Contract No. 11-044

Project: Contract for Classroom Space

Contractor: Lyman Enterprises

Background: Lyman Enterprises, LLC has agreed to continue to lease approximately 3,000 square feet to DMPS for space for the Washington School program. The Washington School program is a middle and high school day treatment program designed to assist students and their families who are experiencing instability in their educational, home and/or community environment.

Financial

Expenses: \$3,000 per month or approximately \$1.00 per square foot

Funding source: Student & Family Services

Term: August 14, 2011 through August 14, 2012

New or Renewal: Renewal

Contact: Bill Good and Shelly Bosovich,
(harold.good@dmeps.k12.ia.us; 242-8321/shelly.bosovich@dmeps.k12.ia.us242-7714)

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Subject: AWARD OF BID NO. B6376; NORTH HIGH SCHOOL TRACK RESURFACING PROJECT
For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION
Contact: BILL GOOD

(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us : 242-8321)

Attachments: None

Issue: Award of contract to resurface North High School track.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board award the contract for the base bid and alternate 1 to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Fisher Tracks; Boone, Iowa in the amount of \$123,382.

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

Background: Plans and specifications were prepared by Angelo Architects and Facility Management. Work will begin on or before August 17, 2011. The project came before the Board on July 12, 2011 for public hearing and action.

- Base bid: Remove existing base mat and replace with new.
- Alternate No.1: Add for spray coating.

The district received two bids on July 26, 2011. The results are as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alter. No.1	Total with Alternates
Fisher Tracks Boone, IA	\$87,986	\$35,396	\$123,382
Hellas Construction Blue Springs, MO	\$129,270	\$42,800	\$172,070

Funding: Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)

Item No. 10**Page 1 of 4****Subject: DES MOINES TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (DMTRS)****For: ACTION****Contact: Kevin Baccam**

(kevinbaccam@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7745)

Attachments: 11- 024**11- 025**

Issue: The Board, acting as trustees of the Des Moines Teachers' Retirement System, annually takes action on several DMTRS related issues. These include receipt and approval of the:

- Annual report (un-audited) of the DMTRS
- Appointment of members of the DMTRS Advisory Committee
- DMTRS FY 2011-2012 expense budget
- Determination of the rate of actual new earnings (guaranteed interest rate) for FY 2010–2011
- Determination of the excess earnings distribution rate

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board approve the aforementioned items.

Presenters: Kevin Baccam and Roger Hudson (Administrator of DMTRS) will be available for questions.

Background:

- **Annual Report (un-audited) of the DMTRS:** Each year, the Board of directors is to receive and place on file the annual report (un-audited) of DMTRS (see attachment).

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- **Appointment of Members of the DMTRS Advisory Committee:** It is recommended the Board appoint Tim A Lewis, Associate Actuary with the Principal Financial Group, and re-appoint Sue Breen, Held Associate Pension Actuary for Principal Mutual Life Insurance Company as the citizen representatives on the advisory committee for 2011-2012. These individuals have agreed to serve.

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DMTRS FY 2010–2011 Expense Budget: The recommended DMTRS budget for fiscal year 2011–2012 is the same as for fiscal year 2010–2011, and is as follows:	2010-2011 Actual Expenditures(1)	2010-2011 Budgeted Expenditures	2011-2012 Budgeted Expenditures
Software Documentation	3,080.00		
Legal Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Audit Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Administrative Services	46,059.96	46,060.00	46,060.00
Benefit Payment Services	18,039.85	28,000.00	28,000.00
Actuarial Services	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Investment Services	137,379.18	160,000.00	160,000.00 (2)
Custodial Services	39,150.12	50,000.00	50,000.00 (2)
Supplies/Printing/Postage			5,000.00
	<u>2,765.62</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total	<u>\$258,574.73</u>	<u>\$301,060.00</u>	<u>\$301,060.00</u>

(1) *Un-audited.*

(2) *Actual cost dependent on market value of portfolio.*

- **Determination of the Rate of Actual New Earnings For FY 2010 – 2011(also known as the ‘guaranteed interest rate’):** Section 8.10 of the DMTRS rules reads as follows:

“Each year the board of trustees shall calculate the interest on the mean amount for the preceding year and earning distributions. At a regular meeting, held between July 1 and September 1 of each year, the board shall determine the rate of actual net earnings on investments of the Plan for the preceding Plan year and shall allocate such rate of interest as in its judgment may appear fair and equitable, said interest to be compounded annually. The amount so allowed shall be due and payable to said funds and shall annually be credited thereto by the board from interest and other earnings on the moneys, properties, and other assets of the Plan.”

The investment earnings of the DMTRS for the year ended June 30, 2011, to be distributed is:

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Interest on bonds	9,971,891.31
Dividends on stock	1,833,363.57
Interest on short-term investments	17,832.54
Change in accrued interest	158,484.75
Amortization of discount and premium, net	(462,350.64)
Amortization of realized gains/losses on sale of securities	(830,943.05)
Investment income for 2009-2010	10,688,278.48
Less: Required interest on fixed benefit options	(19,413.76)
Less: new retirees interest distributed	(523,848.99)
Investment income to be distributed	<u>\$10,145,015.73</u>

The mean amount of actuarial reserves for the year was \$220,079,874.77, so that the ratio of total investment income to mean actuarial reserves was 4.6097 percent. It is recommended that the interest rate for the year ended June 30, 2010, be 4.6 percent. The rate for the previous year was 4.8 percent.

Robert Hopson, actuary for the retirement system, and Roger L Hudson, administrator for the retirement system, have reviewed the earnings of the DMTRS for the fiscal year June 30, 2011 and based upon the investment earnings and plan defined rules have determined the earnings rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 to be 4.6 percent. Using this rate will result in a reduction of \$329,631.00 to the plan's retirement reserve fund.

Analysis of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 shows that the amortization of realized net gains/losses on the sale of securities has decreased over the prior year.

In addition, instead of being able to show a gain in unearned income from the sale of stocks and bonds on the DMTRS balance sheet this year due to the economic downturn, there is a deficit or net loss from the sale of stocks and bonds. This loss will need to be recognized according to the amortization schedule of the plan as losses in future fiscal years. This could result in a further reduction in the next fiscal year in the guaranteed interest rate as well as a reduction in the excess earnings rates as the losses continue to be amortized. If the economy improves significantly in the next year, and if there is a net gain from the sales of stocks and bonds, this would have a positive impact and thereby offset some or all of this year's deficit or net loss.

- **Determination of the Excess Earnings Distribution Rate:** Section 5.13(c) of the rules of the Des Moines Teachers Retirement System reads as follows:

“After the earnings and losses of the Trust for a plan year have been allocated pursuant to Section 4.5 above, the annuity payments made under paragraph

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(a)–(c) of Section 5.9 and Section 5.13 for each plan year shall be increased to reflect the amount by which the ‘Earnings Rate’ for the previous plan year exceeds the guaranteed interest rate at which the Participant’s annuity payment was calculated. For the purpose of Section 5.13, the ‘Earnings Rate’ shall be the rate at which net earnings and losses are allocated to the Participant’s accounts for such plan year pursuant to Section 4.5 above.”

Robert Hopson, actuary for the retirement system, and Roger L Hudson, administrator for the retirement system, have reviewed the earnings of the DMTRS for the fiscal year June 30, 2011 and based upon the investment earnings and plan defined rules have determined the earnings rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 to be 4.6 percent. They recommend that according to the rules of the plan there are excess earnings and the excess earnings distribution rate should be set for participants retiring as follows:

- Prior to July 1, 1981 at 0 percent;
- Between July 1, 1981 and June 30, 1986 at 0 percent;
- Between July 1, 1986 to June 30, 2003 at 0 percent; and
- After July 1, 2003 at 1 percent.

To summarize, the guaranteed interest rates and the excess earnings rates for the four categories of retirees are:

CATEGORY Retired by:	Guaranteed Benefit Rate	Approved Excess Earnings Rate FY 2011	Recommended Excess Earnings Rate FY 2011
Prior to July 1, 1981	5.00%	0.0%	0.0%
Between July 1, 1981 and July 1, 1986	5.25%	0.0%	0.0%
Between July 1, 1986 and July 1, 2003	5.50%	0.0%	0.0%
After July 1, 2003	4.50%	3.0%	1.0%
Rate of Actual New Earnings		4.8%	4.6%

Item No. 11**Page 1 of 5****Subject: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS****For: ACTION****Contact: Tom Mitchell**

(tom.mitchell@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7615)

Attachments: None

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

Background:**ELECTIONS - GENERAL EDUCATION**

Name	Class	Step	Effective Date	Amount
Brees, Jaclyn	3	8	08/22/2011	\$49,392

MA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Brubaker/Math Leader

Carnes, Michael	5	1	08/22/2011	\$45,110
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MA from University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE; Address/Urbandale; Stowe/. 5 Kindergarten/.5 In Class Reading

Davis, Hallee	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; Address/Iowa City, IA/Garton/5th

Ebling, Erin	2	9	08/22/2011	\$47,969
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BA from Simpson College, Indianola, IA; Address/Ottumwa, IA; McCombs/Math

Eggert, Andrew	3	1	08/22/2011	\$43,672
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BS and MA from Iowa State University, Ames, IA; Address/Colfax, IA; Harding/Science

Ferguson, Jana	1	1	08/22/2011	\$19,381
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BA from University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA; Address/St. Charles, IA; Gateway/.5 Art

Fontanini, Chloe	1	1	08/22/2011	\$19,381
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BA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/West Des Moines, IA; Howe/.5 Art

Garberson, Emily	1	1	07/11/2011	\$38,761
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BA from Loras College, Dubuque, IA; Address/ Des Moines, IA; Moulton/In Class Reading

Gerstner, Amanda	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from Iowa State University, Ames, IA; Address/Ankeny, IA; North/English

Hadley, Rebecca	2	1	08/22/2011	\$40,185
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BA from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA; Address/Urbandale, IA; Roosevelt/Vocal Music

Jones, Ashley	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from Upper Iowa University; Address/Ankeny, IA; Monroe/1st

Kepford, Sonja	1	3	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from University of California, Irvine, CA; Address/Winterset, IA; Goodrell/Spanish

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Li, Yan	3	1	08/22/2011	\$42,259
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BL from Tongji University, Shanghai, China; MA from Hunter College, New York, NY; Address/Rego Park, NY; Central Campus/Chinese

Locher, Esther	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Oak Park/1st

Mansheim, Patrick	1	2	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from St. Ambros University, Davenport, IA; Address/West Des Moines, IA; Hoover/Math

Martin, Melissa	1	1	08/22/2011	\$19,288
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BA from Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas; Address/Des Moines, IA; Windsor/.5 1st

Mehovic, Sejla	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BS from University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE; Address/Lincoln, NE; McCombs /Science

Nichols, Dorothy	3	11	08/22/2011	\$54,036
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BS from Winona State University, Winona, MN; MS from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL; Address/Algonquin, IL; Hiatt/Science

Panek, Tori	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from Upper Iowa University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Urbandale, IA; Howe/4th

Smith, Heather	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from Simpson College, Indianola, IA; Address/Winterset, IA; Hoyt/Academic Lab

Sorensen, Sarah	2	5	08/22/2011	\$42,758
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BS from Illinois State University, Normal, IL; Address/Champaign, IL; Hiatt/Science

Sult, Heather	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from Upper Iowa University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Willard/3rd

Taylor, Denine	2	1	08/22/2011	\$40,189
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BA from Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ; MA from Simpson College, Indianola, IA; Address/West Des Moines, IA; North/English

Taylor, Sarah	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; Address/Johnston, IA; Oak Park/3rd

Tharp, Christina	1	1	08/22/2011	\$19,381
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BA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Merrill/.5 ELL

Tuttle, Hannah	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BS from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Lincoln/Speech

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Van De Walle, Jessie	2	6	08/22/2011	\$46,541
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BA from Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA; Ms from Iowa State University, Ames, IA; North/Smaller Learning Communities Coordinator

Warren, Eric	2	3	08/22/2011	\$40,189
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BA from UNI, Cedar Falls, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Central Campus/ELL

Wheeler, Erica	1	5	08/22/2011	\$41,331
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BA from Grand View University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Collins, IA; Lincoln/English

ELECTIONS-SPECIAL EDUCATION

Name	Class	Step	Effective Date	Amount
Anderson, Jill	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761

BS from University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI; Address/Des Moines, IA; Monroe/Mental Disorders

Boston, Erin	3	5	08/22/2011	\$45,114
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BA from Upper Iowa University, West Des Moines, IA; MA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Harding /Multicategorical

Conway, Colleen	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; Address/Grimes, IA; McKee/Behavior Disorders

Cosper, Mandy	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from Upper Iowa University, West des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Hanawalt/ Multicategorical

Green, Elizabeth	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from university of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA; Address/Harlan, IA; Hiatt/ Multicategorical

Huus, Holli	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from Luther College, Decorah, IA; Address/Ankeny, IA; McKee/ Behavior Disorders

Kleinmaus, Kaleena	1	3	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BS from University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI; Address/Urbandale, IA; Mitchell/ECSE

Lacey, Kathleen	5	1	08/22/2011	\$36,091
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BA from University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA; MSW from University of Iowa, Des Moines, IA; Address/Ankeny, IA; Findley/Social Worker .8

Leibfried, Brian	2	12	08/22/2011	\$52,251
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BA from University of Dubuque, Dubuque, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Hoover/Multicategorical

Morey, Heather	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA; Address/Indianola, IA; Wright/Multicategorical

O'Brien, Julia	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BS from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Manchester, MO, IA; Moulton/Multicategorical

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Ridder, Eric	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA; Address/Nashua, IA; North/Multicategorical

Thompson, Judyth	3	13	08/22/2011	\$57,176
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BA from San Jose State University, San Jose, CA; MA from University of Hartford, Harford, CT; Address/Plano, TX; Hoover/Multicategorical

Thurman, Angela	1	1	08/22/2011	\$38,761
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BA from University Of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA; Address/Davenport, IA; McKee/ECSE

Volquardsen, Michael	2	8	08/22/2011	\$49,396
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BA from Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, IA; MS from West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia; Address/Fort Madison, IA; Hoyt/Behavior Disorders

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Nichols, Sara	North, Speech	08/22/2011 - 08/22/2012	Personal
Sinha, Katy	.5 Weeks, .5 Brody, Multicategorical	08/22/2011 - 08/22/2012	Family Responsibilities
Van Gilder, Brigid	Edmunds/1 st	08/22/2011 - 08/22/2012	Personal

RESIGNATION

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Abbott, Jennifer	McCombs/Band	06/06/2011	Personal
Brunsting, Megan	Howe/4 th	06/06/2011	Personal
Damisch, Erin	Goodrell, Spanish	07/19/2011	Personal
Dean, Erin	Garton, Multicategorical	07/06/2011	Personal
Dubbs, Sondra	East, Multicategorical	07/15/2011	Personal
Filkins, Donovan	Hoyt, Multicategorical	07/25/2011	Personal
Griffith, Josh	Hoover, Math	07/24/2011	Personal
Harbaugh, Sarah	Oak Park/4 th	06/06/2011	Personal
Jorgensen, Stephanie	Oak Park/3rd	06/06/2011	Personal
VanWinkle, Kira	McCombs, Science	07/08/2011	Personal
Wichman, Megan	Park Avenue, Multicategorical	07/11/2011	Personal
Young, Alan	East, Social Science	07/08/2011	Personal
Ziegler, Onica	Lincoln, Speech	08/01/2011	Personal

REGULAR RETIREMENT

Name	School	Position	Effective Date
Gilchrist, Gary C.	East	Behavior Disorders	07/19/2011

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT

Name	Position	Amount	Effective Date
Croy, Nancy M.	Principal, McCombs Middle School	\$95,672 (to be prorated)	08/01/2011

Masters Degree in Education Administration, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1986. Bachelors Degree in Art Education, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1975. Experience: Principal, Lombardi Middle School, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 1991-present; Associate Principal, Lombardi Middle School, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 1989-1991; Associate Principal, Central High School, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 1987-1989; Principal, Holy Family, Davenport, Iowa, 1986-1987; Teacher/Coach, Perry Middle School, Perry, Iowa, 1979-1986; Teacher, Scranton School District, Scranton, Iowa, 1975-1979. Address: Appleton, Wisconsin.

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Name	Position	Amount	Effective Date
Farris-Vermeer, Heather	Vice Principal, Weeks Middle School	\$86,670	08/01/2011

Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, 2010. Masters Degree in Education Administration, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 2000. Bachelors Degree in English Education, Central College, Pella, Iowa, 1991. Experience: School Improvement Leader, Weeks Middle School, Des Moines Public School District, 2010-present; Dean of Students, Weeks Middle School, Des Moines Public School District, 2009-2010; Dean of Students, Callanan Middle School, Des Moines Public School District, 2005-2009; Student Services Coordinator, Walnut Creek Alternative High School, West Des Moines, Iowa 2000-2005; Director of Education, Woodward Academy, Woodward, Iowa, 1999-2000 ; Language Arts Teacher, Assistant Drama/Speech Coach (2 yrs), Waukee Middle School, Waukee Public School District, 1993-1999; English Teacher and Drama/Speech Coach, Lenox High School, Lenox, Iowa, 1991-1993. Address: Des Moines, Iowa.

Name	Position	Amount	Effective Date
Taylor, Maureen A.	Principal, Harding Middle School	\$95,672 (to be prorated)	07/19/2011

Masters Degree in English, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1990. Bachelors Degree in Sciences and Humanities, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1986. Experience: School Improvement Leader, Harding Middle School, Des Moines Public School District, 2009-present; Director of School Improvement, Adel DeSoto Minburn Community School District, Adel, Iowa, 2003-2009; School Improvement Consultant, Heartland Area Education Agency, Johnston, Iowa, 1998-2003; English Teacher, Norwalk Middle School, Norwalk, Iowa, 1990-1998; Freshman English, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1988-1990; English Teacher, Indian Trails Junior High, Plainfield, Illinois, 1986-1988. Address: Norwalk, Iowa.

Name	Position	Amount	Effective Date
Vukovich, Michael S.	Vice Principal, North High School	\$85,409 (to be prorated)	07/11/2011

Masters Degree in Education Administration, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 2009. Bachelors Degree in History Education, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, 2002. Experience: School Improvement Leader, North High School, Des Moines Public School District, 10/2010-present; Academic Interventionist, Hoover High School, Des Moines Public School District, 2008-10/2010; Special Education Multicategorical Teacher, Hoover High School, Des Moines Public School District, 2007-2008; Head Baseball Coach, Hoover High School, Des Moines Public School District, 2007-present; Economics Teacher and Head Baseball Coach, North Springs High School, Atlanta, Georgia, 2003-2007. Address: Des Moines, Iowa.

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Subject: LIST OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL

For: ACTION

Contact: Kevin Baccam
(kevin.baccam@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7745)

Attachments: None

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 OF AND ADDITION TO MCCOMBS MIDDLE SCHOOL

For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION

Contact: BILL GOOD

(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us : 242-8321)

Attachments: None

Issue: Approval of the plans and specifications for the renovation and building addition package for McCombs Middle School. Publication for the Public Hearing was included in the Des Moines Register on July 16, 2011.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board approve the plans and specifications prepared by OPN Architects for the renovation of and addition to McCombs Middle School.

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

Background: This is a project under the Statewide Penny funding and includes additions for eight classrooms and two offices, a new geothermal mechanical system, electrical and lighting upgrades, data and security upgrades, improvements to the kitchen, and a fire sprinkler system. The Board approved the final plans on July 12, 2011.

A copy of the plans and specifications is available for review at the district's operations center.

Funding: Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

Minutes

Ms. Boesen opened the public hearing. There being no speakers she closed the public hearing and asked Dr. Sebring to introduce the matter.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved approval of the plans and specifications; second by Murphy.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

The motion carried, 6-0.

Item No. 14**Page 1 of 1****Subject: SOUTHWEST PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT —
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL****For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us : 242-8321)

Attachments: None

Issue: Approval of the plans and specifications for the replacement of the southwest parking lot at North High School. Publication for the Public Hearing was included in the Des Moines Register on July 21, 2011.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board approve the plans and specifications prepared by Bishop Engineering for the replacement of the southwest parking lot at North High School.

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

Background: This is a project under the Statewide Penny funding. Previously awarded bid packages for North include the exterior window replacement, asbestos abatement, addition / renovations, elevator and kitchen renovations.

A copy of the plans and specifications is available for review at the district's operations center.

Funding: Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

Minutes

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

Ms. Strong moved to approve the plans and specifications; second by Woods.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

The motion carried, 6-0.

Item No. 15**Page 1 of 1****Subject: AUDITORIUM LIGHTING REPLACEMENT —
ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL****For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8321)

Attachments: None

Issue: Approval of the final plans and specifications for the replacement of auditorium lighting and electrical improvements to Roosevelt High School. Publication for the Public Hearing was included in the Des Moines Register on July 21, 2011.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board approve the plans and specifications prepared by Wells & Associates for the replacement of auditorium lighting and electrical improvements to Roosevelt High School.

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

Background: Roosevelt High School is undergoing renovations and is currently in Phase 8 of the work. This work is scheduled to be completed late in 2011. This project will address wiring and electrical issues in the auditorium area that were not addressed under the original project.

A copy of the plans and specifications is available for review at the district's operations center.

Funding: Local Option Sales Tax

Minutes

Ms. Boesen opened the public hearing. There being no speakers she closed the public hearing and asked Dr. Sebring to introduce the matter.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the plans and specifications; second by Caldwell-Johnson.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

The motion carried, 6-0.

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**Subject: EASEMENT TO MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FOR UNDERGROUND
ELECTRIC LINE AT HARDING MIDDLE SCHOOL**

For: PUBLIC HEARING

Contact: Bill Good

(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8321)

Attachments: None

Issue: MidAmerican is requesting an underground electric line easement at 203 E Euclid Avenue, legally described as follows:

A 10-foot wide underground electric line easement as generally depicted on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof; said electric line easement being situated on the following described property: Lots 1-22 Highland Park Plat, and 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 hold a public hearing for the granting an underground electric line easement to MidAmerican Energy for \$1.

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

Background: The Harding Middle School renovation project is currently underway. Construction is scheduled to allow students and staff to occupy it for classes this fall. The approval of the MidAmerican Energy service easement for the new electrical service is critical to completing the work on schedule.

Minutes

Ms. Boesen opened the public hearing. There being no speakers she closed the public hearing and asked Dr. Sebring to introduce the matter.

Mrs. Woods moved to approve the public hearing; second by Caldwell-Johnson.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

The motion carried, 6-0.

Item No. 17**Page 1 of 3****Subject: STATE WIDE PENNY SALES TAX BONDS****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD****Attachments: None**

(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us: 242-8321)

Issue: Issuance of Revenue Bonds

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board approve a resolution for the sale of approximately \$67 million in Sales Tax Revenue Bonds.

For additional information: Thomas Harper or Bill Good

Background: The one cent sales tax will be collected statewide and distributed annually to each school district based on their annual enrollment each year through June 30, 2029. Beginning July 1, 2010, the district receives the statewide average revenue per student.

Original projections anticipated the district could receive \$22.5m per year, which were based on conservative estimates of a 1% decline per year in enrollment and a tax collection per student that was 10% below the Fiscal Year 2009 statewide average revenue per student. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, the district actually received total sales tax revenue of \$24,120,171.

The district would like to sell approximately \$67m in Tax Revenue Bonds in January, 2012 with the close of the sale on approximately March 1, 2012. This will be the second phase of projects financed with School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Issuing the bonds would provide the district the use of funds to:

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 to benefit students earlier.
7. Lock in projects at an estimated borrowing cost of approximately 4% which may be lower than the average inflationary factor over the next 17 years.
8. Continue the plan created by the Superintendents Facilities Advisory Committee.
9. Continue to provide operational efficiencies which will have a direct impact on the general fund in the form of reduced energy costs.

The suggested timeline is as follows:

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July 12, 2011 – Discussion

August 2, 2011 – Action item

September/December 2011 – Project planning

January 2012 - Bond sale authorization

February 2012 – Bond issuance

March 2012 – Bond closing (no board action needed)

Projected projects to be completed using these bond proceeds are as follows:

Central Campus – Balance of renovations of 1st and 2nd floors, exterior doors, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade, security and technology upgrades.

Cowles Elementary School – Addition or renovation to eliminate temporary building.

Brody Middle School – Addition to eliminate temporary buildings.

Edmunds Elementary School – New school building.

Findley Elementary School - Window and door replacement, mechanical/electrical upgrade, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade, addition to eliminate temporary building and open classrooms, security and technology upgrades.

Hiatt Middle School – Exterior door replacement, mechanical/electrical upgrade, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade, remodel to eliminate temporary buildings, student drop-off, security and technology upgrades.

Hoover High School – Exterior window and door replacement, electrical improvements.

Hoyt Middle School - Window and door replacement, mechanical/electrical upgrade, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade, addition to eliminate open classrooms, security and technology upgrades.

Jefferson Elementary School - Window and door replacement, mechanical/electrical upgrade, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade, addition to eliminate open classrooms, security and technology upgrades.

Lovejoy Elementary School - Window and door replacement, mechanical/electrical upgrade, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade, addition to eliminate temporary buildings and open classrooms, student drop-off, security and technology upgrades.

Madison Elementary School – Student drop-off

Meredith Middle School – Completion of exterior window and door replacement, mechanical/electrical upgrade, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade, security and technology upgrades.

Park Elementary School – Renovate 1970 wing.

Pleasant Hill Elementary School - Window and door replacement, mechanical/electrical upgrade, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade, addition to eliminate temporary buildings and open classrooms, security and technology upgrades.

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Prospect – Exterior window replacement, mechanical/electrical upgrade, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade.

Studebaker Elementary School - Window and door replacement, mechanical/electrical upgrade, asbestos abatement, data and communications upgrade, addition to eliminate temporary buildings and open classrooms, security and technology upgrades.

NOTE:

These projects are based upon what we know today. There are many variables which include:

- Potential grants and alternative funding sources
- Construction market conditions
- Inflation
- Unknown conditions

Minutes

Ms. Strong moved approval of the resolution; second by Murphy.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

The motion carried, 6-0.

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**Subject: EASEMENT TO MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FOR UNDERGROUND
ELECTRIC LINE — HARDING MIDDLE 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 approve the granting of an underground electric line easement to MidAmerican Energy for \$1.

Presenters: None. Bill Good will present to answer questions

Background: The Harding Middle School renovation project is currently underway. Construction is scheduled to allow students and staff to occupy it for classes this fall. The approval of the MidAmerican Energy service easement for the new electrical service is critical to completing the work on schedule.

Minutes

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved granting of the easement; second by Murphy.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

The motion carried, 6-0.

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

For: ACTION

Contact: Thomas Harper

(thomas.harper@dmps.k12.ia.us ; 242-7745)

Attachment: NONE

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

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

Background: Per notification from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino:

"All organizations associated with a school district, city or county must submit their 2011 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Application to their governing board of directors for approval of application to Prairie Meadows prior to August 15, 2011.

The governing organization (school board, county board of supervisors or city council) is required to pass a Board Resolution ranking in order their funding priorities for the grant applications that will be submitted. A copy of the signed and dated Board Resolution must accompany each grant application.

Any application from an organization associated with a school district, city or county that is not accompanied by a signed and dated Board Resolution will not be considered for funding.

Examples of associated organizations include:

School Districts: Booster Clubs, PTO/PTA, Schools, Classes, Alumni Associations, Sports Teams, Clubs, Foundations, etc."

An invitation to apply was sent to all district schools and departments. 20 applications were received, totaling \$341,741, which is not unexpected given the scarcity of resources available to satisfy the many needs of district schools and programs.

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To aid the Board in carrying out their duties, all 20 grant applications received were reviewed and a prioritized list was prepared by a committee of district officials chosen by the Superintendent. The committee included the Associate Superintendents, K-8 Executive Directors, Executive Director of Learning Services, COO, and CFO.

Criteria used by the committee included all of the criteria important to Prairie Meadows, as well as criteria important to the district. These criteria were ranked in order of importance by committee members, as follows with the most important criteria first:

- Meets school (or community) needs/measurable impact on students (or Central Iowans)
- Alignment with Board End goals
- Alignment with Prairie Meadows funding priority
- Program/project known to be effective
- Measurable, meaningful evaluation and results
- Collaboration; multiple funding sources
- Introduces new or expanded services
- Project is sustainable over long term or organization is asking for one-time costs
- Organization has made significant achievements in the past three years
- Overall thoroughness and quality of the application

Each criterion was assigned a numeric value based from one to ten on its importance, with ten being most important. Each application was then reviewed by each committee member to determine how well the project or program met each criteria based on a scale of one to five, with five meaning best meets criteria. The numeric value of the importance of the criteria was then multiplied by the numeric value of how best the project met the criteria and then all scores for that application were added up and an overall score was tallied for each application reviewed. The overall scores of each committee member were then added together and an average overall score was calculated. The application with the highest average overall score received the highest ranking. The highest possible score an application could receive was 275 points.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DES MOINES
INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING THE
APPLICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMUNITY BETTERMENT
GRANT AWARDS FROM PRAIRIE MEADOWS RACETRACK AND CASIN**

WHEREAS, Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. has Community Betterment grant funds available that target Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Education and Health and Human Services, and

WHEREAS, Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. has Community Betterment grant application cycle that ends August 15, 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is supportive of these applications for the betterment of their schools, students, and communities, and

WHEREAS, all applications from the Des Moines Independent Community School District and/or from organizations with projects that benefit DMICSD students, will be submitted to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. by the August 15, 2011 deadline,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Des Moines Independent Community School District that the 20 following Community Betterment grant applications be submitted to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. by the August 15, 2011 application deadline:

RANK	PROJECT NAME	REQUEST AMOUNT	REASON FOR RANK: <i>Average points scored out of a possible 275 points.</i>
1.	Iowa State University Foundation (Science Bound Program)	\$16,915.00	224.71
2.	Hillis Elementary School (Summer Enrichment Program)	\$14,140.00	212.14
3.	Des Moines Public Schools Library Support Group (Rainbow Reading Project)	\$10,000.00	211.57
4.	Garton Elementary School (Capturing Kids' Hearts)	\$23,500.00	203.71
5.	Howe and Wright Elementary Schools (Artful Learning)	\$15,000.00	200.43
6.	Des Moines Public Schools (Brother 2 Brother Mentoring Program)	\$20,000.00	195.57
7.	Goodrell Middle School (Technology to Support IB)	\$25,971.00	188.43
8.	Stowe Elementary School (IB awareness and promotion)	\$13,600.00	187.57
9.	Des Moines Public Schools (8 th Grade Tackle Football Program)	\$24,820.00	183.29
10.	Des Moines Public Schools (Ron Sallade Children's School Clothing Program)	\$15,000.00	181.14

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11.	Des Moines Public Schools (Sisters for Success)	\$10,000.00	180.00
12.	Oak Park Elementary School (OP Strive)	\$9,816.81	180.00
13.	Moulton School (School Uniforms)	\$15,000.00	178.29
14.	Wright Elementary School (Walking Track)	\$15,000.00	173.57
15.	Cattell Elementary School (Student Ambassador Program)	\$10,000.00	166.57
16.	McKinley Elementary School (21st Century Technology to Support English Language Learners)	\$19,110.00	166.50
17.	Hiatt Middle School (Technology Enhanced Music Education)	\$18,830.00	163.71
18.	Jackson Elementary School (Walking Trail)	\$25,000.00	153.29
19.	Moulton School (Auditorium Carpet)	\$28,815.86	146.00
20.	Callanan Middle School (Instrument storage lockers)	\$11,222.45	123.86

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of August, 2011.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

Minutes

Mr. Murphy questioned why the top priority would be given to a program under the auspices of Iowa State University. He noted that all of the other grant applicants were DMPS programs.

Mr. Tom Ahart, DMPS Associate Superintendent and a member of the committee that reviewed and ranked the grant applications, said that even though Science Bound is attached to the ISU Foundation, if the grant is funded it will directly benefit DMPS students.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked if the applicants who don't receive the Prairie Meadows grants have other potential sources of funding.

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Dr. Sebring said that varies on a case-by-case basis. She suggested the evaluators of the applications assume if the program doesn't receive a grant it probably won't happen.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson suggested that DMPS might want to reexamine its evaluation process to ensure the same programs don't repeatedly get the Prairie Meadows grants.

Dr. Sebring pointed out that the district has only been ranking the applicants for a relatively short time. She said Prairie Meadows used to prioritize them without input from the district until the number of grant applications from districts throughout central Iowa became too cumbersome. As a pattern starts to emerge she feels the district's criteria will adjust accordingly to ensure that funding opportunities are spread around.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson specifically asked about the fate of 8th grade tackle football in the district if it is denied one of these grants. It is her understanding that the application is the sole potential funding source for this program.

Mr. Thomas Harper, the district's CFO, responded that the grant would supplement other funding that is already allocated for that purpose and allow the program to expand and purchase additional equipment.

Ms. Boesen said one criterion that should be added to the application process is what percentage of the program's total budget would be subsidized by the requested grant.

Ms. Strong said perhaps the Board should revisit an earlier discussion about the possibility of having Prairie Meadows make an annual lump sum award to the district for allocation by its own foundation to various programs in need of outside funding.

Ms. Strong moved approval of the resolution; second by Woods.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Gallardo, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

The motion carried, 6-0.

Item No. 20**Page 1 of 1****Subject: BALLOT MEASURE FOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION****For: DISCUSSION****Contact: Dr. Sebring and Patricia Lantz****Attachments: 11-026**(superintendent@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7766/patricia.lantz@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7837)

Issue: Review of language for ballot measure**Presenters:** None. Dr. Sebring and Pat Lantz will be available for questions.

Background: On June 29, a petition was filed with the Board Secretary requesting the Board direct the County Commissioner of Elections to put on the ballot a measure that would change the way Board members are elected. The petition requested that three members be elected at-large, and four members be elected by geographic sub-districts.

At the request of the Polk County Elections Office, a meeting was held to discuss the ballot language as shown in the attachment. The detailed language will be placed in the voting booths; the other language will be placed on the ballot.

This language will be submitted to the Elections Office no later than August 5, 2011.

Minutes

Ms. Strong asked for an explanation of the process by which the language for the ballot measure was determined.

Ms. Lantz, the district's General Counsel and interim Board secretary, said that the language for the measure resulted from a collaborative effort among her office, the Polk County Elections Office and the petitioners.

Mr. Murphy asked Ms. Lantz to compile some information that will anticipate possible implications for the Board makeup and election cycle in the event this ballot measure is approved on September 13th. For instance, he said, two or more members elected at-large may reside in the same sub-district or ward once the boundaries are drawn subsequent to passage of the measure, a process, he noted, the Board is to coordinate and will also need to be briefed on. He is concerned that the Board will be operating under rules designed for defunct election cycles and representation models.

Ms. Lantz said she has already discussed scenarios with the Secretary of State's office and the Polk County Elections Office. She anticipates that the ward model will be phased in if it passes on September 13th and said she will keep the Board abreast as developments warrant.