

DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARDROOM — 1800 GRAND AVENUE
MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2010

PUBLIC FORUM – 5:45 p.m.

Speaker: Andrew Rasmussen, 2566 NW Heritage, Ankeny, IA

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, in the boardroom at 1800 Grand Ave., Connie Boesen presiding.

Present: Boesen, Buckton, Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Absent: Caldwell-Johnson

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson (by phone), Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Absent: None

Ms. Link moved to approve the agenda. Second by Woods.

Aye: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson (by phone), Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 13, and June 27, 2010

Ms. Buckton moved approval of the minutes of July 13 and July 27, 2010. Second by Strong.

Aye: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson (by phone), Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

Motion carried.

DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Sebring introduced the East High School Scarlet softball team who captured the state runner-up title. She reported that registration was taking place this week and also the continuous calendar schools are back in session.

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Minutes

Speaker: Andrew Rasmussen, 2566 NW Heritage, Ankeny, IA

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson 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 \$3,941,753.87 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$1,859,913.39. Second by Strong.

Aye: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson (by phone), Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods
Nay: None
Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:10 p.m.

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION — 6:38 p.m.

Ms. Buckton suggested a Board work session on assessment and also would like more information on the duties of the School Improvement Leaders (SIL) — would like to see the job description.

CHAIR’S REPORT

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT — 6:52 p.m.

Dr. Sebring mentioned that she had attended a meeting earlier that day of the superintendents from the member districts of the Iowa Urban Education Network [UEN] at which that group’s legislative priorities had been discussed. She suggested that the Board should begin to consider the same topic.

ADJOURN 6:53 p.m.

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Subject: CONTRACTS FOR APPROVAL

For: ACTION

Contact: Various

Attachments: None

Contract No. 10-039

Project: Contract between Polk County Early Childhood Iowa (formerly Empowerment), United Way of Central Iowa, and DMPS

Contractor: United Way of Central Iowa as the fiscal agent

Background: Polk County Early Childhood Iowa provides funding for four classrooms in DMPS at the following sites: Evelyn Davis, McKee Early Learning Center, Mitchell Early Learning Center (two).

Financial:

Revenues: \$340,000.00

Expenses: \$0

Funding Source: Polk County Early Childhood Iowa

Term: 7/1/10-6/30/11

New or Renewal: Renewal

Contact: Susie Guest and Susie Tallman

(susie.guest@dmps.k12.ia.us; 323-8612)/ (susan.tallman@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7725)

Contract No. 10-040

Project: Weeks Middle School — Block Scheduling Transition

Contractor: Ron Rohac

Background: Ron was paid out of SINA funds last year to help the staff at Weeks consider the option of block scheduling and then, after the decision was made, to start preparing for that transition, including a summer workshop (TQ Funds). He billed on a daily rate for his work during the school year and for his three-day workshop in the early summer.

Also included in his daily rate is availability through video conferencing, emails and telephone to give personal help to any teacher at Weeks who requests it. After Weeks

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was identified for PLAS/SIG grant funding, we sought to retain Ron to help with the implementation of the block/ELL strategies. Ron has also worked with Harding Middle School and Hiatt Middle School, helping those buildings in their classroom transitions and changes.

Financial:

Expenses:

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|----------------|----------------------|
| \$27,000 Total | Fall semester (2010) |
| \$18,000 Total | Semester two (2011) |

Revenues: \$27,000 (2010)
\$18,000 (2011)

Funding Source: PLAS/SIG Grant**Term:** August 19, 2010–May 30, 2011**New or Renewal:** New**Contact:** Jim Mollison

(jim.mollison@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8449)

Contract No. 10-041**Communities in Schools: \$83,995.85**

Communities in Schools (CIS) is a nationally recognized strategy designed to connect and coordinate needed community resources and services within schools. Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) will utilize funding provided by the United Way of Central Iowa's Emerging Leaders Initiative (ELI) for 2.5 employees (FTE's). These School Site Coordinators will be placed at Hoyt, Hiatt, and East.

Contract No. 10-042**Communities in Schools: \$68,915.10**

DMPS will utilize funding provided by the United Way of Central Iowa's ELI for 2.5 FTE's. These School Site Coordinators will be placed at East, North and Carver.

Contract No. 10-043**Academic Support Labs \$45,735.03**

In support of the DMPS mission to challenge all students with rigorous academic preparation and also meet unique learning needs, the high school Academic Support Labs (ASL) are designed to accommodate students identified by the Early Indicator System (EIS), re-engaged students, and students identified by the school's student

support teams (teachers, support staff, and administrators) who would benefit from a non-traditional classroom environment or who are in need of credit recovery and/or academic support. Labs provide support for students at both the campus and district levels.

Contact No. 10-044

SUCCESS/Way to Grow: \$88,421.15

The SUCCESS Program is a school-based youth services program which offers learning supports year-round to children and families, prenatal through age 21. Each case manager provides support services and skill-building groups to a minimum of 60 students and their families including case management, drug and violence prevention, life skills and after-school and summer transition programs. Case management services include assessment of need, educational support, identification of personal goals, coordination of service with a variety of agencies, advocacy in accessing services, after-school and summer programs, and follow-up. The four case management positions funded through United Way served 392 students in 2009-2010.

DMPS will monitor performance measures for all programs. Performance measures include number of students reading at grade level, school attendance, on track graduation, students staying in school and program satisfaction.

Financial

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Revenues: | | \$287,067.13 | |
| Funding Source: | | United Way of Central Iowa | |
| Expenses: | | | |
| | | 6 Month | |
| | | Investment | UWCI Contract |
| | Program | Amount | Number |
| | Communities In Schools (CIS) | \$83,995.85 | ELI 11-003 |
| | Communities In Schools (CIS) | \$68,915.10 | ED 11-016 |
| | Academic Support Labs (ASL) | \$45,735.03 | ED 11-017 |
| | SUCCESS / Way to Grow | <u>\$88,421.15</u> | ED 11-018 |
| Total Expenses | | \$287,067.13 | |

Projects: Contracts 10-041, 10-042, 10-043, 10-044

United Way Investment Agreement

Contractor : United Way of Central Iowa

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Background and Funding for Contracts 10-041, 10-042, 10-043, 10-044: Through this agreement, the United Way of Central Iowa will provide funding to DMPS for CIS, ASL, and SUCCESS/Way to Grow.

Term: July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

New or Renewal: Renewal

Contact: Bryce Amos
(bryce.amos@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7660)

Contract No. 10-045

Project: Leadership and Learning Center — Instructional Training

Background: Des Moines Public Schools and The Leadership and Learning Center will build a partnership that is committed to creating a progressive district focused on improving student achievement. The Center focuses on deep implementation of our research-based best practices to build your educators' capacity and skills to impact student performance. Through professional development seminars and work sessions, customized and job-embedded Implementation visits, certification trainings, and intensive leadership support, Des Moines will have the sustainable processes and expertise to dramatically improve student achievement, especially at its currently lowest performing schools. The goal is to put the structures in place so that educators can dramatically impact student learning for years to come. The Center will provide a cadre of school improvement leaders (SILs), coaches, and coordinators with respective certification trainings in decision making for results/data teams and common formative assessments.

Each certification training consists of a three-day interactive training and includes a follow-up on-site Implementation Visit and continuous support.

The training provides participants with the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to present and implement the content of the seminars to educators within their schools and throughout Des Moines Public Schools. Certified trainers will assist educators in creating and utilizing assessments, data, and the best instructional practices to increase student achievement, which aligns very well with the designed role of SILs.

Financial:

Revenues:

Expenses: \$383,595.00

Funding Source:

1. School Improvement Grants (funding Tier I staff participants)

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2. Title I
3. Dropout Prevention – Professional Development/Assessment
4. 21st Century Afterschool – Professional Development/Assessment
5. District Professional Development

Term: 12 months

New or Renewal: New

Contact: Bryce Amos
(bryce.amos@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7660)

Contract No.10-046

Project: Pre-Advanced Placement Training for Middle School Science and English

Provider: Laying The Foundation

Background:

TRAINING PROGRAM

LTF training is a comprehensive training program that requires a commitment to 4 days of training per year for 3 years. LTF training is unique in that it:

- contains content and instruction on how to teach high-level thinking skills in the context of the discipline.
- supports teacher excellence and the development of a trained teacher corps.
- provides teachers with the knowledge and materials necessary to infuse rigorous coursework into existing math, science and English classes.
- provides classroom materials teachers can use immediately and opportunities for teachers at all levels of experience to learn new content and teaching strategies.
- provides hands-on experience with model lessons from the guides as well as assistance with creating original lessons.
- includes a focus on technology and technical literacy in math and science, specifically the use of graphing calculators, data collection devices and computer graphing software.

The LTF training program also includes access to the Laying the Foundation password secured website. This website provides a variety of resources including:

- online access to new and original lessons and activities
- diagnostic activities and unit tests modeled after the AP Exams
- authentic student samples
- planning resources, and much more

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Financial:

30 English Teachers/28 Science Teachers:

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|--------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Training | \$32,000.00 | | |
| Four Science Kit Fees | 600.00 | | |
| 58 Guides ordered (50.00 each) | 2,900.00 | | |
| Total | \$35,500.00 | | |

Funding Source: Curriculum & Professional Development**Contacts:** Stefanie Rosenberg-Cortes/Bryce Amos

(stefanie.rosenberg-cortes@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7660/bryce.amos@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7660)

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Subject: RESCIND AWARD OF BID NO. B6148 — EXTERIOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PACKAGE FOR NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

For: ACTION

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

Attachments: None

Issue: Rescind a previously awarded contract for the exterior asbestos abatement package for North High School

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the contract previously awarded to Pro Environmental Abatement Inc. in the amount of \$150,200.00 be rescinded.

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

Background: Pro Environmental Abatement Inc. has failed to provide all the contract documents as called for by the project requirements.

Funding Source: Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

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Subject: AWARD OF BID NO. B6148 — EXTERIOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PACKAGE FOR NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
For: ACTION
Contact: BILL GOOD
Attachments: None

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

Issue: Award of contract for the exterior asbestos abatement package for North High School

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends a contract for the base bid and Alternate #1 be awarded to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Robinson Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$163,089.00.

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

Background: This is a project under the statewide penny funding. The work at North will be divided into several individual bid packages.

- **Base Bid:** Abatement of exterior window and door openings to allow for the replacement of the exterior windows and repairs /replacements of selected exterior entry doorways under a previously awarded contract.
- **Alternate 1:** Additional removal and disposal of main entry windows and doors.

The district received bids on June 8, 2010. The results are as follows:

| Bidder | Base Bid | Alternate No. 1 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Robinson Brothers Inc. | \$141,050 | \$22,039 |
| Pro Environmental Abatement | Award Rescinded | Award Rescinded |
| Active Thermal Concepts | \$279,822 | \$12,760 |
| ICM Insulation | \$291,500 | \$25,000 |
| Mid Iowa Environmental | \$297,990 | \$82,000 |

Funding Source: Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

Item No. 10**Page 1 of 1****Subject: CHANGE IN CONTRACT AMOUNT —
PG CONSTRUCTION INC./
HOWE ELEMENTARY STUDENT DROP OFF —
SEALED BID NO. B6064****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**
(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us : 242-8321)**Attachments: None**

Issue: A change in a construction agreement where the cost increase is greater than 15% of the original agreement requires approval of the Board of Directors.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the current change in the PG Construction Inc. contract on the Howe Elementary student drop off project and that the Board authorize the district chief operations officer to approve future changes which exceed 15% of the original contract amount with respect to this project only and to notify the Board through an informational agenda item in the event future changes are made.

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

Background: The district received bids on January 25, 2010 for the project. The award was made to PG Construction Inc. as it was the low bidder in the amount of \$189,000.00. The award of bid was approved by the Board on March 9, 2010. During the grading process, tests were conducted on the sub-soils by the district's independent soils firm. The tests indicated that the sub-soils would have to be modified to provide an adequate base for the new paving. After review of alternative measures, additional work in the amount of \$30,500.00 has been identified and this additional work exceeds the 15% threshold that requires Board approval. Over the course of the work it is possible that additional modifications may be required.

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Subject: AWARD OF DESIGN FOR WOODLAWN SCHOOL

For: ACTION

Contact: BILL GOOD

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

Attachments: None

Issue: Improvements to Woodlawn School as part of the Statewide Penny (Students First) program

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the contract with Alvine Associates Inc. for the design of mechanical and electrical modifications to Woodlawn School.

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

Background: Woodlawn will house special education staff currently in leased space at River Plaza and is a potential site for a northside preschool center. Alvine Associates Inc. has submitted a design cost proposal in the amount of \$140,625. The design will include a new mechanical system, new electrical service and distribution, upgraded lighting, fire alarm, fire sprinkler and technology improvements. The costs are within the design budget established for these improvements.

Funding: Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

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**Subject: AWARD OF BID NO. B6151 — ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**
For: ACTION
Contact: BILL GOOD
Attachments: None

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

Issue: Award of contract for the addition and renovation project at North High School.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends a contract for the base bid and alternates #2 and #3 be awarded to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, Dean Snyder Construction in the amount of \$7,276,100.

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

Background: This is a project under the statewide penny funding. The work at North will be divided into individual bid packages.

- **Base Bid:** Construction of an administrative addition and renovations of the existing building including upgrades to the mechanical, electrical, technology, security, and life safety systems.
- **Alternate 1:** Change in the manufacturer for the exterior window and glazing systems.
- **Alternate 2:** Changes in the hot water and boiler systems.
- **Alternate 3:** Add day lighting controls in selected classrooms.

The district received bids on July 27, 2010. The results are as follows:

| Bidder | Base Bid | Alter. No. 1 | Alter. No. 2 | Alter. No. 3 |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Dean Snyder Construction Ankeny, IA | \$7,150,000 | \$0 | \$111,000 | \$15,100 |
| Breiholz Construction Des Moines, IA | \$7,215,000 | \$169,000 | \$99,000 | \$42,000 |
| Larson & Larson Construction Des Moines, IA | \$7,275,000 | \$0 | \$100,000 | \$15,000 |
| Stahl Construction St. Louis Park, MN | \$7,440,000 | \$192,000 | \$96,000 | \$40,000 |
| Neumann Bros. Des Moines, IA | \$7,453,000 | No Bid | \$97,800 | \$14,600 |

Funding Source: Statewide Penny (Students First Program)

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Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF FIRE ALARM CONTRACT FOR JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For: ACTION

Contact: Bill Good
(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us 515-242-7734)

Attachments: None

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board give final acceptance to the project listed below and approve final payment to the contractor listed after the expiration of 31 days, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 26 and 573 of the Code of Iowa.

SCHOOL: Jackson Elementary School

PROJECT: Fire Alarm

CONTRACTOR: Baker Electric, Inc.

CONTRACTED AMOUNT: \$ 48,918.00

CONTRACT BALANCE: \$ 2,445.90

Item No. 14**Page 1 of 2****Subject: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS****For: ACTION****Contact: Nancy Sebring****Attachments: None**

(superintendent@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7766)

Issue: The Iowa Department of Education has awarded School Improvement Grants (SIG) to Edmunds, Hoyt, North, and Weeks totaling \$13,331,033.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends implementing the SIG at each school.

Presenters: None. Nancy Sebring will be available to answer questions.

Background: The Iowa Department of Education identified 35 Iowa schools as Persistently Low Achieving Schools (PLAS) and thereby eligible to compete for the federally-funded SIG. Four Tier I (Title I) DMPS schools were awarded three-year grants:

- Edmunds: \$2,791,033
- Hoyt: \$3,395,000
- North: \$3,750,000
- Weeks: \$3,395,000

The grant application required each school to select one of four mandated Transformation Models as a framework for redesigning their educational program. In collaboration with the Des Moines Education Association (DMEA), each school has agreed upon the Transformation Model which requires:

- 1) a new principal within the last three years
- 2) operational flexibility
- 3) redesigned teacher and administrator evaluation systems
- 4) rewarding effective personnel and removing ineffective personnel
- 5) high-quality professional development
- 6) financial incentives, career opportunities, and flexible working conditions
- 7) use of data within a research-based instructional program
- 8) use of student data to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students
- 9) strategies to provide increased learning time
- 10) family and community engagement
- 11) intensive technical assistance.

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The High-Performing, High-Poverty Model developed by Mass Insight serves as a framework for organizing the implementation of the Transformation Model. Implementation strategies are tailored to meet the unique needs of students and staff at each school. Doug Reeves and the Leadership and Learning Center and Solution Tree are partners in providing technical assistance.

Goals of the SIG include increasing reading and math achievement by 4% each year; closing gaps in achievement for minority, ELL, low-income, and special education students to meet or exceed state averages of these subgroups by the end of the three-year grant period; and full implementation the Transformation Model with fidelity.

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Subject: ELL ENDORSEMENT — MONROE ELEMENTARY

For: ACTION

Contact: Cindy Wissler
(cindy.wissler@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8425))

Attachments: None

Issue: Tuition payment for coursework from William Penn University totaling \$109,200.00 for ELL endorsements.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends payment of the graduate courses for Monroe Elementary staff.

Presenters: None

Background: Monroe Elementary has a goal that all certified staff shall earn an ELL endorsement. The staff has an arrangement with William Penn University to provide the 18 hours of graduate credit required for the endorsement. Monroe has received a grant for additional Schools in Need of Assistance (SINA) funds from the Iowa Department of Education and these funds shall cover the entire cost of the coursework for teachers to become ELL certified.

Funding: Monroe's Title I SINA Additional Funding Grant

Item No. 16**Page 1 of 4****Subject: DES MOINES TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (DMTRS)****For: ACTION****Contact: Patricia Schroeder**

(patricia.schroeder@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8527)

Attachments: 10 - 033**10 - 034**

Issue: The Board, acting as trustees of the DMTRS, annually takes action on several DMTRS related issues. These include receipt and approval of the following:

- Annual report (un-audited) of the DMTRS
- Appointment of members of the DMTRS Advisory Committee
- DMTRS FY 2010-2011 expense budget
- Determination of the rate of actual new earnings (guaranteed interest rate) for FY 2009–2010
- Determination of the excess earnings distribution rate

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the proposals submitted relative to operations of the DMTRS.

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

Background:

- **Annual Report (un-audited) of the DMTRS:** Each year, the Board is to receive and place on file the annual report (un-audited) of the DMTRS (see attachment).
- **Appointment of Members of the DMTRS Advisory Committee:** It is recommended that the Board reappoint Rachael Stauffer; CFA, Vice President of Investments, American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company, recommended by the Iowa Society of Chartered Financial Analysts; and Sue Breen-Held; Associate Pension Actuary for Principal Mutual Life Insurance Company as the citizen representatives on the DMTRS advisory committee for 2010-2011. These individuals have agreed to serve.

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| DMTRS FY 2010–2011 Expense Budget: The recommended DMTRS budget for fiscal year 2010–2011 is the same as for fiscal year 2009-2010, and is as follows: | 2009-2010 Actual Expenditures[1] | 2009-2010 Budgeted Expenditures | 2010-20010 Budgeted Expenditures |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 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 | 21,416.96 | 28,000.00 | 28,000.00 |
| Actuarial Services | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Investment Services | 131,426.71 | 160,000.00 | 160,000.00 [2] |
| Custodial Services | 38,352.13 | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Supplies/Printing/Travel | 2,400.24 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Total | \$251,656.00 | \$301,060.00 | \$301,060.00 |

(1) *Un-audited.*(2) *Actual cost dependent on market value of portfolio.*

- **Determination of the Rate of Actual New Earnings For FY 2009 – 2010(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, 2010, to be distributed is:

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| Interest on bonds | 9,857,439.13 |
| Dividends on stock | 1,642,095.70 |
| Interest on short-term investments | 25,991.65 |
| Change in accrued interest | 514,052.23 |
| Amortization of discount and premium, net | (544,044.90) |
| Amortization of realized gains/losses on sale of securities | (437,570.37) |
| Investment income for 2009-2010 | 11,057,963.44 |
| Less: Required interest on fixed benefit options | (24,051.34) |
| Less: New retirees interest distributed | (484,366.00) |
| Investment income to be distributed | <u>\$10,549,546.10</u> |

The mean amount of actuarial reserves for the year was \$217,101,936.35, so that the ratio of total investment income to mean actuarial reserves was 4.8593 percent. It is recommended that the interest rate for the year ended June 30, 2010, be 4.8 percent. The rate for the previous year was 5.4 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 ended on June 30, 2010 and based upon the investment earnings and plan defined rules have determined the earnings rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 to be 4.8 percent. Using this rate will result in a reduction of \$119,623.75 to the plan's retirement reserve fund.

Analysis of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 shows that the amortization of realized gains/losses on the sale of securities has decreased over the prior year.

In addition, there was a deficit or net loss from the sale of stocks and bonds in the past year. This loss will need to be recognized according to the amortization schedule of the plan in future fiscal years. This could result in a further reduction of the guaranteed interest rate in the next fiscal year as well as a reduction in the excess earnings rate as the loss continues to be amortized. If the economy improves significantly and there is a net gain from the sales of stocks and bonds in the coming year, this would have a positive impact and thereby offset some or all of this year's losses.

- **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

(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 ended on June 30, 2010 and based upon the investment earnings and plan defined rules have determined the earnings rate for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2010 to be 4.8 percent. They recommend, in accordance with the rules of the plan that the excess earnings and the excess earnings distribution rate should be set for retiring participants 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
- After July 1, 2003 at 3 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 2010 | Recommended Excess Earnings Rate FY 2011 |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Prior to July 1, 1981 | 5.00% | 1.0% | 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% | 9.0% | 3.0% |
| Rate of Actual New Earnings | | 5.4% | 4.8% |

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Subject: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS - AMENDED

For: ACTION

Contact: Twyla Woods

Attachments: None

(twyla.woods@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7972)

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

Background:

ELECTIONS - GENERAL EDUCATION

| Name | Class | Step | Effective Date | Amount |
|----------------|-------|------|----------------|----------|
| Allgood, Sarah | 4 | 2 | 07/26/10 | \$46,664 |

BA from University of Northern Iowa; Cedar Falls, IA and MS from University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO; Address/West Des Moines, IA; Assignment, Student and Family Services at River Plaza/Speech Language Pathologist (12 mos.).

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|-------------------|---|---|------------|----------|
| Anderson, Chelsie | 1 | 1 | 08/23/2010 | \$38,757 |
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BA University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA Address: Plymouth, IA Assignment: Edmunds/4th Grade

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| Beckwith, Jacob | 4 | 1 | 08/19/10 | \$43,682 |
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BA from Adrian College, Adrian, MI and MAT from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/West Des; Assignment, East/Science.

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| Bonnstetter, Lori | 2 | 1 | 08/19/10 | \$40,185 |
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BA from University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA; Address/Urbandale, IA; Assignment, Hoyt/Academic Lab.

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|---------------|---|---|----------|----------|
| Brown, Shelly | 1 | 1 | 08/19/10 | \$38,757 |
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BA from Buena Vista University, Fort Dodge, IA; Address/Ankeny, IA; Assignment, Hoyt/In Class Reading.

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| Copic, Courtney | 1 | 10 | 08/23/2010 | \$47,965 |
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BM (Recall) Drake University, Des Moines, IA Address: Des Moines, IA Assignment: Merrill/Music

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| Corron, Alicia | 1 | 1 | 8/19/10 | \$38,757 |
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BA from University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; Address/Urbandale, IA; Assignment, Meredith/Reading (.5) and Math (5).

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| Dalbey, Julie | 1 | 14 | 08/19/2010 | \$24,767 |
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BSN Grandview College, Des Moines, IA Address: Urbandale, IA Assignment: Wright/Nurse (.5)

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| Evans, Nathan | 1 | 5 | 8/19/10 | \$41,327 |
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BA from Iowa State University, Ames, IA; Address/Ankeny, IA; Assignment, Hoyt/Academic Lab.

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| Funke, Amy | 1 | 1 | 08/19/2010 | \$38,757 |
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BA University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA Address: Windsor Heights, IA Assignment: Hispanic Resource Center/Preschool

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| Gibbons, Jessica | 1 | 1 | 08/19/2010 | \$38,757 |
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BS Iowa State University, Ames, IA Address: West Des Moines, IA Assignment: Oak Park/In Class Reading

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| Gladson, Ryan | 3 | 1 | 08/19/10 | \$42,255 |
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BS from Iowa State University, Ames, IA and MA from Kaplan University, Chicago, IL; Address/Des Moines, IA; Assignment, East/Math.

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|---------------|---|---|------------|----------|
| Katch, Lauren | 1 | 1 | 08/16/2010 | \$16,555 |
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BA Simpson College, Indianola, IA Address: Urbandale, IA Assignment: Downtown School/2nd-3rd Grade (.5)

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| Lantz, Maria | 1 | 1 | 08/19/10 | \$38,757 |
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BA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Assignment, Goodrell/Social Science.

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| Laws, Janet | 5 | 17 | 08/23/2010 | \$32,404 |
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BA University Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA Address: West Des Moines, IA Assignment: Garton/In Class Math (.5)

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|----------------|---|---|------------|----------|
| Leyen, Melissa | 1 | 6 | 08/02/2010 | \$42,612 |
|----------------|---|---|------------|----------|

BA University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA Address: Pleasant Hill, IA Assignment: Early Reading First Assistant Coordinator

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| Lichty, Luke | 1 | 2 | 08/19/10 | \$38,757 |
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BS from Iowa State University, Ames, IA; Address/Lexington, KY; Assignment, Lincoln/Math.

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|-----------------|---|---|------------|----------|
| McPherson, Tara | 1 | 1 | 08/23/2010 | \$38,757 |
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BA University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA Address: West Des Moines, IA Assignment: Park Avenue/KDG

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| Nichols, Robert (Scott) | 5 | 14 | 08/02/10 | \$61,026 |
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BS from Iowa State University, Ames, IA and MS from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Pleasant Hill, IA; Assignment, River Woods/Dean of Students.

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| Radig, Megan | 1 | 1 | 08/19/10 | \$38,757 |
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BA from University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Assignment, Lincoln/Academic Lab.

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| Reed, Katie | 1 | 2 | 08/19/10 | \$38,757 |
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BA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Altoona, IA; Assignment, Goodrell/Language Arts.

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|----------------|---|---|----------|----------|
| Scott, Heather | 1 | 1 | 08/19/10 | \$38,757 |
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BA from Simpson College, Indianola, IA; Address/West Des Moines, IA; Assignment, Lincoln/Math.

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| Stewart, Jacqueline | 1 | 1 | 08/19/10 | \$38,757 |
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BS from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Assignment, Hoyt/Science.

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|----------------|---|---|------------|----------|
| Wells, Jessica | 1 | 1 | 08/23/2010 | \$38,757 |
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BA Grand View University, Des Moines, IA Address: Des Moines, IA Assignment: Park Avenue/2nd Grade

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| Name | Class | Step | Effective Date | Amount |
|------------|-------|------|----------------|----------|
| Dean, Erin | 2 | 5 | 08/19/10 | \$50,420 |

BA from University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Assignment, Hanawalt/Multicategorical.

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|---------------|---|---|----------|----------|
| Kobes, Meghan | 4 | 2 | 08/19/10 | \$43,682 |
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BA from University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA and MS from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI; Address/Milwaukee, WI; Assignment, Student and Family Services/Speech Language Pathologist.

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| Liventials, Heidi | 2 | 8 | 08/19/10 | \$46,609 |
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BA from Iowa State University, Ames, IA; Address/Indianola, IA; Assignment, Garton/Multicategorical.

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|--------------|---|---|----------|----------|
| Parker, Mary | 1 | 1 | 08/19/10 | \$38,757 |
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BA from Loras College, Dubuque, IA; Address/Indianola, IA; Assignment, Hillis/Multicategorical.

RESIGNATION

| Name | School, Position | Effective Date | Reason |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Diaz-Cardenas, Eduardo | Hoover, Social Science | 06/08/10 | Personal |
| Harbacheck, Denyse | Morris, 5 th Grade | 06/08/10 | Personal |
| Imran, Courtney | Willard, ELL | 06/08/10 | Relocating |
| Lansink, Melanie | Lincoln, Social Science | 06/08/10 | Personal |
| Lowry, Laura | Lincoln, English | 06/08/10 | Relocating |
| Morphew, Heather | Grandview, Preschool | 06/08/10 | New Position |

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT

| Name | Position | Amount | Effective Date |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Luedtke, Philip I. | Director of Technology | \$92,545 prorated | 8/16/10 |

Experience: Director of IT, The Integer Group, Des Moines, Iowa and Denver, Colorado, 2004-present; IT Manager, Rocky Mt. Center for Health Promotion and Education, Lakewood, Colorado, 2002-04; Information Tech /Lab Assistant University of MN Dept of Surgery, Minneapolis, MN, 1999-2001; Littleton, Colorado, 2001-02; Information Tech, Lab Assistant University of MN Dept of Surgery, Minneapolis, MN, 1999-2001; Technician, Medical Arts Press, Minneapolis, MN, 1999; Solutions Specialist, Cybernet Systems, Minneapolis, MN, 1997-1999; Technician, First Tech Computer, Minneapolis, MN, 1996-1997. Education: University of Minnesota, 1999-2001, 2.5 years. University of Colorado, 2002-03, 1 year. Address: Des Moines, Iowa.

COACHING RESIGNATION

| School | Name | Position | Effective Date |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| North | Battistone, William | Assistant Football | 07/23/2010 |
| North | Byam, Kristopher | Assistant Volleyball | 07/23/2010 |
| North | Daugherty, Ryan | Assistant Boys Basketball | 06/09/2010 |
| North | Gilson, Kirby | Assistant Football | 07/22/2010 |
| North | Nelson, John | Assistant Girls Basketball | 07/21/2010 |
| North | Reed, Jerry | Assistant Football | 07/23/2010 |
| North | White, Chris | Assistant Football | 07/23/2010 |

COACHING DIFFERENTIAL

| School | Name | Position | Effective Date | Amount |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---------|
| East | Crawford, Jamel | Head Boys Basketball | 11/15/2010 | \$6281. |

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Subject: LIST OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL

For: ACTION

Contact: Patricia Schroeder

(patricia.schroeder@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8527)

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: PHASE II CONNECTOR PACKAGE — CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

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 Phase II Connector Package for the Career and Technical Center. Publication for the public hearing was included in the Des Moines Register on July 28, 2010.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the plans and specifications prepared by RDG Planning for the Phase II Connector Package for the Career and Technical Center.

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

Background: This project will connect the Career and Technical Center with the Central Academy facility. It consists of an enclosed elevated walkway from the first floor of Central Academy to the balcony level of the gymnasium in the Career and Technical Center. A handicap lift in another Phase II bid package will complete an accessible route to the administration level of the Career and Technical Center.

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

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. Second by Strong.

Aye: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson, Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

Motion carried

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Subject: WINDOW REPLACEMENT — COWLES 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 window replacement package for Cowles School. Publication for the public hearing was included in the Des Moines Register on July, 28, 2010.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the plans and specifications prepared by Larrison & Associates for the window replacement package for Cowles School.

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

Background: This project will replace the exterior windows and exterior doors at Cowles School. The project will improve energy efficiency and natural lighting in the classrooms.

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

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.

Mrs. Woods moved approval. Second by Strong.

Aye: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson, Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

Motion carried

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Subject: SALE OF PROPERTY — DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY

For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION

Contact: Bill Good

Attachments: None

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

Issue: Sale of property located at 3800 E. Douglas Avenue, known as Douglas Elementary, Des Moines, IA 50317. The resolution to hold the public hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on July 21, 2010.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board hold a public hearing and then approve the sale of the 3800 E. Douglas Avenue to Eastwood Church in the amount of \$100,000.

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

Background: Since January 2010, the district has been actively marketing this property.

Minutes

Speaker: Glenn Stine, 17553 260th, Adel, IA

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved approval of the sale. Second by Strong.

Aye: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson, Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

Motion carried

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**Subject: EASEMENT TO MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FOR UNDERGROUND
ELECTRIC LINE EASEMENT BY WRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION

Contact: Bill Good

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

Attachments: None

Issue: MidAmerican is requesting an underground electric line easement at 5001 SW 14th Street 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: Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 78 North, Range 24, West of the 5th P.M. Polk County, Iowa.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board hold a public hearing and then grant an underground electric line easement to MidAmerican Energy for \$1.

Background: On July 13, 2010 the Board of Directors approved a resolution to hold a public hearing. As required by law, the Notice of Public Hearing was published on July 21, 2010.

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 granting of the easement. Second by Buckton.

Aye: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson, Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

Motion carried

Item No. 23**Page 1 of 5****Subject: RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANT AWARDS FROM PRAIRIE MEADOWS RACETRACK AND CASINO, INC.****For: ACTION****Contact: Patricia Schroeder****Attachment: None**

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

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

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

Background: Per notification from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino:

“Prairie Meadows requires Community Betterment Grant Applications for organizations or departments that represent a school district, city and or county be approved by their school board, city council or county board of supervisors. School boards, city councils and boards of supervisors are asked to rank the Community Betterment Grant Applications in funding priority from highest priority to lowest priority with a brief explanation for the ranking. ...

Any and all organizations that operate for the betterment of a school or school district must have prior approval from their respective school board. This includes all schools, classrooms, departments, sports teams, booster clubs, parent teacher organizations, or other organizations within the district.”

An invitation to apply was sent to all district schools and departments. 33 applications were received, totaling \$517,371.35, which is not unexpected given the scarcity of resources available to satisfy the many needs of district schools and programs.

To aid the Board in carrying out their duties, all 33 grant applications received were reviewed and a prioritized list was prepared by a committee of district officials chosen by the superintendent. The committee included associate superintendents, several executive directors, the chief of staff and student 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 lowans)
- 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 services 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 from one to ten based on with ten being most important. Each application was then reviewed by each committee member to determine how well the project or program met each criterion based on a scale of one to five, with five meaning best meets criterion. The numeric value of the importance of the criterion was then multiplied by the numeric value of how best the project met the criterion 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 compiled 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 CASINO**

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 a Community Betterment grant application cycle that ends August 15, 2010, and

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WHEREAS, the Des Moines Independent Community School District is supportive of these applications for the betterment of their students and community, and

WHEREAS, all applications from the Des Moines Independent Community School District and/or from organizations with projects that will take place on school property, will be submitted to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. by the August 15, 2010 deadline,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Des Moines Independent Community School District that the Des Moines Independent Community School District authorized the following Community Betterment grant applications to be submitted to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. for the August 15, 2010 application deadline:

| RANK | PROJECT NAME | AMOUNT REQUESTED | REASON FOR RANK: Average points scored out of a possible 275 points: |
|-------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| 1. | Brubaker Elementary School (Writing and Math for All) | \$21,122.40 | 201.429 |
| 2. | Moulton School (Safe and Secure Learning) | \$18,500.00 | 188.714 |
| 3. | SAAB (Brother 2 Brother) | \$20,000.00 | 184.857 |
| 4. | McKee Alternative Center (school uniforms) | \$ 6,500.00 | 182.857 |
| 5. | Sisters for Success (Sisters for Success) | \$10,000.00 | 180.000 |
| 6. | Goodrell Middle School (Technology for 21st Century) | \$25,000.00 | 176.571 |
| 7. | Oak Park Elementary School (Classroom Amplification Project) | \$10,000.00 | 174.571 |
| 8. | Library Support Group (Rainbow Reading) | \$10,000.00 | 171.143 |
| 9. | Iowa State University Foundation – Science Bound (Des Moines Science Pound Program) | \$24,000.00 | 168.286 |
| 10. | Central Campus (Broadcasting and Film in the 21st Century) | \$13,690.00 | 167.429 |
| 11. | Stowe Elementary School (Building a Better World: Connecting Learning with Life) | \$20,000.00 | 167.143 |
| 12. | Scavo High School (Community Based “Lunch and Learn” Workshops) | \$10,000.00 | 163.143 |
| 13. | Ruby Van Meter School (video modeling for students with autism) | \$18,000.00 | 155.143 |
| 14. | DMPS Music Department (kidOVATION!) | \$15,000.00 | 154.714 |
| 15. | Meredith Middle School (Developing the 21st Century Learner) | \$25,000.00 | 154.286 |
| 16. | Pleasant Hill Elementary School (Panthers Being Super) | \$ 5,200.00 | 153.143 |
| 17. | DMPS Wellness Center (Wellness Center at Central Campus) | \$25,000.00 | 151.429 |

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| 18. | Hoover High School (Hoover STARS) | \$ 5,160.00 | 149.143 |
| 19. | Wright and Howe Elementary Schools (Bernstein Artful Learning School Reform Model) | \$10,000.00 | 149.143 |
| 20. | Lincoln High School (IGNITE 9th Grade Transition Mentoring) | \$15,000.00 | 146.286 |
| 21. | Samuelson PTO (Samuelson Elementary Walking Track) | \$20,000.00 | 144.143 |
| 22. | Cowles Montessori School (Cowles Greenhouse Project) | \$ 7,550.00 | 143.714 |
| 23. | Brody Middle School (Visual Technology Integration Project) | \$12,573.15 | 143.286 |
| 24. | Hanawalt PTA (Hanawalt Technology Initiative) | \$25,000.00 | 138.571 |
| 25. | Learning Supports (School Clothing Project) | \$15,000.00 | 135.571 |
| 26. | East, Lincoln, Hoover, and North Family & Consumer Sciences programs (Project Sewing Machine) | \$ 7,000.00 | 135.571 |
| 27. | Lincoln High School (College Accounting) | \$17,742.30 | 130.286 |
| 28. | Harding Middle School (Safe and Secure Learning) | \$16,188.00 | 127.286 |
| 29. | Hiatt Middle School (Amos Hiatt Dress Code) | \$20,000.00 | 127.143 |
| 30. | North High School (NHS Mission: Phase II) | \$25,000.00 | 124.143 |
| 31. | Orchard Place (Yoga Calm for Children) | \$ 7,820.50 | 124.143 |
| 32. | Hoover-Meredith Learning Community Foundation (Hoover Auditorium Renovation) | \$25,000.00 | 122.571 |
| 33. | North High School (North High School Cheer Squad) | \$11,325.00 | 109.143 |

Passed this 3rd day of August, 2010.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

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Minutes

Mr. Murphy wanted to know how project #17 [Wellness Center at Central Campus] would directly serve students if it were to be funded.

Dr. Sebring explained that the new middle school at that location, the planned transfer of the Downtown School to those premises and the addition of PE classes to the high school curricula offered at Central Campus all factored into the committee's ranking of the Wellness Center program proposal.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved approval of the resolution. Second by Link.

Aye: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson, Link, Murphy, Strong, Woods

Nay: None

Motion carried

Item No. 24**Page 1 of 1****Subject: PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT LEVY (PPEL) RENEWAL****For: INFORMATION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

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

Attachments: None

Issue: The voter approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) generates approximately \$4.4million per year and will expire on June 30, 2011.

Presenters: Bill Good

Background: The current levy was approved in September, 2000. On July 27, 2010, the Board met in a special session and voted to submit renewal of the PPEL for voter approval in a special election to be held on September 14, 2010.

PPEL funds building maintenance including roofing, masonry, asphalt, concrete, asbestos and lead abatement, HVAC, fencing, flooring replacement and repair to buildings. PPEL revenues fill basic supply needs including school buses, facilities equipment, custodial equipment, musical instruments and computer replacement. PPEL also enables energy conservation measures which reduce utility costs within the general fund portion of the district budget.

Minutes

Speaker: Steve Barnes; 614 Virginia Avenue

Mr. Good reviewed the terms and conditions of the levy currently in effect. He noted that Des Moines, unlike many surrounding school districts, is well below the maximum levy allowed by law. He also pointed out that many of the Des Moines school buildings are much older than those in neighboring districts which can make them richer in history but also costlier to maintain. He said the district intends to schedule some informational meetings about PPEL for the general public during the week of August 30.

Ms. Buckton said she thinks it will be important when presenting this to the community to emphasize that the special election will be to renew an existing levy as opposed to impose a new and additional tax.