

DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARDROOM — 1800 GRAND AVENUE
MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2009

PUBLIC FORUM – 5:45 p.m.

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, in the boardroom at 1800 Grand Ave., Ginny Strong presiding.

Present: Boesen, Woods, Strong, Murphy, Caldwell-Johnson, Link
Absent: Narcisse

Speaker: Tarrita Spicer, 1527 12th Street

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Caldwell-Johnson moved to approve the agenda with the amendment to insert Item No. 12 Charter School Grant Application to follow Item No. 16 Charter School Background Information. Second by Boesen.

Aye: Boesen, Woods, Strong, Murphy, Caldwell-Johnson, Link
Nay: None
Absent: Narcisse
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Boesen moved approval of the August 4, 2009, minutes. Second by Woods.

Aye: Boesen, Woods, Strong, Murphy, Caldwell-Johnson, Link
Nay: None
Absent: Narcisse
Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS – 6:03 p.m.

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Woods moved approval of the consent items (minus Item No. 12), including payment of bills, which she reviewed, and were previously authorized and certified by the secretary as paid in the amount of \$1,159,358.87 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$7,540,617.35. Second by Boesen.

Aye: Boesen, Woods, Strong, Murphy, Caldwell-Johnson, Link
 Nay: None
 Absent: Narcisse
 Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – 6:05 P.M.

Dr. Sebring recognized math teachers, Patricia Gronewold, Hiatt; Darin Dowling, McCombs; Lana Lyddon Hatten, Central Academy; Jeff Marks, Roosevelt; Joseph Obrycki, Central Academy; and Barb Adams, Math Curriculum Coordinator for their work with Iowa State Faculty on “Promoting Purposeful Discourse.” Dr. Sebring was presented with a copy of the book. She also introduced Marci Cordaro, Chair of the Central Campus Health Careers and David Phillip, Chair of Mercy EMS program and recognized them for their partnership in educating students on practical emergency skills. Dr. Sebring thanked Bill Good for giving her a tour of buildings currently under renovation. She also clarified information requested at the last Board meeting regarding commodity purchasing and encouraged the Board to go the Department of Education Web site to get more information on commodity distribution. The Bureau of Nutrition Programs at the Department of Education contracts with commodity food processors for processing, storing and delivery of the product. It is all included in one contract. The confusion surrounding the two separate amounts was the \$500,000 approved in November was for 2008 and the amount of \$300,000 up for approval on August 4, 2009, was for the current fiscal year. Both are estimated figures based on what the district spent the previous year.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:15 p.m.

15. Public Hearing — Smouse Elementary Masonry Repair ----- 19

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION – 8:10 p.m.

Ms. Link had attended the barbecue at Roosevelt sponsored by Taylor Ohde Kitchell. She commented it was very well done and appreciated by the workers.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson stated she had requested an update on the communities in schools presentation and she would like to see that on a future agenda. Ms. Strong stated it would be on the September 1 agenda.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson requested an update from the middle school activities director since this position has been in place a little over a year and since the charter school discussions are focusing on middle school.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Subject: ARCHITECT PAYMENTS

For: ACTION

Contact: BILL GOOD

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

Attachments: None

Issue: Payment of architect/engineer invoices.

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

<u>Architect/Engineer/Project</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>	<u>Estimated Fee</u>	<u>Previous Payments</u>	<u>Current Payment Due</u>
<u>Baldwin White Architects</u> Jackson Elementary School Architect App. 14	75%	\$371,430.00	\$274,479.20	\$5,639.22
<u>Gould Evans Goodman</u> Roosevelt High School Architect App. 18	76%	\$2,128,149.00	\$1,600,661.24	\$14,510.54
<u>RDG Planning & Design</u> Central Campus Architect App. 24	87%	\$1,446,111.00	\$1,247,757.31	\$10,893.63
<u>Taylor Ohde Kitchell</u> Program Management App. 104	83%	\$19,351,769.00	\$15,801,219.07	\$182,188.68
			Total	\$213,232.07

Presenters: None

Background: None

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

Attachments: None

Issue: Payment of contractor invoices.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends that the following contractor and supplier payments be authorized.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Percent Paid</u>	<u>Estimated Fee</u>	<u>Previous Payments</u>	<u>Current Payment Due</u>
<u>Baker Electric Inc.</u> Jackson Elementary (SALES TAX) Fire Alarm App. 1 Sealed Bid No. 5212-09	3%	\$43,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,330.00
<u>Dore & Associates</u> Roosevelt Abatement (SALES TAX) Abatement App. 02 Sealed Bid No. 5227-09	74%	\$239,504.61	\$160,674.57	\$17,122.31
<u>Edge Commercial</u> Jackson Elementary (SALES TAX) GC App. 03 Sealed Bid No. 5210-09	21%	\$3,708,364.00	\$326,482.18	\$445,055.67
<u>Elder Corporation</u> Williams Stadium Tuff (PPEL) GC App. 03 Sealed Bid No. 5236-09	79%	\$1,006,847.74	\$207,118.52	\$587,521.08
<u>ESA, Inc.</u> Career Tech Asbestos Abatement (SALES TAX) Abatement App. 05 Sealed Bid No. 5206-08	81%	\$420,576.30	\$284,062.16	\$56,006.72

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Larson & Larson

Roosevelt High School (SALES TAX) GC App. 03 Sealed Bid No. 5226-09	25%	\$17,296,135.00	\$1,881,574.68	\$2,520,383.61
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Neumann Brothers, Inc.

Career Tech Exterior (SALES TAX) GC App. 06 Sealed Bid No. 5205-08	67%	\$1,970,876.00	\$1,098,374.19	\$232,018.50
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Neumann Brothers, Inc.

3 rd Floor and Stairs (SALES TAX) GC App. 04 Sealed Bid No. 5214-09	32%	\$8,009,910.00	\$1,426,896.80	\$1,133,728.10
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Pro Enviromental

Jackson Elementary (SALES TAX) GC App. 03 Sealed Bid No. 5211-09	95%	\$154,400.00	\$96,207.41	\$50,472.59
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REEP, Inc.

Roosevelt Windows (SALES TAX) GC App. 06 Sealed Bid No. 5194-08	91%	\$1,119,406.00	\$860,469.91	\$161,066.32
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Rochon Corporation

Roosevelt Fine Arts (FUND RAISING) GC App. 05 Sealed Bid No. 5208-09	29%	\$2,512,941.00	\$375,041.67	\$346,591.95
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TOTAL				\$5,551,296.85
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Presenters: None**Background:** None

Item No. 9**Page 1 of 3****Subject: AWARD OF CONTRACTS****For: ACTION****Contact: Various****Attachments: None**

Contract No. 09-043

Project: Family and Community Specialist at George Washington Carver Elementary

Contractor: Polk County Empowerment Board

Background: Polk County Empowerment has partnered with the Des Moines Public Schools SUCCESS/Way to Grow Program to provide one Family and Community Specialist, located in the Eric Witherspoon Early Learning Center at Carver Elementary School (.87 FTE). This specialist coordinates services of the parent center within the school, Centro Carver; and coordinates parent support groups such as Circles of Support and the Parent Advisory Council. During the 2008-2009 school year, the Family and Community Specialist served 401 children and 193 parents. Outcomes included 69% of parents with an increase in their competence and confidence in parenting abilities, 100% of parents satisfied with meetings, and 76% of parent who enhanced the health, growth and development of their children.

Financial:

Revenues:	\$55,250
Expenses:	
Salary	\$ 38,839
Benefits	<u>\$ 16,411</u>
TOTAL	\$55,250

Funding Source: Polk County Empowerment

Term: July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

New or Renewal: Renewal

Contacts: Bryce Amos/Jennifer Farley

(bryce.amos@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8508/jennifer.farley@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7890)

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Page 2 of 3**Contract No. 09-044****Project:** McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**Contractor:** Iowa Department of Education**Background:** Funding for this grant comes from the Department of Education and provides tutoring and related support services to homeless youth living in the Youth Emergency Services and Shelter (YESS) of Iowa and the Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (IHYC) facilities in Des Moines, Iowa. Des Moines Public Schools have received this funding and partnered with YESS and IHYC since 1994.

According to the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness Report entitled Iowa's Homeless Children/Youth and Their Families compiled by William D. Boettcher, Ph.D. for the 2001-2002 school year, there was an estimated 3,100 homeless children/youth in Polk County. During the 2008-09 school year this program served 88 homeless youth in Des Moines. Through the collaboration of the Des Moines Public Schools, YESS, and IHYC, identified youth will be linked to the SUCCESS Program, a school-based youth services case management program. In addition to tutoring, assessing educational need, and facilitating school enrollment for youth living in the YESS facility, the grant will continue to provide educational support and advocacy services to youth at IHYC through an Education Liaison. Outcomes of the program include; 261 hours of tutoring provided to students, 1,080 hours of homework assistance to students, and 1500 hours of direct educational services to students and young adults. The School Programs and Support Services for Homeless Children and Youth grant began the first year of the three-year award on July 1, 2009.

Financial:

Revenues: \$25,621

Expenses:

Salary	\$ 1,766
Benefits	\$ 725
Purchased Services	
Iowa Homeless Youth Centers	
Salary	\$ 9,050
Benefits	\$ 2,515
Total	\$11,565

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 Youth Emergency Services and Shelter

Salary	\$10,581	
Benefits	\$872.93	
Supplies	<u>\$111.07</u>	
Total		<u>\$11,565</u>
Total Purchased Services		<u>\$23,130</u>
Total Expenses		\$25,621

Funding Source: Iowa Department of Education**Term:** July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010**New or Renewal:** Renewal**Contact:** Bryce Amos or Jennifer Farley

(bryce.amos@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8508/jennifer.farley@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7890)

Contract No. 09-045**Project:** Contract for classroom space**Contractor:** Youth Emergency Shelter and Services (YESS)

Background: The Department of Student and Family Services has supported additional space to expand opportunities for students who are either just returning from placement or in jeopardy of being placed by the courts due to significant behavioral concerns. Last year space was rented for this purpose at the Youth Emergency Shelter and Services (YESS) located at 918 SE 11th Street. This space is available for the 2009-10 school year at the same price

Financial:

Revenues: Special Education weighted funds

Expenses: \$1,200 per month for 900 square feet of dedicated space and 1,500 square feet of shared space.

Term: August 18, 2009 through June 30, 2010**Contact:** Shelly Bosovich

(shelly.bosovich@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7594)

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Subject: AWARD OF CONTRACT ON BID

For: ACTION

Contact: Sheila Mason
(sheila.mason@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7980)

Attachments: None

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

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

Background: The suggested bid awards and detailed information for each of the bids are as shown below.

Where cost comparisons are shown, they are merely a representative sample of the item on the bid, and are not intended to be all inclusive.

A. Bid # 5257-09 Toner Cartridges FY 10

Dell Computer	Chicago, IL	12 items	Est. Award	\$ 32,000.00
Koch Brothers	Des Moines, IA	<u>67 items</u>	Est. Award	<u>\$ 72,000.00</u>
Total		<u>79 items</u>	Total Est.	<u>\$104,000.00</u>

FY 09 Expenditures \$95,561.69

Bids were examined by the Purchasing Department.

A complete tabulation of the bid is available.

Fourteen bids were mailed; nine bids were received; five no bids.

Funds are provided in various individual district accounts.

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Subject: NEW CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR EAST HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

For: ACTION

Contact: Connie Sievers, 242-7654
(connie.sievers@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7654)

Attachments: None

Issue: Purchase of concurrent enrollment texts for East High School Business Department.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board approve purchase of Concurrent Enrollment Instructional Materials for East High School Business Department.

Background: DMACC recommends instructional materials for use in concurrent enrollment courses. Materials must be updated to meet recommendations. Materials also reflect the move from Office 2003 to Office 2007.

153 Microsoft Office 2007: Introductory Concepts and Techniques
62 Microsoft Office 2007: Advanced Concepts and Techniques
30 Microsoft Office 2007: Post-Advanced Concepts and Techniques
30 Microsoft Office 2007: Complete Concepts and Techniques
30 Adobe Photoshop CS4 Revealed
31 Microsoft Office Word 2007: Illustrated Complete

Vendor: Cengage Learning

Funding: Concurrent Enrollment (Shared Programming) funds, East High School
Total including Shipping: \$30,120.20

Item No. 12**Page 1 of 1****Subject: CHARTER SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****For: ACTION****Contact: Bryce Amos**
(bryce.amos@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8508)**Attachments: None**

Issue: DMPS is preparing an application for a Charter School Program grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board approve submitting a grant application for the Charter School Program to the US Department of Education.

Presenters: None. Kittie Weston-Knauer will be available for questions.

Background: A group of DMPS staff members and Kittie Weston-Knauer, a consultant to the district, have been meeting since March to design a public charter school. A proposal will be submitted to the DMPS Board in September as a first step for the charter application to the Iowa Department of Education in December 2009. In the meantime, the Charter School Program grant competition has been opened by the U.S. Department of Education. DMPS is eligible to apply for a three-year grant of approximately \$150,000 per year. Grant funds will be used for planning and start-up costs. The application deadline is August 26, 2009.

Item No. 13**Page 1 of 2****Subject: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS****For: ACTION****Contact: Twyla Woods**
(twyla.woods@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7972)**Attachments: None**

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

Background:**ELECTIONS - GENERAL EDUCATION**

Name	Class	Step	Effective Date	Amount
Balmer, Jennie J.	1	8	08/20/09	\$20,377

Associate Degree in Nursing from Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa, IA; Address/Pella, IA; Assignment, Nurse Aide Instructor/Central Campus (.5).

Bellegante, Antonio J.	1	1	08/20/09	\$34,331
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BSE from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Assignment, Math/Hoover.

Janson, Erin	1	1	08/20/09	\$34,331
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BS Iowa State University, Ames, IA Address: Ames, IA Assignment: Howe/ELL

Johnson, Todd	1	6	08/20/09	\$38,186
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BA Wartburg College, Waverly, IA Address: Des Moines, IA Assignment: Regional Reading 1st Coach

McDonald, Cecilia	3	13	08/20/09	\$52,746
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BS Northern Arizona University, Yuma, AZ Address: Tama, IA Assignment: Hoyt/ELL

Tincher, Sarah	4	4	08/20/09	\$40,684
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BA Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN MA Northern Illinois, Pekalb, IL Address: Perry, IA Assignment: Harding/ELL

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Mount, Kelly	Lovejoy, Nurse	08/09-08/10	Personal
Seckington, Leaf	Wright, Multicategorical	08/09-08/10	Family responsibilities

RESIGNATION

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Hitchcock, Dorothy	Brubaker, Nurse	08/23/09	Personal
Kimzey, Leslie	Studebaker, Nurse	07/29/09	Personal
Nelson, Pennee	Disability	08/06/09	Health
Huenemann, Edward	Riverwood, Vocal Music	08/19/09	New Position

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COACHING DIFFERENTIAL

School	Name	Position	Effective Date	Amount
Hoover	Henderson, Courtney	Head Boy's Basketball	11/14/2009	\$6,281
Hoover	Grier, Bradley	Asst Football	08/08/2009	\$3,284
Lincoln	Best, Robert	Asst Football	08/08/2009	\$3,284
Roosevelt	Angel, Steve	Head Girls Basketball	11/14/2009	\$6,281
Roosevelt	Mc Mahon, Chris	Head Boys Basketball	10/31/2009	\$6,281

COACHING RESIGNATION

School	Name	Position	Effective Date
East	Ho, Tam	Head Tennis	06/01/2009
Roosevelt	Johnson, Tig	Head Girls Basketball	07/24/2009

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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: SMOUSE ELEMENTARY MASONRY REPAIR

For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION

Contact: BILL GOOD

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

Attachments: None

Issue: Due to water leaks from masonry deterioration the building is in need of masonry repair.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board approve the plans and specifications and estimate of construction cost to be (\$300,000) prepared by Angelo Architects and Facility Management for the repairs to the envelope of the masonry building.

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

Background: To correct the moisture infiltration problems masonry will be repaired in the most historic means possible. Bids will be solicited as detailed in Chapter 26 of the Iowa Code. Bids are due on August 31, 2009. Facility Management will seek Board approval of the lowest responsive, responsible bid at the September 15, 2009, Board meeting. Plans are available at Facility Management.

Funding Source: Smouse Trust Fund

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Ms. Link moved to approve the masonry repair at Smouse Elementary. Second by Boesen.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Narcisse

Motion carried.

Item No. 16**Page 1 of 5****Subject: CHARTER SCHOOL BACKGROUND INFORMATION****For: INFORMATION****Contact: Bryce Amos**
(bryce.amos@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8508)**Attachments: 09-040**

Issue: Kittie Weston-Knauer, consultant to the district, will present the Board with some brief information regarding the progress of the DMPS charter school writing committee and advisory board.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the School Board receive the information.

Presenters: Kittie Weston-Knauer

Background: A group of DMPS staff members and Kittie Weston-Knauer, a consultant to the district, have been meeting since March to plan and write a charter school application to be presented to the DMPS school board in September and the state of Iowa in December.

Minutes

Speaker: Alan Young, DMEA President

Dr. Sebring introduced Kittie Weston-Knauer who was hired by the district as a consultant to put together a team to prepare a charter school proposal. Ms. Weston-Knauer presented the proposal and the progress of the project to this point.

Ms. Boesen questioned the benefit of a charter school versus IB school, etc.

Ms. Weston-Knauer responded the charter staff will be extremely innovative without having outside pressures. She stated our schools now do not all allow staff to be as creative and as innovative as some would like. All staff members at a charter school are on board with the concept and understanding they are there for the students. She also clarified that staff hired under the charter school are still under the master contract with the state of Iowa. Ms. Weston-Knauer also stated that families also will contract to be supportive of what the charter school has in place for the student. Special needs students will not be excluded from this program. The charter school will have a separate Board and the charter school Board will have input on students qualifying for the program.

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Mrs. Woods wanted clarification whether a charter school is open only to students who are not succeeding with current program or if the charter school is open to all students.

Ms. Weston-Knauer clarified Iowa law dictates charter schools are open to all students. She also stated some legal issues are still being clarified, because the charter school wants to provide for students who are at a high risk of not graduating. There has to be a definitive, clear ruling on admission of those students to the charter school.

Dr. Sebring stated the goal of the charter school is to serve a specific population of students who demonstrate indicators of a greater likelihood they would drop out of school. The charter team is working with the district's legal counsel and the Department of Education to determine whether the lottery can be applied to this group of students rather than every student in the district.

Ms. Strong commented one of the differences in the charter school versus the other schools (traditional, IB, etc.) is there are significant dollars attached to opening a charter school. She also commented the charter school could work as a lab for the district. Things that work at the charter school can be taken to other schools.

Ms. Weston-Knauer confirmed the grant that is available was one of the reasons for applying for a charter. She also stated some things the district is doing for this same group of students is not working and changes need to occur.

Ms. Strong reiterated the Board has assigned the superintendent to find the means by which the district will achieve the Ends the Board has designed. The Board recognizes the number of dropouts each year has increased and this is a significantly different approach way to serving this population. There are a lot of questions and logistics to be worked out yet.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson shared her concern about decisions made prior to any forums in regard to the specialized focus and potentially the innovative approaches, such as the focus on middle school students, as opposed to starting with sixth-grade students and the size of the classes the first year, etc. She asked if this was a function of the advisory committee and who was responsible for these decisions as a starting point.

Ms. Weston-Knauer noted the importance of starting small to determine what works and what does not work. The discussions around a charter school started with the design team that she was charged with forming upon request of the district.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson questioned the roll of the advisory committee.

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Ms. Weston-Knauer stated the advisory committee will make sure the district is following the guidelines of the Iowa charter school application. The advisory committee also will operate similarly to the district's Board and raise questions in regard to the direction the charter school is going.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson wanted it clarified that the starting points for the charter school were not decided by the advisory committee and was a staff-level decision.

Ms. Weston-Knauer commented these decisions were made after studying relevant data and research.

Ms. Link asked if there was significant research indicating seventh and eighth grade would be the age group that would be critical to this intervention.

Ms. Weston-Knauer stated that family and adult connections are very critical at this age.

Ms. Link shared her concern — and this was also a concern of the DMEA — that the Board or DMEA was not more informed when the discussion began and decisions were made on the charter school. She asked that information be more readily available to the Board and public going forward.

Dr. Sebring clarified she invited DMEA to place a DMEA member on the charter school writing team and asked DMEA President, Alan Young to contact Kittie Weston-Knauer to get a member on the writing team and that was never done. .

Mr. Murphy commented on the distinction between the design team and the advisory committee. The design team is comprised of experts who have gone to other districts and looked at schools and done the research. The advisory committee is not responsible for that aspect of the process. Mr. Murphy felt the consensus of the public was positive and the charter school is another example of the district offering choices. He commended the design team for their work on the concept to this point.

Ms. Boesen commented she would have liked general information on the charter school to take to the community. Before more information is taken out to the community the next time, the Board would like an update on the progress of the charter school. She also questioned the control of the district Board over the charter school Board.

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Dr. Sebring commented the charter school Board would have very comprehensive authority over the individual school. The district Board has oversight and responsibility to ensure the charter school upholds the law in regard to safety, well-being of students, and non-discrimination. There also would be a liaison from the district to monitor and make sure there is a sound business plan from year to year. The charter school Board manages issues specifically related to the school.

Ms. Strong reminded the Board there will be a work session on September 15 where the Board will discuss the charter application and asked Ms. Weston-Knauer about the next steps.

Ms. Weston-Knauer stated the charter team will present the charter application to the Board at the September 1 Board meeting, and the Board will have a work session on September 15 and vote on October 20. Tonight the Board is asked to vote on applying for the federal grant (startup money). This will allow the district to move forward if the charter is approved in October.

Ms. Link suggested a work session would have been helpful before the application for the grant was due.

Ms. Weston-Knauer clarified application for this money became available very recently and the charter team just became aware of it.

Ms. Strong suggested if the grant money was accepted and the Board voted against the charter school, the district would not accept the money from the grant.

Dr. Sebring stated the application for the federal money is necessary because there is no state money available to support the opening of a charter school. The application deadline comes before the charter application.

Ms. Boesen commented that Iowa is not known to be a charter-friendly school, and there is a chance the district will not get the money.

Mr. Murphy reiterated the Board will receive the charter application September 1. The Board will discuss the application further at the work session on September 15 and then the Board will vote on the application on October 20. It will be submitted to the state after that. He feels the grant application should not have any bearing on whether the district decides to start a charter school. The charter discussion started without grant money.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson suggested discussing this topic with other schools that have a charter in place.

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Ms. Weston-Knauer stated this will be done, but the urgency of the grant application was apparent considering the deadline.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson stated it is very important the district be very sure the charter model the district chooses be the model that works for this district. She also commented if the Board goes ahead with the charter but does not receive the grant money, the Board has to have a clear picture of where the money will come from. She also shared the concern of DMEA and the contractual issue and feels the Board needs to understand and be clear about the mechanics of the governance structure so the Board will make an informed decision about the charter school.

Ms. Weston-Knauer asked the Board to submit any questions to the charter team so they can have answers for the Board at the September 15 meeting.

Mrs. Woods moved to move forward with the grant application process. Second by Murphy.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson asked what information needed to be provided for the grant application.

Ms. Weston-Knauer stated the district needs to provide information about the objectives in terms of the school and curriculum, what the innovative approaches are, and a budget. The grant application is for \$150,000 a year for three years.

Ms. Link reminded the Board that voting for the grant application is not necessarily voting for the charter application.

Ms. Weston-Knauer stated Iowa law limits some of the information that is in the grant application. She also stated the federal grant money can be applied for directly by the school but other funding has to be applied for through the state for the district.

Dr. Sebring commented that states that are considered charter unfriendly have to take some action to lift some restrictions on charter schools to qualify for federal funds in the future.

Mr. Murphy suggested the Board take action on this.

Aye: Boesen, Woods, Strong, Murphy, Link

Nay: Caldwell-Johnson

Absent: Narcisse

Motion carried.

Item No. 17**Page 1 of 2****Subject: MONITORING REPORT FOR MANAGEMENT LIMITATION 2.4 — ASSET PROTECTION****For: ACTION****Contact: Patricia Schroeder**
(patricia.schroeder@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8527)**Attachment: 09-037**

Issue: Board Governance Policy 3.4 — Monitoring Superintendent Performance includes a schedule relative to monitoring reports that requires an annual monitoring report on Management Limitation 2 — Asset Protection.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board receive, discuss and take action on the annual monitoring report for Management Limitation 2.4 — Asset Protection.

Background: Management Limitation 2.4 — Asset Protection is included as Attachment 09–037. This report covers the fiscal year 2009, which goes from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, unless otherwise stated.

Management Limitation 2.4 states: The Superintendent shall not allow district assets to be unprotected, inadequately maintained, inadequately or inappropriately used or unnecessarily risked.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall not:

1. Allow there to be inadequate insurance to protect the district's assets, including but not limited to coverage for theft, casualty, institutional liability, board and officer liability, and employee theft and dishonesty.
2. Fail to employ risk management practices to minimize exposure of the district, its board or staff to claims of liability.
3. Incur indebtedness (i.e., anticipatory warrants, general obligations or revenue bonds, and capital loan notes).
4. Subject facilities and equipment to improper wear and tear or insufficient maintenance.
5. Allow any purchase where there exists a real conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.
6. Fail to protect district owned intellectual property, information and files from loss or significant damage or theft.

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7. Receive, process or disburse funds under controls insufficient to meet the Board-appointed auditor's standards (as set forth in Management Letter and/or other correspondence) or compromise the independence of the Board's audit.
8. Endanger the district's public image, its credibility, or its ability to accomplish Ends.

Minutes

Mr. Murphy questioned whether the district's insurance premium would drop since liabilities paid out by the district have dropped.

Ms. Patti Schroeder, CFO, explained the figure referred to worker's compensation. The district is self-insured for worker's compensation so the numbers Mr. Murphy referred to indicated the district's settlement for our payroll is going down. The amount the district is paying for worker's compensation is decreasing.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved to approve the monitoring report. Second by Woods.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Narcisse, Boesen (left at 8:05 p.m.)

Motion carried.

Item No. 18**Page 1 of 1****Subject: ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL ABATEMENT CONTRACT****For: INFORMATION****Contact: Bill Good**

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

Attachments: None

Issue: At the July 14, 2009, meeting the Board of Directors approved for the chief operations officer to approve future changes to the contract with Dore and Associates that exceed 15 percent of the original abatement contract amount. The Board of Directors also required they be notified of any future changes.

Background: On August 5, 2009, the chief operations officer approved Field Order No. 2 for Dore and Associates in the amount of \$6,823.48. This brought the total contract changes to date to \$32,689.61 or 15.41 percent of the original contract amount of \$212,200.00. Also on August 5, 2009, the chief operations office approved Field Order No. 3 for Dore and Associates for a deductive amount of \$5,385.00. This reduced the contract changes to date to \$27,304.61 or 12.87 percent of the original contract amount of \$212,200.

Minutes

Ms. Strong reminded the Board they had requested to be informed of any changes in terms of the asbestos removal.

Adjourn 8:15 p.m.