

**DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
901 WALNUT — 6A  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

**EXPULSION HEARING – 5:00 p.m.**

The Board of Directors met in a closed session to conduct a hearing on the recommendation to expel student 09.714 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e).

Present: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson, Link, Woods

**SPECIAL MEETING – 5:30 p.m.**

The Board of Directors met in a special session on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, in conference room 6A, 901 Walnut Street. Connie Boesen presiding.

Present: Boesen, Buckton, Caldwell-Johnson, Link, Woods

Absent: Strong, Murphy

*APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

Buckton moved to approve the agenda. Second by Caldwell -Johnson.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Murphy, Strong

Motion carried.

**OTHER – 5:35 p.m.**

4. Emergency Repairs at Lincoln High School ----- 1

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

**WORK SESSION – 7:10 p.m.**

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**Item No. 4****Page 1 of 1****Subject: EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL****For: ACTION****Contact: Bill Good/Beth Nigut****Attachments: 09-046**(harold.good@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-8321/elizabeth.nigut@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7837)

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**Issue:** Emergency repairs at Lincoln High School.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends the Board authorize the district to proceed with the necessary repairs at Lincoln High School in a manner that utilizes competitive quotes and is as open to vendors as is permitted.**Background:** A 30-foot wide by 16-foot deep sink hole on the practice field at Lincoln High School now exists. This sink hole was caused by a collapsed and plugged 48-inch storm sewer, which has resulted in severe flooding and the closing of Bell Avenue, a public street that directly impacts the accessibility to Lincoln High School parking lots. The district needs to dig up the storm sewer in order to make the emergency repairs, which are being required by the city of Des Moines. When Bell Avenue is closed, it not only negatively impacts city residents, it also prevents the district from allowing its buses to pick up and drop off students and prevents students and staff from accessing parking lots. This results in a safety issue to both students and staff. Repairs need to be made quickly before additional flooding occurs.

The district submitted an emergency repair certificate to the Heartland AEA. This procedure is required pursuant to Iowa Code 297.8 when a situation necessitates emergency repairs that will cost more than the competitive bid threshold. The AEA approved the District's request. The AEA approved that the District could make the emergency repairs to the storm sewer in order to alleviate the problem identified.

The attachments to this agenda item include the district's request for an emergency repair certificate, the approval from the Heartland AEA, and the required letter of assurance from district counsel that the request is in compliance with Iowa Code Section 297.8.

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Mr. Good explained there is a storm sewer at Lincoln High School in need of repair. The storm sewer is on district property. There was not a permit granted when the storm sewer was constructed back in the 60s. The problem is gradually getting worse, the hole is getting bigger and in need of repair to avoid flooding Bell Avenue again and avoid increased costs in the future.

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Mr. Good stated that AJ Plumbing is the contractor that will be doing the work.

Ms. Boesen asked if the problem is stabilized.

Mr. Good responded it is stabilized at this point, and the district can stop the work for now, however if it rains, there will be a problem.

Mr. Good stated a lot of fill and unstable soils have been discovered during this process.

Ms. Nigut referred the Board to the attachment letter from Heartland granting the district to move forward with this project.

Ms. Woods asked if the plumbing company will be working time and materials.

Mr. Good responded they would and is estimating the cost around \$90,000.00.

Ms. Caldwell-Johnson moved to proceed with the emergency repairs at Lincoln High School. Second by Link.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Murphy, Strong

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. and proceeded to the work session on the dropout prevention.