

BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE WORK SESSION
July 19, 2004

Board President Randy Bauer called the session to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center.

Board members present: Shirley Exline, Norm Zahradnik, Randy Bauer, Lauri Hughes, Sandy Flatgard, Kris Ruprecht absent: Mark Hunt

Administrators present: Dick Whitehead, Jim Rotter, Al Rowe, Greg Leytem

Others in Attendance: Diane Heldt, CR Gazette, Vicki Hyland, Tom Hughes

Superintendent Whitehead led a discussion and explanation on the findings and recommendations from the Facility Study Committee. Vicki Hyland, Tom Hughes and Greg Leytem, Co-Chairs answered questions about the recommendation which includes the construction of a new 7-9 Middle School Building. The Committees recommendations are based on growth predicted at 3.5% over the next ten years.

Superintendent Whitehead shared a draft proposal for Board Agenda planning based on a yearly cycle. Additional items requested by the Board included; a semi-annual review of the District's Graduation requirements and ALT requirements, and a planned time to meet with State Legislatures.

Superintendent Whitehead discussed the low a Association of School Boards Legislative Priority listing with the Board. Board Member input indicated the following top five priorities:

- (6) Supports continuation or renewal of statewide financial commitments to educational initiatives.
- (16) Supports full state funding to implement quality professional development.
- (29) Supports the federal commitment to fund 40 percent of Special Education costs.
- (22) Supports efforts in licensed educator compensation
- (25) Supports predictable and timely state funding for serving Special Education students at a level that reflects the actual costs

Superintendent Whitehead updated the Board on the Linn County Local Option Tax discussion. The Board was asked to endorse the concept later in the regular meeting.

A schedule of events was presented to the Board in celebration of the Districts 50 years of service. A suggestion was made to have past Board Members invited for a reception sometime during the year.

The session was concluded at 7:05 pm

Jim Rotter, Board Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING
2004 \$6,410,000 G.O. SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS
July 19, 2004

The hearing was called to order by President Bauer at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Center Board Room.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Bauer, Ruprecht, Zahradnik, Exline, Hughes, Flatgard. Absent: Hunt

Jim Rotter, Board Secretary, verified at President Bauer's request that the hearing notice had been published as required by law in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on July 7, 2004.

No written objections were received by the Board Secretary nor were there any comments from the audience concerning the hearing agenda.

07-19-04-01 Motion by Flatgard, seconded by Ruprecht to direct the sale, issuance and delivery of \$6,460,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2004, and to approve that the bid of UBS Financial Services has been determined to be the best and most favorable bid received, but it is necessary to amend the dated date of the Bonds to August 31, 2004, which is different than that specified in the Official Statement. Accordingly, the Superintendent has recommended that the bid be rejected and the Board determines that the bid should be rejected, and the Superintendent has directed the Financial Advisor to negotiate the sale of a reduced amount of Bonds to UBS Financial Services, and based on that negotiation, the Financial Advisor recommend that the Bonds be awarded to UBS Financial Services at a rate of 4.088% with a projected savings to the District of \$439,294.03, which terms are not less favorable to the Public.

Roll Call Vote Carried: 6-0

07-19-04-02 Motion by Zahradnik, seconded by Ruprecht to adjourn at 7:39 P.M.

Carried 6-0

Randy Bauer, President

James Rotter Jr., Secretary

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
July 19, 2004

Board Minutes are not official until approved at the next regular scheduled board meeting.

The Meeting was called to order by President Bauer at 7:39 p.m. in the Educational Services Center Board Room.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Bauer, Zahradnik, Exline, Flatgard, Hughes, Ruprecht. Absent: Hunt

Jim Rotter, Board Secretary, verified that the meeting notices had been posted as required by law.

Other individuals in attendance were; Diane Heldt, CR Gazette

07-19-04-03 Motion by Flatgard, seconded by Ruprecht to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried 6-0

President Bauer welcomed visitor comments and requests to speak to the board.

07-19-04-04 Motion by Zahradnik, seconded by Hughes to approve minutes of the Board Administrative Work Session of June 21, 2004 with the addition of Flatgard as a present member, and the Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2004 with the correction of the start of the meeting to 7:30 pm; to approve the Preliminary Athletic Summary of Fund Balances, Summary of Account/Fund Balances, the Percentage of Expenditures report, the Miscellaneous Revenue report, and the Summary of Selected accounts for the month ended June 30, 2004; to approve the following list of bills: #064293 through #064784.

Carried 6-0

Al Rowe, Director of Instructional Services Led the Board on a discussion of the Districts 5 year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. The Plan includes six goals. The Goals are to serve two purposes: 1) to meet locally determined student needs goals and 2) to address state and federal student accountability.

Jim Rotter, Director of Financial Services updated the Board on the progress of summer construction projects which include; Phase I asbestos removal and new carpet installation at Prairie Heights Elementary, Selected classroom carpet installation at Prairie Crest Elementary, Gymnasium Floor refinishing and new Bleacher installation at Prairie Middle School, Parking lot

Patching at Prairie Crest Elementary, Buildings and Grounds/Bus Garage and Concession Stand progress.

Superintendent Whitehead and President Bauer received feedback and led a discussion on the Building level End of the Year Reports. It was commented that the format helped the Board Members view like information as it pertained to each building.

Al Rowe, Director of Instructional Services Led the Board on a discussion of the number of students and Post Secondary Enrollment courses taken the past ten years and the course load taken by High School students during the 2003-04 school year. It was commented that HS Scheduling has had an impact on the number of courses taken. Further review indicated that a small number of students are classified as “completers” of career and technology ed. offerings.

07-19-04-05 Motion by Ruprecht, seconded by Exline to approve the Employment of: Amy Deiters (3rd grade Crest), Jessica Gerst (Success Ctr. Middle School), Denise Little (Special Ed. Heights), Megan Rehm (Math Middle School), Doug Arnold (Head Freshman Boys Basketball), Kelly Danilson (Asst. Freshman Football), Kristen Hall (Flag Corp Tech/Winter .70), Cari Hoeman (Head Middle School Girls Soccer), Stefanie Bulanda (Varsity Football Cheerleading), Kelly Pond (Freshman Football, Freshman B & G Basketball, Varsity Boys Basketball, Sophomore B & G Basketball, Varsity Girls Basketball Cheerleading (.50), Ashley Jogerst (Flag Corp Technician/Winter .30): To approve the lane advancements/Contract Modifications of: Jennifer Akers (BA, step 5 to BA+12, step 5): to approve the extended leave of Tara Noonan under the Family Medical Leave Act from September 27, 2004 through November 26, 2004.

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-06 Motion by Ruprecht, seconded by Exline to approve open enrollment in for the 2004-05 school year for; Brittany Knudson (8), Demarcus Jones (4), Ketra Williams (5), Seona Williams (6), Danielle Schwab (9), Tony Good (9), Mitch Sheely (8); to approve the open enrollment out for the 2004-05 school year for; Kelly Nelson (8).

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-07 Motion by Ruprecht, seconded by Exline to approve the Nutritional Services Agreement with the Iowa Department of Education for the 2004-05 school year.

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-08 Motion by Ruprecht, seconded by Exline to approve the Milk and Bread Bids with Swiss Valley Farms for \$607,052.39 and Sarah Lee for \$103,138.25 for the 2004-05 school year.

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-09 Motion by Ruprecht, seconded by Exline to approve the resolution of regular School Board Election to be held on September 14th, 2004 with polls open from 7:00 am till 8:00 pm.

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-10 Motion by Ruprecht, seconded by Exline to approve the High School World Languages class to investigate a possible foreign language trip to be scheduled In June, 2005.

Carried 6-0

The Board reviewed a tentative School House Fund Planning Worksheet which indicated expenditures for four busses, Technology equipment, two vans, Capital Loan Note payment, Phase II Asbestos removal at Prairie Heights & Floor refinish and Bleachers at Prairie Middle School.

The Board reviewed a tentative General Fund line item budget for the 2004-05 school year.

07-19-04-11 Motion by Flatgard, seconded by Exline to approve Iowa School Board Association Legislative priorities in the following rank order;

- (6) Supports continuation or renewal of statewide financial commitments to educational initiatives.
- (16) Supports full state funding to implement quality professional development.
- (29) Supports the federal commitment to fund 40 percent of Special Education costs.
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and to approve Lauri Hughes as the Districts 2004-05 LAN representative.

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-12 Motion by Ruprecht, seconded by Exline to approve the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) as presented.

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-13 Motion by Flatgard, seconded by Ruprecht to approve the Citizens Advisory Committee on School Facilities (CACSF) as presented.

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-14 Motion by Ruprecht, seconded by Hughes to appoint Board Members Norm Zahradnik, Randy Bauer, Shirley Exline, and Superintendent Whitehead to the Basic Academic Skills Certificate Review Panel for the 2004-05 school year.

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-15 Motion by Hughes, seconded by Ruprecht to approve a resolution in support of the Linn County Local Option Sales and Services Tax Pursuant to Iowa Code 422B.

Carried 6-0

07-19-04-16 Motion by Ruprecht, seconded by Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 P.M.

Carried 6-0

Randy Bauer, President

James Rotter Jr., Secretary