

Board Meeting, May 7, 2001

The Johnston Community School District Board of Education met on May 7, 2001, in the boardroom at the Administrative Resource Center. President Chris Sonner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with Board members Robert Cramer, Ralph Young, Cheryl Tuttle, Bob Stewart, and Dean Gillaspey present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. K. Richard Sundblad, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Dr. Roger Scott, Executive Director of Human Services Dr. James Casey, Executive Director of Business Services R. Duane Van Gorp, and Board Secretary Bev Lyons.

Hearing no objections, President Sonner declared the agenda approved.

Marty Harswick, Tara Deering, Cheryl Henkenius, Nancy Buryanek, Tim Huisman, Vicki Rinehart, Dave Kramer, Bruce Amendt, Kevin Blackburn, Ann Wiley, Dennis Yoshimura, Tim Kline, Terry Frisch, Charles Flesher, Lorene Posegate, and Toni Gross were present as guests.

Commendations

Congratulations to the following:

Courtney Badgley, Kristin Badgley, Trevor Baker, Abby Bowman, John Miller, Sam Schroeder, Matthew Schultz, Brandon Thompson, and Erin Turpin, JMS Webmasters, competed at AEA Technology Fair April 17th. They won a blue ribbon and the judges' choice award in the 6-9th grade division of Webpage for their "Alive on the Web".

Two promotional publications received awards at the Iowa School Public Relations Conference in April. A reading brochure produced by Roger Scott, Jane O'Hollearn, and Acme Printing received an "Award of Excellence" and the "Blue and Gold" award for receiving the top points in that category. The district information/map brochure produced by Nancy Buryanek and AEA also received an "Award of Excellence".

Special recognition to the following senior adults that prepare the district newsletter, The Connection, for bulk mailing each quarter. Over 9000 mailings are sent each time. Many of them have been volunteering for this project for 9 years. Thanks to Helen Billings, Rose Busby, Carroll & Lilly Broadie, Ada Diefenderfer, Audrey Green, Ray & Vivian Scheihs, Joyce Sharp, Joe & Arlene Shore, Harry & Mary Davis, Ruth Kinsey, and Mildred Temple.

Toni Gross, Middle School teacher, was selected to be interviewed for the NEA Now, a national newsletter for building representatives. The interview centered around the teacher shortage issue in Iowa and how it's helped unite teachers in the state. The interview appears in the April 2001 issue.

Jaclyn Nielsen and Nikelle Morris, students in Jyll Johnson Miner's 3rd grade class at Wallace, have been selected as district winners for the National Children's Dental Health Month Poster Contest sponsored by the Iowa Dental Association. Nekelle was also selected as one of the 10 state winners. The poster will be displayed at the Iowa Dental Association Annual Session, May 5-7, 2001, at the Convention Complex in Des Moines.

Mitch Blanchard, Taylor Brown, Cory Gange, and Eric Lekwa, junior webmaster from Wallace, presented the school homepage at the AEA 11 Technology Fair on April 17, and received blue ribbons for their project, "Wallace Online!"

Janna Bjork, junior, and Mrs. Robin Kuhns-Cunningham's 4th grade class have been chosen by the Grinnell Peace Project Awards Selection Committee as 2nd place winners in the high school category for their project "A Performance of Peace". The coordinator of the project plans to visit the schools to present their

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\$125 award and to hear more about their project. The committee was impressed with their commitment, creativity and organizational skills.

Consent Agenda

Motion Stewart; second Gillaspey, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Dennis Yoshimura and Ann Wiley reported on technology. Students and teachers had set up exhibits in the hall demonstrating technology that the Board was invited to view.

Dr. Sundblad presented certificates of appreciation to the Board members and thanked them for their dedication to the district. The Board then took a break from 7:22 p.m. to 7:48 p.m. for a reception in honor of National Board of Education Appreciation Week and to view the technology exhibits.

Henry Phillips, Johnston Press Citizen, was present to apologize to the Board for any inconvenience caused by the publication problems with the 2002 budget.

Dr. Sundblad and Tim Huisman updated the Board on the new elementary construction progress.

Dave Kramer reviewed the past year's activities of the transportation department.

Dr. Scott & Dr. Casey discussed the secondary facilities committee. The committee has arrived at two recommendations; they have been presented to the community at two meetings (May 2nd, 7th).

Action Topics

Motion Stewart; second Tuttle, to approve the resolution naming official Johnston Community School District Depositories. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Gillaspey; second Tuttle, to approve Mrs. Pietruszynski and Ms. Waring's multiage classes at Beaver Creek taking a trip to Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha on May 15th. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Stewart; second Young, to approve 6 students participating in the STRIVE project at DMACC for the 2001-2002 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Gillaspey; second Young, to approve the Middle School handbooks. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Stewart; second Cramer, to approve creating Junior Varsity Danz Team and coach. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Gillaspey; second Stewart, to accept the new elementary naming committee's recommendation of Horizon Elementary. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Stewart; second Young, to approve Wood Roofing & Sheet Metal, \$95,876.00, for the Middle School roofing project. Motion carried 5-0 (Sonner abstaining).

Motion Gillaspey; second Cramer, to approve the 500 & 800 series Board of Education Policies. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion Stewart; second Cramer, to approve the change order for the kitchen/cafeteria addition at Beaver Creek Elementary. Motion carried 6-0.

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Discussion

Reviewed the meeting dates for 2001/02 year.

Dennis Yoshimura presented the Great Plains Locating Service Contract. Legal counsel and insurance representatives have reviewed the contract.

Roger Scott, Vicki Rinehart, Ann McDonald, Maribeth Miller, Lisa Horsch, and Terry Frisch presented the K-12 Science Resource recommendation.

Motion Stewart; second Young, to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

President

Secretary