

# URBANDALE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Urbandale City Hall, 3600 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Urbandale, Iowa 50322  
Monday, April 21, 2008 - 6:30 P.M.  
Doug Gulling, President

## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Doug Gulling, Board President, brought the meeting of the Board of Directors to order. Roll Call: Farrell, Gulling, Newberg, Ripperger, Tormey, and Wierson present. Munyon was absent.

## II. Approval of Agenda

Tormey moved, Ripperger seconded, to approve the agenda for the board meeting of April 21, 2008, hearing item VI., C. Evaluation of Superintendent, at the end of the agenda. Motion carried with all ayes 6-0.

## III. Communication from the Public

Maria Duyee, 7617 Prairie Avenue, Urbandale, Iowa – strongly opposes putting portable classrooms at any of our schools. She feels it isolates those kids and does not address the crowded specials or cafeteria. As a possible solution she suggests we fill classrooms to a healthy level then cap open enrollment to those buildings.

## IV. Good News

- Urbandale participated in the 2008 Iowa Jazz Championships on April 15<sup>th</sup> and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4A Class
- Marc Hermon's Physics students participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tau Beta Pi Roller Coaster Engineering Competition, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Iowa State University: 1<sup>st</sup> place overall – Tour de Paris, Daniel Gibson, Janelle Woodin, Matt Lauridsen, Chayuti Salwala, Dallas Van Wyk, Zach Vanderleest, Tim Albright, Anna Bernard, Brandon Woods, and Hannah Gibson; 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall – Super Smash Brothers, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place presentation (tied) – Space Jam and The Blizzard and Infinity and Beyond, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place theme (tied) – Indiana Jones and American Machine and Crescendo
- Mrs. Peters' High School physical science class had an instructor from Iowa State University visit her class and talk about cloning of animals
- Prom, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band received a 1 Plus at a competition in Dallas Center-Grimes on April 19<sup>th</sup>

## V. Consent Agenda Items

Wierson moved, Newberg seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Monday, April 7, 2008 Board Minutes
- B. Monday, April 14, 2008 Work Session Minutes
- C. Financial Report for March 2008
- D. Accounts Payable for a total of \$1,178,835.60
- E. Agreement with Delta Dental of Iowa – to provide dental insurance coverage to District employees
- F. Contract with American United Life Insurance Company – to provide administrative services for insurance benefits to retirees who have qualified for early retirement

- G. Coca-Cola Atlantic Bottling Company of Iowa, Waukee, Iowa – This is an exclusive contract with the Urbandale District for the High School vending machines and concessions area beginning August 1, 2008 and continuing for the next 6 years with Atlantic Bottling Company paying \$10,000 the first year and \$5,000 for years 2-6
- H. Contract with Daktronics – scoreboard for the High School Stadium. Purchase quote is \$19,545 with \$616.85 for freight totaling \$20,161.85. (accepting this contract allows us to continue to have only Daktronics scoreboard equipment at all of our venues, which allows compatibility features while taking advantage of new technology) This will come from construction dollars.
- I. Agreement with All-Iowa Score Tables, L.L.C. - allows All-Iowa Score Tables to sell advertising for use on our scoreboards at the High School. In return, the district will have the remaining debt on current scoreboards retired and the company will purchase a video board for use at the stadium.
- J. Cooperative sharing agreements with Waukee for boys and girls tennis
- K. Open Enrollment for students to attend the Urbandale Community School District for the 2007-08 school year as follows:  
Pilar Reyes Rdoriquez, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Open Enrollment for students to attend the Urbandale Community School District for the 2008-09 school year as follows:  
Katherine Ness, Kindergarten
- L. Approve wage rates for operations personnel with the words “up to” added before dollar amount in category Film Work, Statistics Work, Scoreboard Work, and Field Work/Groundskeeper
- M. Personnel report and addendum as submitted
- N. Vocal Music Department to travel to Wartburg, Iowa for the Wartburg All-State Camp August 8 – 10, 2008  
Jaywalkers to attend the UDA Regional Dance Camp at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa July 20 – 23, 2008  
Boys Basketball team requests permission to participate in the Iowa City Shootout, Iowa City, Iowa June 21 - 22, 2008
- O. Girls Basketball team to participate in the Creighton University Team Camp, Omaha, Nebraska July 25 – 27, 2008  
Boys Basketball team to participate in the Justin Sharp Memorial Shootout at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois July 11 – 12, 2008  
Cheerleaders to participate in the UCA Cleerleading Camp at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin July 8 – 11, 2008. Motion carried with all ayes 6-0.

## **VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

### **A. Presentation of Secondary Assessment Data**

Lou Ann McClain, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, presented secondary assessment data using the same format used in previous years. Our goal in reading, math and science are to increase the percentage of kids that are proficient in reading comprehension, on the math total and the science subtest for grade 11. This data is reported to the Department of Education in disaggregated subgroups grades 9 through 11. Department leaders are now looking at the data to determine why certain students are not doing well and what changes are needed to increase proficiency.

Richard Hutchinson, High School Principal, stated we are teaching all kids but we are not necessarily reaching all kids. The High School staff is making it a priority to look at and do what they can do to make sure that all students that come to

Urbandale High School can perform at a proficient level. He also provided an update on Freshman House.

B. Presentation of Services/Programs to Support Student Achievement at the Secondary Level

The following people discussed secondary level achievement in the following services/programs and how these special service programs may have been reflected in the assessment data, and also answered questions from the board members:

Brian Coppess, Associate Principal at Urbandale High School – High School Reading (Read 180), Math, and Science and the RECESS Program

Brenda Auxier-Mailey, Director of Student Services – Metro West Learning Academy and English as a Second Language Program

Jadie Meyer, Special Education Coordinator – Special Education Program

Dan Meyer, Principal at Urbandale Middle School – Middle School Reading and Math and the OASIS Program

**VII. Report of the President**

- Attended the annual meeting to review programs benefited from the Perkins Grant, a grant used for vocational classes, business, industrial technology and family consumer sciences. Approximately \$30,000 is divided equally between these programs to buy supplies, computers, etc.

- Shelly Clifford sent out a memo regarding audit services with Van Maanen & Associates, P.C. She has engaged them for one more year and is suggesting that a board audit committee be established. Please provide some input on this.

**VIII. Discussion of Other Matters**

- We are hoping that the statewide penny will be debated in the Senate this week. Check the *Des Moines Register* for an interesting article about a new school plan offered.

- Excellent turn out at the Urbandale Chamber forum on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Urbandale Library.

- Dr. Robinson is still trying to get Mary Jane Veins to a morning work session.

- ITBS data will be presented soon.

**VI. C. Evaluation of Superintendent**

Dr. Doug Stilwell, Director of Business Services, discussed with board members the process for the evaluation of the superintendent following changes to Iowa Code. Dr. Stilwell felt that the form created last year based on the Iowa Administrative Standards will meet the recommended requirements, and board members agreed to use it again this year.

**IX. Adjournment**

Farrell moved, Newberg seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 P.M. Motion carried with all ayes 6-0.

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Board Secretary

Date

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Board President

Date

These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Directors at the board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2008.