

SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
5740 NE 14th STREET
DES MOINES, IA 50313

BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

6:00 PM

Saydel District Office Board Room

July 29, 2015

- I. Call the Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order by President Brian Bowman at 6:04 PM
- A. Roll Call – Paul Breitbarth, Jenn Van Houten, Brian Bowman, Melissa Sassman, present. Henry Wood, Ray Livingston, Kyle Prendergast, absent.
- B. Approve Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Jenn Van Houten, seconded by Paul Breitbarth. Motion carried 4/0.
- II. Discussion/Action Items
- A. 10 Year Site Master Planning
- Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler and the Board prioritized projects and developed a strategy to move forward with the 10 Year Site Master Plan. Mr. Wheeler shared a handout with the Board outlining Administrative Priorities for the five year plan / 10-year vision. The compiled information was gathered from input shared with Mr. Wheeler by his administrative staff. Discussion focused on but was not limited to priorities at Cornell Elementary, Woodside Middle School, Saydel High School, Activities and Other.
- When discussing the proposed course of action, considerations included:
1. Working with a \$5 million budget.
 2. It is not feasible to move 5th grade to Cornell because of estimated cost for capacity and increase in staffing. A better option would be to renovate Woodside into a building where 5th and 6th grade are separated from 7th and 8th grade.
 3. Pending Substantial Completion of Bond Items, an estimated \$150,000 could be utilized for the site improvement items.
 4. Extension of the Penny Tax could allow for an additional \$5.9 million in bonding capacity without needing a General Obligation Bond.
- Mr. Wheeler received feedback from the Board on what they consider to be high priority projects. One non-negotiable item Mr. Wheeler noted was the inclusion of all major ongoing maintenance projects in the plan. It was suggested to organize a Facilities Committee in the fall of 2016 to examine a General Obligation Bond with the focus on learning spaces.
- III. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Melissa Sassman, seconded by Jenn Van Houten. Motion carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

Brian Bowman, Board President

Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary