

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

BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

6:00 PM

Saydel District Office Board Room

January 26, 2015

- I. Call the Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order by President Brian Bowman at 6:05 PM
 - A. Roll Call – Melissa Sassman, Rob Stephenson, Henry Wood, Brian Bowman, Kyle Prendergast, Ray Livingston, present. Paul Breitbarth, absent.
 - B. Approve Agenda – Motion to approve by Melissa Sassman, seconded by Ray Livingston. Motion carried 6/0.

- II. Board Development
 - A. *The Essential School Board Book*, Chapter 3: Director Wood
The Essential School Board Book by Nancy Walser is a book the Board is utilizing for Board Development. It highlights effective practices that are common to high-functioning boards around the country. Henry Wood shared an overview of Chapter 3: “Staying Focused On Achievement.” Themes identified in his overview included holding effective meetings, establishing effective goals and effective mining and utilization of data.

 - B. *The Essential School Board Book*, Chapter 4: Director Livingston
 Chapter 4 titled “Avoiding Pitfalls” from *The Essential School Board Book* by Nancy Walser was reviewed by Ray Livingston. Procedures of three Boards were reviewed and the operating principles that made them collaborative Boards were outlined and described in this chapter.

- III. Discussion Items
 - A. Update on Financial Indicators
 Ryan Eidahl, Business Manager, presented the Board with the financial indicators of the District as of today. He shared an IASB Financial Focus Handout and reviewed Seven General Fund Key Financial Indicators which included: 1) Certified Enrollment 2) Solvency Ratio 3) % Revenue Spent 4) Unspent Authorized Budget (UAB) Ratio 5) Annual Unspent Spending Authority 6) Salaries and Benefits 7) New Money % - Settlement % - Change in Salaries/Benefits %.
 Due to the Iowa legislature not yet having made any decisions about school finance, several possible outcomes were discussed. The Board has always been very careful in planning for the financial future of Saydel Community School District and will continue to do so.

- IV. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Melissa Sassman, seconded by Henry Wood. Motion carried 6/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM

Brian Bowman, Board President

Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary

The next scheduled Board meeting is Monday, Feb. 9 and the next scheduled Board Work Session is Monday, Feb 23. Both will be at 6 PM and they will be held in the Board Room at the Saydel District Office.