

SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
5740 NE 14<sup>th</sup> STREET  
DES MOINES, IA 50313

BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES

6:05 PM

Saydel District Office Board Room

February 27, 2017

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order by Board President Brian Bowman at 6:24 PM
- A. **Roll Call** – Melissa Sassman, Chad Vitiritto, Roland Kouski, Jr., Henry Wood, Jennifer Van Houten, Brian Bowman, present. Doug Kayser, absent.
- B. **Approve Agenda** – Motion to approve by Melissa Sassman, seconded by Jennifer Van Houten. Motion carried 6/0.
- II. **Board Reports**
- A. **Opportunities** – Jennifer Van Houten said the Opportunities Committee started their most recent meeting with an engagement activity. Then they split into groups to work on compiling information to create the components of the new community education program. The next step will be to organize the work from each group to build a framework/base for program development.
- B. **SIAC** – Roland Kouski, Jr. reported the SIAC members met last week and reviewed the assessments available to schools to measure student progress. SIAC members previewed examples of two tests: the Iowa Assessments and the Smarter Balanced Assessments. After examining the materials, the members broke into small groups to discuss the similarities and differences between the tests. They also identified the impact the assessments may have on students. When the group reconvened, they debriefed and shared their observations and comparisons. The majority of the SIAC members expressed an interest in utilizing the Smarter Balanced Assessment in the future because of its components, rigor, complexity and alignment with the Iowa Core.
- III. **Discussion/Action Items**
- A. **Budget & Staffing** – FY 2018 Budget – Ryan Eidahl, Business Manager, and the Board discussed the budget for the 2017-18 school year, which needs to be filed by April 15, 2017. Ryan shared the budget timeline/summary and reviewed the proposed published rate for FY 2017-18. He overviewed the impact of the Public Education and Recreation Levy (PERL) and previewed strategic staffing options. Ryan explained taxable variations by class and provided a comparison chart of tax rates for metro schools and comparable schools. He also reviewed a summary of proposed reductions for fiscal year 2018.
- IV. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Van Houten, seconded by Melissa Sassman. Motion carried 6/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

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Brian Bowman, Board President

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Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary

The next Regular Board Meeting is Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Saydel District Office Board Room.