

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD WORKSHOP  
Monday, February 27, 2006

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Topic: Public Forum on Start/End Time
- IV. Adjournment

The regular workshop meeting of the Board of Education of the West Des Moines Community School District was held on Monday, February 27, 2006, at the Learning Resource Center, 3550 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265.

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Deb Thomas at 5:05 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – The secretary noted the following Board members present: Deb Thomas, Jill Hansen, Susan Moritz, Barbara Burnett, Mark Lyons, Tom Suckow, Terry Tobin Absent: None
- III. **Topic: Public Forum on Start/End Time** – Thomas said the purpose of the meeting is to take comments from members of the community regarding the recommendation for the change in the school day schedule.

Vicky Rossander, 7216 Oakbrook Drive, Urbandale, a teacher at Valley High School, spoke in favor of changing the school schedule. She expressed concern over how \$700,000 in additional budget cuts could impact the district if a schedule change is not adopted.

Cindy Todd, 4928 Cherrywood Place, West Des Moines, spoke as a member of the Start End Study Committee. She urged the Board to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt schedule 6.

Scott Mashek, 718 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, a first grade teacher at Westridge Elementary, spoke in favor of Schedule 2A. He commented on the benefits of an early start for the elementary age student. He expressed concern over the validity of the data from the community.

Tanya Diehn, 4720 Tamara Lane, West Des Moines, read a letter, written by her son Zachary and signed by a number of students at Indian Hills Junior High School, in support of Schedule 6.

Lori Wahlig, 3417 Valley View, West Des Moines, spoke in support of Schedule 6. She noted it presents less of a change for families of students in the district and also commented on other benefits of Schedule 6.

Beth Buelow, 380 57th Court, West Des Moines, a member of the Start End Study Committee, spoke in support of the decision made by the committee for Schedule 2A. She noted that the committee did carefully consider the survey input from community members. She said the long time for junior high students to be unsupervised in the afternoon is of major concern.

Greg Blythe, 3405 Valley View Drive, West Des Moines, spoke in support of Schedule 6. He commented on the many good after school programs currently offered by the junior high schools.

Thomas called for a recess at 5:25 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

- IV. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Kay Rosene, Board Secretary