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The February 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting began with committee reports and recent activities updates. Board members reported on a recent policy committee meeting as well as the Chamber of Commerce breakfast at the High School the previous week.

Under the consent agenda, both classified and certified substitutes were approved. Jean Billings was approved as the Elementary School Building substitute for the remainder of the school year. Three Asset coordinators were approved for the remainder of the year. They include Cathie Abdunassir, Tim Habecker and Carol Verbridge. These three positions are being funded using grant funds.

Under Reports to the Board, 14 Case Summaries were approved. The Board also approved:

- The 2003-2004 school calendar
- The provisional appointment of Kevin O'Dell as Network Technician
- The AFS Club trip to Troy, Wisconsin
- A contract with the Management Advisory Group to review state aid submissions
- First readings of policies on drug and alcohol testing for bus drivers, code of ethics for District employees, sexual harassment, academic honesty and parental involvement.

After a short discussion, the Board decided against contributing towards the Economic Development position because of the fiscal outlook.

A review of the 2003-2004 school budget was conducted. A \$650,000 loss of State Aid under the Governor's proposal presents a significant revenue shortfall to the District. The Budget presented was a 1.7% increase over the present budget. It represents efficiency cuts but no loss of entire programs. This minimal increase, using the Governor's proposal, would result in a tax increase in the 9% range. After some discussion, the Board felt that they needed some time to consider the options presented by the Superintendent of Schools. These options included making further cuts or leaving the budget at the present level. The discussion will continue at the February 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.