

SCHOOL BOARD  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15  
St. Francis, Minnesota  
May 19, 2014  
Special Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
3325 Bridge Street  
M I N U T E S

The special meeting was called to order by Chair David Roberts at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Directors Suzanne Erkel, Janet Glover, Barbara Jahnke, Amy Kelly, Betsy Roed, Marsha Van Denburgh, and Acting Superintendent Troy Ferguson.

**Agenda**

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Ms. Kelly, second by Ms. Erkel.  
Motion carried 7-0.

*Closed Session*

Chair Roberts read the following statement:

The Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), allows the School Board to close a meeting to engage in attorney-client privileged discussions. A District employee has requested an arbitration hearing and has alleged another potential legal claim against the District. The Board seeks to meet with its attorney to discuss the employee's alleged legal claims, the District's attorney's analysis of the same, the District's options in response to such claims, and settlement discussions. It would be detrimental to the District's interests for the Board to hold a public discussion with its attorney where any adverse party or their attorney could listen to or be made aware of the District's attorney's advice related to the potential claims. It is in the District's best interest for the Board to obtain legal advice in a confidential setting to maintain the attorney-client privilege. Accordingly, I will hereby entertain a motion that this meeting be closed pursuant to the attorney-client privilege for the reasons cited.

Motion was made by Ms. Van Denburgh, second by Ms. Roed.  
Motion carried 7-0. Time: 6:32 p.m.

*Resume Open Meeting*

Motion by Ms. Erkel: I move that the open meeting be resumed, second by Ms. Glover.  
Motion carried 7-0. Time: 7:00 p.m.

School Board members discussed an employee's alleged legal claims, the District's attorney's analysis of the same, the District's options in response to such claims, and settlement discussions.

*Closed Session*

Others joining the meeting were Director of Business Services Scott Nelson, Director of Special Services Tim Finn, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Paul Neubauer.

Motion was made by Ms. Glover, second by Ms. Erkel.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that a closed session be conducted for the purpose of discussing negotiation parameters under subd. 1 (b) of the Open Meetings Law, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13D.03

Motion carried 7-0. Time 7:01 p.m.

*Resume Open Meeting*

Motion by Ms. Kelly: I move that the open meeting be resumed, second by Ms. Glover.  
Motion carried 7-0. Time: 7:57 p.m.

School Board members discussed negotiation parameters for employee groups whose contracts expired June 30, 2013.

The special meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Barbara Jahnke, School Board Clerk