

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
January 28, 2008

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Directors H. Grams, S. Grams, Haag, Kelly, Lipinski, Vogel and Superintendent Saxton.

Others present were Director of Business Affairs Mae Hawkins, Director of Human Resources Jay Reker, Director of Community Services Tom Larson, Student School Board representatives, Ryan Enerson and LaNae DesRosier and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center February 4 – 6:15 p.m., February 11, February 25, and March 10. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. on February 11, and March 10.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the Consideration of Visitors card. Visitors are requested to complete as much information as possible. Mr. Anderson reviewed the rules on the card which included a time limit, spokesperson for a group addressing the same topic, actions on a speaker's topic, the Responsible Authority person for the District who will receive requests for data, information requested should be submitted, speaker may not address criticism towards an individual employee, and data privacy laws must be followed. Requests for information will be directed to the proper authority. If a data privacy issue takes place the speaker will be asked to stop. This information is included in the District 100 policy series. School Board packets are available on Thursday or Friday prior to the Board meeting. Any person can come into to view the packet or request a copy of contents at the current price of 25 cents per page.

Consideration of Visitors

The following community members addressed the School Board. Ms. Ness expressed concern in a community member not being able to openly share complaints regarding the District. Ms. Ness had questions regarding data, and voiced criticism over an event that occurred with a letter sent home with students. Mr. Anderson requested Ms. Ness stop speaking because she did not follow the instructions on the Consideration of Visitors card. Ms. Buchanan, parent, spoke in behalf of the Lifelong Learning Center and the preparation for transition to kindergarten for one son, the early intervention assistance of the special needs of her younger son, and the positive affect on her family's life. Ms. Mickelburg, parent and Chairperson for the Early Advisory Council, in an effort to open communications, spoke of the value of the programming and shared her experience with the early childhood program.

Communications

Mr. Saxton recognized the Tech Ed program and the motorcycle manufactured at the high school. Budget meeting have been taking place and are framed up to go to the Site Management Councils for review. Two students were nominated for the AAA award, Deidre Held and Eric Sievert in the 7AA region. Eric was selected as the AAA award recipient.

The communications group met and scheduled a community meeting to solicit input from the public on February 20, at 7:00 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center.

The Minnesota Department of Education sent a thank you note to Mr. Saxton for testifying at the State Legislature.

School Board Office training is being offered by the Minnesota School Boards Association in February.

Agenda

Motion was made by Ms. Grams and seconded by Mr. Haag. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as revised by Mr. Grams and seconded by Ms. Grams.

A. THAT the minutes for January 14 be approved as presented.

B. BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the

Personnel actions as listed below be approved:

EMPLOYMENT:

NON-CLASSIFIED

ANDERSON, THERESA, Educational Assistant, SFE, resignation effective 01/02/08.

DUDERSTADT, JILL, Educational Assistant, SFE, resignation effective 01/11/08.

JENSEN, CASSANDRA, Educational Assistant, CCCS, \$11.11/hr., 5.75 hrs./day, 92.0 days beginning 01/22/08.

NORLING, TONETTA, Educational Assistant, EBCS, resignation effective 02/01/08.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

ANDERSON, JANE, Teacher, SFMS, Medical LOA beginning 01/22/08.

MODEEN, JAMES, Math Instructor, Crossroads, Medical Leave of Absence beginning 01/15/2008.

NON-CLASSIFIED

ALEXANDER, MICHELLE, Educational Assistant, SFMS return from LOA beginning 01/14/2008.

SOLOTS, TINA, Bus Driver, Transportation, Return from Medical LOA beginning 01/10/2008.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

NON-CLASSIFIED

HANSEL, MARGIT, Pre-school Instructor, Office Professional, LLC, deceased 01/17/2008.

C. THAT Claims and Accounts be approved as presented.

D. THAT Investments be approved as presented.

E. THAT the College of St. Catherine Agreement be approved as presented.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 approve the agreement with the College of St. Catherine for placement of students for the purpose of gaining clinical experience in nursing.

F. THAT the Metropolitan State University Agreement be approved as presented.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 approve the agreement with Metropolitan State University for placement of students for the purpose of gaining clinical experience in nursing.

G. THAT the Mileage Rate Change be approved as presented.

WHEREAS the Internal Revenue Service has changed the mileage reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2008 to fifty and one half cents (50.5) per mile,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 approve the change in the mileage reimbursement rate from 48.5 cents per mile to 50.5 cents per mile effective February 1, 2008 for reimbursement to employees' use of own automobile in performance of duties.

H. THAT the Gift Acknowledgements be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the following gifts be hereby accepted as set forth in the attached donor form(s)

\$1,000.00, Oscar and Val Carlson, JDK scholarship for 06/07

\$100.00, St. Francis Jr. High Wrestling, to SFMS for weight program

\$2,000.00, Village Bank, to SFHS for Scoreboard in gym

\$2,000.00, St. Francis Lions, 4 \$500 scholarships, 2 - girls, 2 - boys

\$20.35, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to SFHS at Principal's discretion

Motion carried.

Reports

Administrative Reports

Construction Update

Mr. Larson reviewed the construction project. The 30 thousand gallon oil tank was replaced with a 10 thousand gallon tank. Oil is not flowing. There may be a break in the line. The repair will be reviewed during spring break. Doors and glass are being finalized. The SE parking lot lights have been on at all times, this will be corrected. The first floor electrical is complete. The marmoleum will be going in the classrooms in mid-February. The first floor terrazzo is installed however not polished. The project is ahead of schedule and on budget.

Portable Update

Mr. Saxton requested that Mr. Larson review responses to questions asked by Ms. Untereker with specific attention to item 13. Mr. Larson addressed the accusations made at a previous meeting. Mr. Larson has been a resident of the District for 32 years, an employee for 22 years, and he stands behind the reports and work received from the supervisors. There is no reason to doubt that the information received is accurate. Mr. Larson commented that he would never jeopardize the students, families, and employees of the District, and never lie to make a point. Mr. Larson addressed item 13 of the request from Ms. Untereker about the information she received from him regarding a possible gas leak. Mr. Larson reviewed the log of the event. Mr. Larson cautioned Ms. Untereker of her choice of words at a public meeting with accusations of providing false information that resulted in an open meeting personal assault. Mr. Larson mentioned that a public apology would seem to be appropriate.

Mr. Saxton reported Legal Counsel Mr. Ratwik communicated that an agreement is expected on the table soon regarding the \$31,200 repair cost of the portables.

Level Three Grievance - Custodial

Mr. Reker reported that a level three grievance meeting with some employees of the custodial/maintenance group and the School Board be held. Ms. Lipinski, Mr. Grams and Mr. Haag will be the School Board representatives.

Student Report

LaNae DesRosier and Ryan Enerson provided the student report. Snow week was held last week. Spirit Week is this week with free admission when showing identification at home games. Gymnastics won the conference. Financial Aid night will be held February 7. DECA district competition will be held February 6. The One Act Play won first place in the subsections. Four students from The Crier attended the Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership conference and participated in generating a newspaper about the conference.

School Board Report

Mr. Haag attended Phase II training on January 16. Mr. Haag visited with Mr. Hahn and Mr. Krueger at Cedar Creek Community School.

Ms. Grams inquired about the special education position discussed during teacher negotiations. Mr. Reker will contact Ms. Stein and report back to Ms. Grams.

Mr. Vogel attended the Financial Planning Action Committee (FPAC) meeting. He also heard an excellent speaker, Dr. David Walsh, at St. Patrick's Church.

Mr. Grams attended the Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Conference (MSBA) on January 18. He recognized the students who participated in the One Act Play competition that he attended. He also congratulated Ryan Enerson for his participation in generating a student newspaper at the conference.

Mr. Anderson also attended the MSBA Leadership Conference and commented on round table topics, and importance of networking with School Board members. The Ham Lake Lions are requesting a School Board member to speak on the topic of your choice.

Ms. Kelly attended the Wellness Committee meeting on January 15 to review the Wellness policy. Ms. Kelly attended the MSBA Leadership conference and many out break sessions. Dr. Bill Morris spoke at the Schools for Equity in Education meeting and reported how demographics are affecting education. The legislative session begins next month.

Mr. Anderson referenced an article in the STAR Tribune January 24, "Spread the Word – House to House".

Mr. Reker communicated that Dennis Sargent, representative for the Indian Education program in the District, has arranged to have basket weaving demonstrations on February 3 and 4, at Sandhill Center.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Saxton reported on the message from Governor Pawlenty at the MSBA Conference. Mr. Saxton recommended that anyone wanting to contact a legislator do so now before the session begins.

FPAC will be rescheduling a meeting that was originally scheduled for March 4.

Mr. Saxton reviewed highlighted areas in the School Board Policy 109, including communications, public participation in meetings, data privacy, and agenda items.

The Organization Study presentation will be February 4, with an additional question session at 5:30 p.m. on

February 11.

New Business

Teacher Seniority List

The list has been provided for information purposes and involves tenured teachers. Action will be taken on February 11.

Other Matters

Out of State Travel – Skill USA

Motion was made by Ms. Grams and seconded by Ms. Kelly.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School Skills – USA proposal for an out-of-state trip to Menomonie, WI February 28 - February 29, 2008 be approved as requested.

Motion carried.

Revised Policy 106

Motion was made by Ms. Grams and seconded by Mr. Grams.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the School Board Policy 106 – Meetings of the School Board previously adopted April 9, 2007 be approved as presented.

Discussion included: why is a change needed in the time a visitor can address the Board under Consideration of Visitors, and the policy states that the Chairperson may limit time and the number of speakers. Mr. Vogel made a friendly amendment that the minutes in policy 106 II. D. II remain at five minutes.

Motion carried.

Approval of General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2008A

Motion was made by Mr. Haag and seconded by Ms. Grams.

(Resolution is on file in the legal minutes at Central Services Center)

Ms. Hawkins provided explanation in refunding of bonds in the it is existing debt and the savings to taxpayers. Let the record reflect that all School Board members are in attendance.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned then reopened to recognize Brent Stavig an instructor for the Tech Ed Program and the program involving the motorcycle built and on display at the Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m. _____

Harry Grams, Clerk