

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
May 12, 2008
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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 Director of Human Services Jay Reker. Absent: Superintendent Saxton.

Others present were Director of Business Affairs Mae Hawkins, Director of Special Services Jacque Stein, Director of Community Services Tom Larson, Student School Board representatives Ryan Enerson, LaNae DesRosier, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center May 20 - Public Forum, May 27, June 9, June 23, and July 14. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. June 9 and July 14. The Retiree Recognition program will be held on May 27, at 6:00 p.m.

Site Report – Oak Land Area Learning Center (ALC)

Steven Allen reported on the changes for next year with the Oak Land Area Learning Center whose emphasis is on Career, Technical, and Alternative Education. Economics has affected the programming due revenue based at 2002 funding. Middle level programming, which is mandated, will be reduced 50%. Changes to the Cambridge ALC, Sober School, Princeton ALC, and St. Francis ALC were reviewed. Wayne Harper reviewed after school and summer school Targeted Services programs. The Targeted Services program goes beyond the school day and school year assisting elementary students build skills in reading, writing, math and social skills. The Transition Program assists 8th grade students, referred by counselors, to gain study and social skills for transitioning into high school. Credit Make-Up class is to give high school students the opportunity to make up a credit during the summer. Steve Hammero reviewed Career and Technical Services and provided a summary of Bridge Street Learning Community. The Perkins Grant was submitted May 9, and if approved would result in estimated \$32,000 in vocational programming for the District.

Consideration of Visitors

Ms. Ness addressed the School Board regarding questions she has of the “trial” contract with the City of St. Francis concerning the repair of city vehicles and submitted questions to Chair Anderson. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Tillman addressed the Board regarding the 2008 Business & Community Expo held April 5 at St. Francis High School, which was a great success. A plaque was presented to Community Education for services and support of the Business & Community Expo. To accommodate more vendors for the Expo next year, St. Francis Chamber of Commerce is requesting that the School Board consider allowing future Expos the use of the high school gymnasiums in addition to the commons and multi purpose room.

Communications

Mr. Reker noted that the Level III Grievance – Nutrition Services/Education Minnesota resolution is withdrawn. There have been developments in a compromise being reviewed.

Mr. Reker reviewed emails sent to Mr. Saxton. An umpire communicated the honor in umpiring the game between Totino Grace and St. Francis with the highest standards of good sportsmanship of players and coaches. Emails were received regarding support of the operating levy referendum. Mr. Reker will request that Ms. Dillenburg work with parents regarding the transportation of their child. The District will be posting no hunting on the vacant property. A suggestion is that Mr. Saxton and Mr. Anderson meet with Ms. Bray to discuss her email. Mr. Reker will be contacting Mr. Sargent to set up a meeting with Chair Anderson and Mr. Grams. Mr. Reker introduced Mr. Keillor who reported on the results of MCA II Test scores between 2006 and 2007. The Minnesota Department of Education recently released the top schools with the most improved test scores, and St. Francis is 20th on the list. St. Francis Middle School ranked 4th on the State list in middle schools.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

- A. THAT the minutes for April 28 and May 5 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:

CLASSIFIED

HAWKINS, RACHEL, Teacher, Crossroads, Salary, Teacher 3/MA, \$55,420.00/yr., 186.0 days/8.0hrs./day effective 08/26/08.

MILLER, LESLEY, Instructional Program Supervisor, CSC, Salary, \$80,015.00/yr., 225.0 days, 8.0 hrs./day effective 06/09/08.

TRAMM. COREY, Technology Coordinator, District wide, Salary, \$76,100.00/yr., 261 days, 8.0 hrs./day effective 05/15/08.

NON-CLASSIFIED

DZIUK, CHERIE, Educational Assistant, CCCS, \$11.11/hr., 5.75 hrs./day prorated from 172.0 days.

SCHWIEGER, DEBORAH, Educational Assistant, CCCS, \$11.11/hr., 5.75 hrs./day prorated from 172.0 days.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

FALKOFSKE, MARY JO, Teacher, SFHS, LOA for 2008-09 school year returning 09-10.

MARTIN, LORRAINE, Instructor, LLC, return from LOA with restrictions 05/05/08.

NON-CLASSIFIED

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

CLASSIFIED

GERMUNDSEN, GLENDA, Teacher, SFE, Resignation effective 06/05/08.

NON-CLASSIFIED

BENJAMIN, JEAN, Educational Assistant, EBCS, Resignation effective 06/04/08.

KALDAHL, GORDON, Educational Assistant, EBCS, Resignation effective 06/04/08.

MOORE, LAURA, Educational Assistant, CCCS, Temporary position termination effective 06/04/08.

- C. THAT the Non Resident Student Agreement be approved as presented.

- D. 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)

\$200.00, University of Minnesota, to CCCS for Schoolyard Garden Grant

\$1,850.00, EBCS PTO, "Welcome to EBCS" front door mat

\$1,500.00, 21st Century Bank, student scholarship

\$200.00, St. Francis Alumni Association, for scholarship to student planning to further education and is a child or grandchild of a St. Francis Alumni

\$2,779.16, CCCS PTO, to CCCS for 2nd grade book request

\$1,500.00, Center Ice Club (Girls' Hockey), for additional coaching services for girls' hockey

- E. THAT the Agent of Record be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that effective July 1, 2008 the agent of record for workers' compensation, all liability, property, auto, and casualty insurances will be changed to Kraus Anderson Insurance.

Motion carried.

Reports

Maintenance/Custodial Report

Chris Wirz, Program Supervisor and Mark Shultz, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor provided a power point report. The report included background of the department goals, building operations, work orders, emergency procedures, capital projects, custodial standards, the job card, and 2008-09 changes due to budget reductions.

Kids Connection

Mr. Larson introduced Theresa Antinozzi, Community Education Manager of Kids Connection and the after school youth programs. She reported on the basics of the program and what makes the program unique. Two

sites serve the three elementary buildings, Lifelong Learning Center and St. Francis Elementary School. Parents do not have sign a contract and are not charged if the student is not present. New and challenging ideas are offered by staff including arts, crafts, math, science, computers, and gym games. Both sites will be full again this summer.

Early Childhood/Family and Consumer Science

Ms. Wallace, introduced the team of staff that will report to the Board the collaborative effort of the Early Childhood programs and the Family and Consumer Science department at the high school. The collaboration began as a way for high school students to get experience in working with Pre School and a way for preschoolers to get one on one attention from an adult. Instructors, Ms. Widell and Ms. Muhr reported that high school students study child development, child theories, and can earn college credits. Ms. Schibonski, a former SFHS graduate and Preschool Place 15 instructor, shared how the experience influenced her career in Early Childhood. Mr. Neubauer reported that students learn how to make decisions on data and behaviors. The class gives opportunity for students to learn real life settings.

Students' Report

Ryan Enerson and LaNae DesRosier provided the student report. Seniors in the Outdoor Class went to Gooseberry Falls for the camping trip. DECA returned from a trip to Atlanta. National Honor Society will be holding a blood drive. Student Council is having an ice cram social. The CRIER will be competing in State competition. Spring Week was held May 5 – 12. Graduation practice is June 2. The Scholarship Awards ceremony is May 21. Ron Larson, Athletic Director, was named State Coach of the Year in Basketball. Ms. Wagner was named Assistant Principal of the Year through the Central Minnesota Association of Secondary Schools.

School Board Report

Ms. Kelly reported on the Communications Committee meeting. A pipeline will be developed for the 2008-09 school year with each site having a representative channeling information to The Courier and website. Ms. Kelly requested that Mr. Saxton respond to the inaccurate information by letter regarding a letter to the editor from Ms. Weidner and also report back to the Board on May 27 with an administrative report given on Curriculum Development in the District.

Mr. Anderson attended the Awards Night at Crossroads. He attended the Emerging Leaders Conference with content including levy and bond renewals, and continuing to use data driven decision making processes, and open communications with community, and staff. Dialogue with the School Board on June 9, will be Sandy Grams, Dave Anderson, and on July 14 will be Harry Grams and Joe Haag.

Mr. Grams attended the Native American Youth Program. He also attended the Awards Night at Crossroads and acknowledged Ms. Collins and the great program at Crossroads.

Mr. Vogel attended the Awards Night at Crossroads, and the Jazz Band Concert, both rewarding experiences. Mr. Vogel communicated that during Dialogue with the School Board a grandparent had questions regarding their grandson. Mr. Vogel questioned how the format of Public Forum will take place for questions and comments from the community. Ms. Grams responded that previous formats have been the School Board listens, and gathers data. The School Board will formulate questions for the levy. The School Board has not decided on the length of the levy. A work session will immediately follow the Public Forum.

Mr. Haag requested that the Board review policies 106 and 109 and open for discussion on May 27, to revisit how the Board conducts the order of business. Mr. Haag suggested that Dialogue with the School Board be held prior to every School Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reker reported that May 16, a Girls' Softball Nine Hole Golf Tournament, and on May 17, a Baseball/Football Golf Tournament will be held.

Old Business

6-12 Core Curriculum Development Days

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

WHEREAS the current organization of the school year and school days in Independent School District No. 15 provides little time for teachers at the 6-12 level to meet to discuss, organize, and implement a vertically aligned curriculum; and

WHEREAS with the State of Minnesota moving high stakes student testing from the middle level to the high school, such alignment is critical if Independent School District No. 15 students are to succeed in

meeting these new, higher standards for graduation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the 6-12 Core Curriculum Development Days One-Year Pilot Program be adopted for the 2008-09 school year, including one-half day of planning time prior to the beginning of the school year and three days (one each trimester) when 6-12 students would have a reduced instructional day, providing 6-12 teachers with additional planning time.

Mr. Vogel communicated that he is uncomfortable with taking students out of class. Positive feedback has been received from the Elk River Program. Mr. Keillor will report back after each of the sessions and will also provide feedback from parents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

_____ Harry Grams, Clerk