

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
September 8, 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, Vogel and Superintendent Saxton. Absent: Director Lipinski.

Others present were Director of Business Affairs Mae Hawkins, Director of Human Services Jay Reker, Director of Special Services Jacque Stein, Director of Community Services Tom Larson, Student Representative LaNae DesRosier, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, September 22, October 13, October 27, and November 10. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to regular School Board Meetings.

Public Forums will be held: September 23 – St. Francis High School, October 10 – Lifelong Learning Center, October 22 – St. Francis Elementary School, October 29 – East Bethel Community School, all forums begin at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration of Visitors

None

Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Haag and seconded by Ms. Kelly to accept the agenda with revisions.
Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Grams and seconded by Ms. Grams. Ms. Grams noted that she is listed as present and not present in the minutes for August 25. The minutes will reflect that Ms. Grams was present.

A. THAT the Minutes for August 25, 2008 be approved as presented.

B. THAT the Personnel actions be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the Personnel actions as listed below be approved:

EMPLOYMENT:

CLASSIFIED

EHRESMANN, JENNIFER, Social Worker, SFE, BA1, \$39,120.00, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 8.27.08.

KNAUFF, LAURA, Math Teacher, SFHS, BA, 1, \$13,040.00, 8.0 hrs./day, 61.0 days effective 8.27.08.

MILLER, MAREN, Art Teacher, CCCS, BA1, \$19,560.00, 4.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 9.2.08.

NON-CLASSIFIED

BRUESEWITZ, MARIA, Educational Assistant, Transportation, \$10.81/hr., 7.5 hrs./day, 124.0 days/yr. & 6.0 hrs./day, 48.0 days/yr.

DONLEY, SHANNON, Kids Connection Instructor, LLC, \$12.23/hr., 5.0 hrs.day, 200.0 days effective 08.25.08.

FRAZIER, KIMBERLY, Bus Driver, Transportation, \$12.60/hr., 6.0 hrs./day, 172.0 days effective 9.2.08.

HOFFMAN, BRENDA, Educational Assistant, Noon, CCCS, \$10.21/hr., 2.5 hrs./day, 172.0 days effective 9.2.08.
HUTTNER, LISA, Bus Driver, Transportation, \$13.47/hr., 6.0 hrs./day, 172.0 days effective 9.2.08.
INGALLS, LAWREN, Bus Driver, Transportation, \$12.60/hr., 4.0 hrs./day, 124.0 days effective 9.8.08.
LANCRAIN, SHANNON, Bus Driver, Transportation, \$12.60/hr., 4.0 hrs./day, 124.0 days effective 9.8.08.
LUNDHOLM, DENNIS, Bus Driver, Transportation, \$13.47/hr., 6.0 hrs./day, 172.0 days effective 9.2.08.
MCGRATH, WILLIAM, Bus Driver, Transportation, \$13.47/hr., 8.0 hrs./day, 172.0 days effective 9.2.08.
METRO, TIMOTHY, Educational Assistant, SFE, \$11.46/hr., 6.5 hrs./day, 173.0 days effective 8.27.08.
MOE, KATHRINE, Kids Connection Instructor, LLC, \$12.23/hr., 6.0 hrs./day, 200.0 days effective 08.26.08.
NYNAS, ALFRED, Bus Driver, Transportation, \$15.00/hr., 8.0 hrs./day, 172.0 days effective 9.2.08.
PELKEY, DEBORAH, Educational Assistant, \$10.21/hr., 2.5 hrs./day, 172.0 days effective 9.2.08.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

KEENAN, MICHELLE, Teacher, SFHS, return from LOA effective 08.26.08.

NON-CLASSIFIED

ANTONICH, LINDA, Educational Assistant, EBCS Personal LOA beginning 9.9.08.
HARVES, ERVIN, Bus Driver, Transportation, Medical LOA beginning 9.2.08.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

NON-CLASSIFIED

CEDARBLADE, DAVE, Bus Driver, Transportation, resignation effective 6.6.08.
FRYER, ANDREW, Grounds, Maintenance, resignation effective 8.15.08.
LLOYD, CAROL, Bus Driver, Transportation, resignation effective 6.6.08.
PRITZL, DAWN, Educational Assistant, SFHS, termination effective 9.9.08.
SWEET, PHIL, Bus Driver, Transportation, resignation effective 6.6.08.
TAYLOR, GARY, Bus Driver, Transportation, resignation effective 6.6.08.

C. THAT the ECFE Advisory Council Fundraiser Contract – The Chip Shoppe be approved as presented.

D. THAT 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)
\$95.00, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to SFHS used at Principal's discretion
\$2,018.00, Connexus Energy, to SFHS for purchase of material to construct the stations required for the outdoor class as proposed by Joan Johnson
\$250.00, Anoka Hennepin Credit Union, to ISD No. 15 for Welcome Back Continental Breakfast for employees
\$1,056.95, Reliance Machining, Inc., 16 Tachikara volleyballs, 3 collapsible hammock ball carts and Black Badenball bags to SFHS
\$5,050.78, Saint Francis Grid Club, \$1,591 for laptop computer, \$565 for helmet decals, \$1,368 for sled pads, \$1,526.78 kicking tees, wristbands, and footballs
\$1,428.00, Dig It Volleyball Club, to repair standards for volleyball

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

LaNae DesRosier provided the report. On the first day of school students had some difficulty finding rooms in the new addition. New addition: nice, open, however needs some color, new stairways are great for student movement during passing time, and projectors and speakers are available in most classrooms. Senior Sunrise

is September 12, sponsored by Student Council. Safety Zone signs are located in many rooms. Signs state: this room is free of name calling, harassment, bullying and discrimination. Auditions for the fall play Shakespeare (abridged) will be September 16 and 17.

Superintendent Communications and Report

Open houses with great attendance were held at all buildings.

Welcome Back for all staff was August 27. Mr. Saxton met with custodial/maintenance staff following the meeting and answered questions regarding the upcoming levy.

Mr. Saxton attended the football game in St. Louis Park.

The morning of the first day of school Mr. Saxton visited the Middle School, Cedar Creek, and East Bethel, while Mr. Reker visited the High School, Middle School and St. Francis Elementary.

Mr. Saxton met with the North Suburban Coaches.

Mr. Saxton met with School Board representatives to discuss the Superintendent goals for 2008-09. Mr. Saxton requested the goals be finalized by the end of September.

The Community Relations Committee met on September 4.

Mr. Saxton attended the home football game on September 5.

The grounds in the District are clean and look professional.

A parent sent a letter of acknowledgement regarding the football coach Mr. Lindquist. This is very positive for student athletes. Mr. Lindquist requires that students report to the commons for one hour one day a week for study. Expectations are high however are realistic.

A schedule for Dialogue with the School Board is on table top.

The approval letter for the TAIP Grant was received.

Mr. Saxton is formulating a group to sit on the hiring committee for the Curriculum Coordinator position.

Mr. Saxton distributed a draft of Superintendent goals for 2008-09. If there is any question or clarification please contact either Mr. Saxton or one of the representative Board members.

Mr. Saxton reviewed the 5th grade student day at the Middle School.

School Board Reports

Mr. Haag attended the Middle School and Cedar Creek Open houses. The boys and girls varsity basketball held a golf tournament on September 7. No one attended the Dialogue session earlier this evening.

Ms. Grams inquired whether there has been a Special Education follow-up meeting scheduled for this fall.

Ms. Grams requested estimated figures as to the time staff has used to complete information requests from Mr. Gardner. Ms. Grams inquired about the parking lot permits being issued. Mr. Neubauer provided explanation as to the process. The first two days, students complete a parking lot permit request. The information is used to generate a list of student names, vehicles, and license plate numbers, and parking permits are then assigned for the first trimester. Parking lot spots are the same number as the parking lot permit, and selected randomly. The staff person that completes the issuing of permits is on duty during student contact days. The random selection process will take place each trimester.

Mr. Vogel received approximately three calls regarding busing and students not returning home when scheduled. The biggest concern is not being able to reach someone in Transportation to inquire. Mr. Saxton will contact Mr. Krause and discuss phone coverage during the first week of school. Mr. Vogel inquired about a community member being authorized to solicit signatures regarding the city council person on District property. Mr. Larson told Mr. Anderson that he could talk to people at a football game in the parking lot. Mr. Larson never gave permission to go to Open House.

Mr. Grams acknowledged Mr. Yseth for generating a gift from his employer, Connexus Energy, to the District for a grant to construct stations for the outdoor class. Mr. Grams attended the Robbinsdale/Cooper – St. Francis football game. He complimented the players and coaching staff of Robbinsdale/Cooper for their positive participation. Mr. Larson and Mr. Neubauer sponsored a pizza party for all players. Mr. Grams attended the Open House at St. Francis Elementary. Mr. Grams reported that the Highway Department of Anoka County is applying for a highway grant for three intersections, with one being at the Highway 47 and

County Road 81, (McDonalds). Mr. Saxton will generate a letter to submit to the highway department in support of the grant for the intersection.

Mr. Anderson communicated that the Welcome Back session for staff generated the atmosphere of excitement for the opening of the school year. Mr. Anderson attended the Middle School and Peek at Preschool Open Houses. The video of the District was showing and it was impressive to see how many people watched and commented about the many programs offered in the District.

Ms. Kelly attended the Middle School, High School, and Lifelong Learning Center Peek at Preschool Open Houses. The second meeting was held with the Community Relations Committee members including citizens, teachers, minister, students, Mr. Neubauer, and Mr. Saxton. The University of Minnesota (U of M) and Anoka County Extension offices were in attendance. The Anoka County Extension Youth Teaching Youth program and will be implemented as a diversity program beginning with ISD No. 15 middle school students. Carol Skelly will provide the education. Jaymie Helle is the diversity coordinator and will facilitate the process. There will be two diversity dialogues held on November 12, and November 19. The time and place of the dialogues is yet to be determined. The U of M also provides training sessions. After the dialogue sessions training and cost involved will be reviewed. Ms. Kelly acknowledged Coach Lindquist for promoting academics along with the sport to the athletes. MSBA Fall area meetings are September 11.

Dialogue Session

No attendance at the session.

Administrative Report – MET Life Plan

Mr. Reker reported that two representatives began working with staff last week. There has been some concern with all employees not being able to meet with representatives. The MET Life representatives have expressed that the set of funds selected by CBIZ and District representatives are great investment options. Some employees are not in favor of automatic enrollment, however there is the opt out provision.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Harry Grams, Clerk