

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
April 12, 2010

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

Others present were Director of Business Services Mae Hawkins, Director of Human Resources Jay Reker, Director of Special Services Jacque Stein, Director of Community Services Tom Larson, Student School Board representatives Cassie Sharpe and Alex Everhart, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, April 26, May 10, May 24, and June 14. The Retiree Recognition program is May 24, at 6:00 p.m. and no Dialogue with the School Board. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Consideration of Visitors

The following students addressed the Board regarding Ms. Barnes. Cody Brant regarding “should and could” the District renew Ms. Barnes contract, Maria Voit regarding the attributes Ms. Barnes lends to students, and Meghan R. thanked the Board for listening to the students and spoke of the positive impact of Ms. Barnes. Parent, Amy Morgan thanked Mr. Saxton and Mr. Neubauer for meeting with parents and suggested the Board renew Ms. Barnes contract taking into consideration the investment the District has with Ms. Barnes and the music program.

Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Haag and seconded by Mr. Anderson.
Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Haag and seconded by Mr. Grams. Mr. Vogel requested item B be considered separately. Ms. Van Denburgh requested item D be considered separately.

A. THAT the Minutes of March 22 and April 5 be approved as presented.

C. 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)
\$500.00, Cedar Creek Community School PTO, student scholarship
\$200.00, Deluxe Corporation/ Dana R. Erickson (volunteer time), to CCCS for general supplies
\$1,980.00 (in kind), Scott Johnson, to SFHS a 1996 Dodge Intrepid
\$1,428.00, St. Francis Track Team, to SFHS to purchase new timing equipment to be used for all home meets
\$11.97, SFE APT, to SFE for canary paper for carnival use
\$650.00, Brent Stavig, to SFHS for purchase of equipment for Metals lab
\$600.00, Adam R. Cason, to SFHS for purchase of equipment for Metals lab
\$400.00, Medtronic Foundation, matching funds for Len Roskoski’s scholarship made in January 2010 to the Dr. Noel Johnson Memorial Scholarship
\$700.00, St. Francis Lioness Club, two \$350 scholarships for Vo-Tech school, one boy and one girl
\$250.00, Lee Carlson, to fund the Lee Carlson Scholarship for 2010

Motion carried.

B. THAT the Personnel Items be approved as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Grams.

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

MORGAN, LAURIE, Nutrition, EBCS, Step 1, 2.25 hrs./day, 171.0 days effective 4.6.10.

OLDENBORG, KAREN, Office Professional, SFHS, B12-8.0 hrs./day, 150.0 days effective 4.8.10.

WALLIN, CHERI, Job Coach, T-15, B23, 6.0 hrs./day, 170.0 days, effective 4.12.10.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

FLATEN, COLLEEN, Licensed School Nurse, SFE, LLC., Return from Medical LOA effective 4.6.10.

JONES, TOM, Science Teacher, SFMS, Return from Military LOA effective 4.6.10.

HEDBERG, KRISTINE, Teacher, SFMS, Return from Maternity LOA effective 3.26.2010.

LUNDQUIST, MARY, Teacher, SFHS, Maternity LOA effective 9.20.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

CARLSON, ALEXIS, Nutrition, SFHS, Return from Medical LOA effective 3.22.10.

PARIS, TAMMY, Helper/Server, EBCS, Medical LOA effective 4.6.10.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

CLASSIFIED

BARNES, TONYA, Vocal Music, Teacher, SFHS, Non-Renewal effective 6.30.10.

CASE, ABIGAIL, Teacher, SFMS, Resignation effective 6.9.10.

DAVIS, STEVEN, Assistant Principal, SFHS, Retirement effective 9.6.10.

KRUEGER, AARON, Assistant Principal, CCCS, Resignation effective 4.1.10.

KITTOCK, RICHARD, Teacher, SFHS, Retirement effective 6.10.10.

PETERSON, JUSTIN, Teacher, SFMS, Temporary assignment end 3.31.10.

TRIPP, AMY, Teacher, CCCS, Resignation effective 6.11.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

JOHNSON, SUSAN, Office Professional, LLC, Retirement effective 6.29.10.

PEARSON, MARGARET, Educational Assistant, EBCS, Retirement effective 6.8.10.

Mr. Vogel did not see the information regarding the non-renewal of Ms. Barnes contract was sufficient. Ms. Van Denburgh does not feel the information warrants non renewal. Mr. Haag reviewed the information and questioned why opposition was not raised by the Union. Mr. Grams talked with Ms. Barnes, reviewed the information, and expressed the difficulty in making a decision. Mr. Anderson spoke highly of the students, parent supporters, and music program, however in not being with the students and in the schools day to day that he must trust those that are in the position to focus on the best direction and decisions for the District. Mr. Saxton reviewed the mentorship program. Ms. Van Denburgh commented on the turnover in the music area. Mr. Saxton reported that many of the music instructors that have left the department have done so for another position, professional growth, and some due to budget reductions. Ms. Kelly did review the file and does respect the decision of administration.

Motion carried, 4-2, with Ms. Van Denburgh and Mr. Vogel voting nay.

D. THAT the Out of State Travel - DECA be approved as presented.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the DECA proposal for an out-of-state trip to Louisville, KY on April 24 – April 28, 2010 to attend the International DECA Career Development Conference be approved as requested.

Ms. Van Denburgh inquired why the request came after the Board packet and was not made in advance. Mr. Saxton explained that there are various factors and will check with Mr. Neubauer and report back.
Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Cassie Sharpe and Alex Everhart provided the student report. Student Council held a food drive with 354 items collected. Some Student Council members visited Feed My Starving Children. Girls Golf placed 7th at the Monticello Invitational. Boys Baseball team played in the Metro Dome. MCA testing is this week. 10th graders will be going on college tours. The Musical, Music Man is this week. The Speech Team attended sections with four students qualifying for State and three qualified for Nationals. The All-District Band concert was April 11.

Superintendent Communication and Report

Mr. Saxton is gathering information regarding use of the Oak Land programs to determine if continued participation is meeting District needs.

At the Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) meeting information was in regards to how things are progressing at the legislature.

Testing – Principals on April 15, will look at a more structured plan for AYP.

There will be information about Special Education dollars in the news. Mr. Saxton has asked that Ms. Stein review UFARS later on the agenda.

Observations continue.

PRTs are being completed.

Targeted Services – Met with Mr. Krause and talked of a plan to offer transportation after school which would allow more middle school students to participate. An updated report will be provided when finalized. Have been meeting with St. Paul school district and will also meet with a smaller district in regards to the Triple I grant.

The Anoka County Children and Family Council met last week. The organization has tracked Random Moments, works with the homeless, and holds seminars regarding domestic abuse and violence. Foundation 15 is April 23.

The Superintendent from New Prague called to inquire about Q Comp.

There will be a Collaborative School Reform Conference in October. Representatives want to meet with a School Board member, Mr. Saxton, President of the Teachers' Union Jim Hennessy to discuss the District participating on a panel at the conference.

Mr. Saxton will meet April 15, with Apple Representative John Kinsey, to the review educational tools for students.

The auto response for School Board emails is on table top. Mr. Saxton referenced an obscene email sent to the School Board. The communications committee will review and determine the response to send.

The Board will discuss on April 26, taping of Board meetings on Webcast 50. School Board members can review a taping of Webcast 50 of the St. Francis City meetings. Direction can be given as to what agenda items will be on the screen.

Dialogue Session

Mr. Anderson reported that two students talked about their support of Ms. Barnes. One parent came to talk of the data privacy rights of the Board and her support of Ms. Barnes.

School Board Reports

Mr. Anderson attended Minnesota School Boards Association Board (MSBA) work session. Attended the ECSU meeting. The Annual Board Cooperative Conference sponsored by Metro ECSU, will be July 14 - 16, and is an opportunity for cooperatives to network together.

Ms. Van Denburgh attended the MSBA work session and acknowledged the good information. She was able to attend the end of the Choir concert after the Board meeting March 22.

Mr. Grams attended technology meeting. All K-5 SMART boards have been installed. The computer replacement cycle will begin, and decisions as to how to administer with the current budget. Attended SMC at SFE, there will be a flower sale, and approximately \$7000 was raised at the carnival. He attended the MSBA work session and reported the importance of reviewing information.

Mr. Vogel appreciated the information at the MSBA work session. He inquired how MCA automated calls are made and paid for. Mr. Saxton reported that the current automated system has been in place and does take some time to set up. Mr. Vogel attended the all District Band concert.

Mr. Haag also appreciated the MSBA work session. Attended the SMC at CCCS. He acknowledged Mr. Sargent for the Native American program. Foundation 15 is April 23, at The Refuge.

Ms. Kelly attended the Oak Land meeting, and reported that a brief summary of the analysis was given. The entire analysis will be given on April 20. The Diversity Outreach Team will be at the Business Expo on April 17. Ms. Kelly will attend Schools for Equity in Education April 16. Ms. Kelly thanked the Board members who attended the MSBA work session.

Administrative Report

Ms. Stein provided a review of the Uniform Financial Accounting Reporting Standards (UFARS) report. Employees are entered into the electronic system based on their FTE and percentage of time they work in each area. Federal programs must be reviewed. The state of Minnesota was audited by the Office of Special Education programs in Washington DC, and there were findings. ISD No. 15 had no corrections to make to the state, and in full compliance. Ms. Stein acknowledged Ms. Fisher and the Business Department.

Mr. Reker reported that meetings will be held for staff regarding the changes in health insurance the last two weeks in April.

Old Business

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

A. THAT Revised Policy 316 - School District System Accountability be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 adopts revised Policy 316 - School District System Accountability.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Vogel.

B. THAT Revised Policy 318 - Assessment of Standard Achievement be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 adopts revised Policy 318 Assessment of Standard Achievement.

Motion carried.

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

C THAT Revised Policy 320 - Credit for Learning be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 adopts revised Policy 320 Credit for Learning.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Haag and seconded by Mr. Vogel.

D. THAT Revised Policies 601 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget, and 605 - Investments be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 adopts revised Policies 601 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget, and 605 - Investments.

Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Haag and seconded by Mr. Grams. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned 8:54 at p.m.

Clerk Pro Tem