

SCHOOL BOARD  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15  
St. Francis, Minnesota  
Dialogue with School Board-6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
April 27, 2009

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

Others present were Director of Business Services Mae Hawkins, Director of Special Services Jacque Stein, Director of Community Services Tom Larson, Student Representative Dylan Sowers, and community members.

**Board Calendar Dates:** Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, May 11, May 26, June 8, and June 22, 2009. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings. There will be no Dialogue session on May 26, due to the Retiree Recognition Program at 6:00 p.m.

**Consideration of Visitors**

None.

**Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Haag. Mr. Vogel requested that items E - T-15 Lease Agreement, and J – Educational Assistants be considered separately.

A. THAT the minutes of April 13 be approved.

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

Personnel actions as listed below be approved:

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Personnel actions as listed below be approved:

**EMPLOYMENT:**

CLASSIFIED

**FIERECK, RYAN**, Computer Technology Instructor, "EBCS" (correction from SFMS) , BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days, effective 7.1.09.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE:**

CLASSIFIED

**ARNOLD, KATIE**, Teacher, EBCS, Return from Maternity LOA effective 4.14.09.

**STOFFEL, ALICIA**, Language Arts Instructor, SFHS, Maternity LOA beginning 4.27.09 instead of 9.27.09 as noted in April 13, 2009 minutes.

**RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:**

CLASSIFIED

**CARDA, JARALYN**, Teacher, EBCS, Long Term Substitute end of assignment effective 4.9.09.

**LARSEN, APRIL**, Special Education Teacher, SFHS, declined Long Term Substitute Position effective 4.14.09.

NON-CLASSIFIED

**GROH, TERRI**, Educational Assistant, SFHS, Termination effective 4.29.09.

**NELSON, SHELLEY**, Educational Assistant, T15, Termination effective 4.23.09.

C. THAT Claims and Accounts be approved as presented.

D. THAT Investments be approved as presented.

F. THAT the 2008-09 Budget Adjustments be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the 2008-09 Budgets be amended as follows:

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Fund 01, General Fund	Revenues	\$ 52,389,486
	Expenditures	\$ 53,561,526
Fund 02, Food Service	Revenues	\$ 2,549,500
(No changes)	Expenditures	\$ 2,549,500
Fund 04, Community Education	Revenues	\$ 2,267,084
	Expenditures	\$ 2,233,122
Fund 06, Building Construction	Revenues	\$ 9,000
(No changes)	Expenditures	\$ 628,936
Fund 07, Debt Service	Revenues	\$ 5,547,470
(No changes)	Expenditures	\$ 5,160,365
Fund 09, Expendable Trust Fund	Revenues	\$ 381,700
(No changes)	Expenditures	\$ 380,872

G. THAT the Joint Powers Agreement with ECMECC be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Joint Powers Agreement with the East Central Minnesota Cable Cooperative (ECMECC) be approved as presented.

H. THAT the Joint Powers Agreement with Infinity be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Joint Powers Agreement with Infinity be approved as presented.

I. THAT the Out of State Travel – HOSA be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School HOSA program for Out of State Travel to attend the National Leadership Conference, June 23 – June 28, 2009 be approved as requested.

K. THAT the Repealed Policies 312, 317, 321, 322 be deleted from District No. 15 Policies.

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 delete repealed policies 312 - Parental Involvement in Education, Title I LEA Programs, 317 - School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School and High School Standards, 321 – Record Keeping/Reporting/Advising of Student Achievement, and 322 – Profile of Learning Appeal Process from School Board Policies of the District.

L. 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, CCCS PTO, To CCCS for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade party

\$440.00, CCCS PTO, To CCCS for MCA testing snacks

\$1,000.00, EBCS PTO, student scholarship one female, one male that attended EBCS

\$200.00, St. Francis Alumni Association, scholarship to student who's parent or grandparent attended SFHS

\$1,105.00, St. Francis Volleyball Booster Club, to purchase volleyball uniforms at SFHS

\$5,760.00, St. Francis Home Run Club, for Jr. Varsity Coach, Rany Yarke, K-2 \$2,728, and

Pitching Coach – Tyler Schaff, K-3 \$3,032

\$755.00, St. Francis Grid Club, Football technology upgrade – digital editing software

\$1,000.00, Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce, two \$500 Ann Talle/Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce scholarships

M. THAT the Out of State Travel – Career Center be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School Career Center proposal to attend the North Dakota State College of Science out-of-state trip to Wahpeton, North Dakota May 7, 2009 be approved as requested.

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

E. THAT the T15 Lease Agreement be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the lease agreement between Independent School District No. 15 and Oak Grove Mall Development, LLC, be approved. The T-15 five year lease cost is \$11.00 per square foot for years 1-4 and \$12.00 per square foot for year 5 plus CAM (Common Area Maintenance) and property tax.

Mr. Vogel opposes the lease of a property when existing District facilities have space available to support the T15 program. Ms. Grams inquired as to what the cost is for the current list in comparison to the proposed lease. Ms. Stein explained that in accordance with Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) terms that existing District facilities are not age appropriate due to ages of T15 students, 18 to 21. Discussion continued regarding the lease and location in terms of transition according to MDE. Motion carried with five directors voting aye, and one nay Mr. Vogel.

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

J. THAT the Educational Assistants Contract be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the terms and conditions of employment with Education Minnesota St. Francis/Educational Assistants be approved as presented for the 08-09 school year.

Mr. Vogel noted some name changes in the strike over copy of the contract. Mr. Reker reported that there were many negotiation meetings held, there is no increase in salary, and noted the changes in the contract. Motion carried with five directors voting aye, and one nay Mr. Vogel.

## **Reports**

### *Student Report*

The student report was given by Dylan Sowers. Earth Day was this past week with students participating in go green activities. The spring performance of Smokey Joe's Café went well. MCA's were held on April 20, and 21.

### *Superintendent Communication and Report*

Mr. Reker acknowledged Mr. Grams, Mr. Haag, and all involved for the success of the Foundation 15 scholarship dinner.

A letter was received from a citizen regarding the telecasting of meetings of the City and District. To date the City is investigating the process of televising. Mr. Haag communicated that Mr. Hylen will be running a test at the next City Council meeting. The District will be in contact with City Administrator Matt Hylen regarding the process.

Mr. Vogel inquired about the status of Webcast 50. Mr. Reker reported that Mr. Neubauer continues to pursue the process. Mr. Vogel will contact Mr. Neubauer and report back to the Board.

### *Dialogue and School Board Report*

Mr. Anderson reported that two community members had questions about a staff member of District No. 15. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Grams referred the community members to contact Mr. Reker.

Mr. Anderson congratulated all involved with the success of the Foundation 15 Scholarship dinner. Mr. Anderson continues to participate in the search for the Oak Land Interim Director position. Discussions continue for the 2008-09 and proposed 2009-10 budgets for Oak Land. Minnesota School Boards Association Director Jan Rhode is retiring. Ms. Rhode has been a great resource to Districts.

Mr. Grams thanked all those that attended and supported the Foundation 15 Scholarship Program. Mr. Grams referred to the email sent to the Board regarding a fight that was on youtube.com, and it affirms why the Board approved the policy regarding unauthorized cell phone camera use. Mr. Grams attended the Minnesota State High School League meeting. Mr. Grams acknowledged the student performance of Smokey Joe's Café.

Mr. Vogel recognized the performance of the All School Band Concert.

Mr. Haag publicly thanked businesses for all contributions to the Foundation 15 Scholarship Program. The net funds received this year are more than any other year.

Ms. Kelly acknowledged Mr. Anderson for his time in participating in the search for the new Director at Oak Land. The Diversity Committee participated in the Business Expo on April 25. Mr. Larson reported that the Business Expo was well attended. Ms. Kelly attended the Schools for Equity in Education Regional meeting. At the regional meeting Senator Saltzman talked about the Senate proposals. There continue to be many questions regarding the federal stimulus package. Stickers from the Diversity Committee are available and will be distributed to area businesses to create awareness in the community.

#### *Administrative Report*

Ms. Hawkins introduced Nutrition Services Program Supervisor Wendy Klobe. Ms. Klobe provided an overview of the program that included: participation rates in the lunch and breakfast meal programs, funding, meals served per day, food costs, sustainability, safety, and wellness. This year the continued emphasis is on fruits and vegetables. Ms. Klobe provided a meal price graph showing price comparisons to neighboring districts. A ten cent increase in meals is needed to offset higher food costs.

#### **Old Business**

##### *Revised and New Policies*

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 adopt Policies, 526 - Return to Work, 527 – Pesticides, 528 - Animals/Reptiles in the Classroom, 530 – Staff Conduct, 531 – Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees, and 532 – Harassment and Violence as revised and updated.

Motion carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 adopt Policy 117 – Equal Educational Opportunity based upon recommendation by the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA).

Motion carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 adopt Policies 301 – Curriculum And Instruction Goals, 302 - Organization Of School Calendar and School Day, 303 – Curriculum Development, 304 – Instructional Curriculum, 306 – Textbooks and Instructional Materials, and 308 – Instructional Services – Special Education as revised and updated.

Motion carried.

#### **Other Matters**

##### *St. Francis Elementary School Revised Site Constitution*

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Site Management Council (SMC) Constitution for St. Francis Elementary School be accepted as amended.

Motion carried.

##### *Cedar Creek Community School Revised Site Constitution*

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 Site Management Council (SMC) Constitution for Cedar Creek Community School be accepted as amended.

Motion carried.

*Nutrition Services Meal and Milk Prices*

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

WHEREAS, this School District has facilities to provide reimbursable meals to students, and

WHEREAS, this School District has participated in the Federal Commodities Program, and

WHEREAS, this School District has invited family participation in the Educational Benefits program in past years, and WHEREAS, the Nutrition Services program must be self-supporting and follow the requirements of the State and Federal Child Nutrition programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that effective for the 2009-10 school year the District provide reimbursable meals and milk to its students and staff according to the following:

- A. Secondary School (grades 6-12) student lunch shall be \$2.20 per meal.
- B. Elementary School (K-5) student lunch shall be \$2.00 per meal.
- C. The lunch price for those who qualify for reduced price lunch through the Educational Benefits program shall be \$0.40 per meal. Those who qualify for free lunch through the Educational Benefits program will not be charged for one reimbursable lunch with milk per day.
- D. Families may apply to learn of student eligibility for free or reduced price lunches and/or breakfasts through the Educational Benefits program. Applications are available at all school sites and at the Office of Nutrition Services at the Central Services Center.
- E. Adult lunches shall be \$3.20 per meal.
- F. One carton of milk shall be furnished with each reimbursable meal at no extra charge. Additional milk may be purchased at \$0.45 per half-pint carton.
- G. The District's Nutrition Services Department may offer ala carte items to all district students and staff at appropriate prices.
- H. Secondary School (grades 6-12) student breakfasts shall be \$1.25 per meal.
- I. Elementary School (K-5) student breakfasts shall be \$1.15 per meal.
- J. Adult breakfasts shall be \$1.70 per meal.
- K. Those who qualify for free or reduced meals through the Educational Benefits program will not be charged for one reimbursable breakfast with milk per day.
- L. The School Board reserves the right to change prices during the school year.

Motion carried.

*St. Francis Middle School Revised Site Constitution*

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Site Management Council (SMC) Constitution for St. Francis Middle School be accepted as amended.

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Grams, seconded by Mr. Haag. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Joseph D. Haag, Clerk