

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
February 22, 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, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, March 8, March 22, and April 12, and a Work Session April 5, 2010 at the Sandhill Center. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Consideration of Visitors

None

Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Haag and seconded by Mr. Grams. Ms Van Denburgh made a motion to amend the agenda that the Special Education report be placed under Other Matters, seconded by Mr. Vogel. Discussion followed. Other Matters are action items, no action is needed, and the Superintendent was directed on February 8, to report back to the Board. Ms. Van Denburgh and Mr. Vogel withdrew the motion and the second.
Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Haag. Ms. Van Denburgh requested item J. and Ms. Kelly requested that item A. be considered separately.
B. THAT the Personnel Items 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

AGRANOFF, PAUL, Teacher, SFMS, Retirement effective end 09-10 school year.
FILIPPI, KEVIN, Teacher, EBCS, Retirement effective end 09-10 school year.
FISHERO, JENNICA, First Grade Teacher, CCCS, Temporary, Substitute, effective 3.8.10.
HANZLIK, YVONNE, Teacher, SFE, Retirement effective end 09-10 school year.
KLEIN, THOMAS, Fourth Grade Teacher, CCCS, Temporary, Substitute, effective 3.19.10.
KRYSTOFIAK, KATHLEEN, School Social Worker, Retirement effective end 09-10 school year.
SELLARS, SHARON, Teacher, CCCS, Retirement effective end 09-10 school year.
SMITH, SARA, First Grade Teacher, CCCS, Temporary, Substitute, effective 4.12.10.
WILLITS, CHRISTINE, Preschool Instructor, LLC, Temporary, Lane 2, effective 4.6.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

BENGSTON, EDWINA, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources, B23, 4.0 hrs./day effective 2.11.10.
BRESE, MICHELLE, Administrative Assistant, EBCS, B21, 6.0 hrs./day effective 2.16.10.
HICKS, HANNA, Educational Assistant, Transportation, Step 2, 5.5 hrs./day, 52.0 days effective 2.16.10.
SEIDL, LIA, Job Coach, T-15, Step 1, 6.0 hrs./day, 170.0 days effective 3.1.10.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

FLATEN, COLLEEN, Licensed School Nurse, SFE, LLC, Medical LOA effective 2.18.10.

HENNESY, SUSAN, Special Education Teacher, CCCS, Medical LOA effective 3.23.10.

SCHMIDT, TYRONE, Computer Technology Teacher, Return from Child Care LOA effective 2.04.10

NON-CLASSIFIED

BASHER, PATRICIA, Nutrition, SFMS, Medical LOA effective 2.10.10.

CARLSON, KAY, Educational Assistant, SFE, Return from Medical LOA effective 2.1.10.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

CLASSIFIED

LARSEN, APRIL, Special Education Teacher, EBCS, Resignation effective 2.26.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

PEARSON, GILBERT, Custodian, CCCS, Retirement effective 10.18.10

ROWE, CHRISTINE, Nutrition, Termination effective 1.12.10.

C. THAT the Claims and Accounts be approved as presented.

D. THAT Investments be approved as presented.

E. THAT the Extended Trip Request – Softball be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the extended trip proposal for the High School Softball team to Mankato, MN March 29 – March 31, 2010 be approved as requested.

F. THAT the Extended Trip Request – DECA be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School DECA program for an extended trip, March 7 – March 9, 2010 be approved as requested.

G. THAT the Extended Trip Request – C.I.S./Student Council be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the C.I.S./Student Council extended trip, March 5 – March 6, 2010 be approved as requested.

H. THAT the Telecommunication Agreements be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the five year Telecommunications Service Agreement with U.S. Cable for telecommunication lines for school years 2010-11 through 2014-15 with monthly recurring charges estimated at \$2,325 plus taxes (including e-rate) be approved.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the five year Telecommunications Service Agreement with Qwest Communications Company for telecommunication lines for the Transition 15 school site for the school years 2010-11 through 2014-15 with monthly recurring charges estimating at \$106 plus taxes (including e-rate) be approved.

I. THAT the Gift Acknowledgements be approved as presented.

\$21.00, Wells Fargo, to CCCS for general supplies

\$175.00, Kenneth Michael Sailor, to LLC at the direction of Early Childhood

\$200.00, Richard T. Gebhardt Memorial Fund, to SFE needs in Mrs. Anderson's & Mrs. Polsfut's room, St. Francis half day kindergarten

\$223.08, St Francis High School Yearbook Club, reimburse for mailing costs – sent yearbook supplement to 2009 graduates

\$250.00, John T. Jones Memorial, cash scholarship to a student enrolled in 1st animal sciences, 2nd agriculture/horticulture, 3rd criminal justice

\$1,000.00, CCCS PTO, to lower the cost of the 3rd grade field trip in the spring to the Mississippi River Locks and Dam and Como Park Zoo

\$1,000.00, CCCS PTO, to CCCS for listening centers for kindergarten

Motion carried.

A. THAT the minutes of February 8, be approved as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Grams and seconded by Mr. Anderson. Ms. Kelly noted a change in wording be made.

Motion carried with corrections as noted.

J. THAT the Bus Drivers Contract be approved as presented.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the total compensation package for Bus Drivers be increased by 1.13% in Year One and 0.67% in Year Two with all terms and conditions specified for the employee group.

Ms. Van Denburgh explained that she pulled the contract to vote on it separately.

Motion carried with one nay Ms. Van Denburgh. 5 – 1.

Reports

Student Report

None

Superintendent Communication and Report

Mr. Saxton provided a report on the special education information requested. Numbers were reviewed for; IEP's, due process hearings, and lawsuits pending or in progress, for the past three years. A brief overview was given of the Special Education process. Human Resources' mission statement, new employee orientation, schools safety training, special education educational assistants, education competency based program, and employee concerns were summarized. Discussion followed included: if mandatory reporting is taught, investigations are completed at the county, reports might also be made to MDE, a parent or the district can request a due process hearing, a resolution takes many different forms, concerns in how to address questions/allegations, there are laws and rules involved in an IEP. Due process hearings are not law suits. There is a process Employees follow when there are grievances or conflicts with another employee. Questions should be referred to Administration, Human Resources, or Superintendent.

Mr. Saxton met with the Ford Foundation in review of Q Comp districts.

Mr. Saxton has completed teacher observations.

SMART Boards are in all 3-5 classrooms, and training has begun.

The staffing meeting is March 2, 2010.

District staff continues to look at ways in bringing students back to the District.

All day every day fee based kindergarten will be granted to all students who make the request for the fall of 2010.

Ms. Hawkins will provide a financial overview session for the Board on March 22, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Saxton read the letter awarding the School Finance Award to the Business Department. The District received its fifth School Finance Award in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in financial management. Ms. Hawkins introduced the Business Department staff Suzanne Murray, Judy Harding, Vicki Guzik, and Ann Johnson. Ms. Kelly presented the award certificate to the department.

Walker-Hackensack-Akeley school district is coming to ISD No. 15 for a site visit regarding Q Comp.

The District should hear about Race to the Top grant money some time in April.

Dialogue Session

No one attended.

School Board Reports

Mr. Haag noted he would like to take time to review the special education information given.

Mr. Vogel noted that Transportation Bus Drivers settled their contract. He viewed the City of St. Francis website and would like to pursue the filming of Board meetings. Ms. Kelly would like more information of the pros and cons. Mr. Haag suggested contacting Mr. Neubauer and Webcast 50.

Mr. Grams referenced an article regarding the amount of a reward offered and there was no dollar amount offered. He received another letter and would prefer talking to individuals in person versus the letter form of communication. Mr. Grams expressed hopes of resolve.

Ms. Van Denburgh did receive letters and phone calls regarding special education issues and hopes that the issues are resolved. She could not attend the safety meeting. She also viewed the City Council meetings on Webcast 50, and is also in favor of pursuing recording of Board meetings.

Mr. Anderson is also interested in having Mr. Saxton research the recording of Board meetings. He acknowledged Ms. Hawkins and the Business Department. Work continues on the analysis of the Oak Land cooperative. Oak Land will review the benefits to St. Francis.

Ms. Kelly reviewed Perkins dollars and that they might not be available. Continue to wait on the analysis report of the cooperative. She attended the SEE legislative kick off and summarized the agenda items regarding: history of funding, needs and concerns of districts, the legislative platform, and trying to address equalizing the formula.

Ms. Kelly requested that by consensus of the Board Mr. Saxton review the pros and cons of the taping/recording of Board meetings.

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

The meeting was adjourned 8:42 at p.m.

Joseph D. Haag, School Board Clerk