

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
March 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, S. Grams, Haag, Van Denburgh, Vogel, and Superintendent Saxton.

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, April 12, April 26, May 10, and a Work Session, 5:30 p.m., April 5, 2010 at the Sandhill Center. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Site Report – Crossroads

Principal Keri Collins provided a report on the three programs at Crossroads School and Vocational Center. Total enrollment is 78 students in the three programs; Crossroads 48, Harbor 26 and Crossroads South 4. Students are referred from other counties for Crossroads and Crossroads South, referrals have decreased and involve a challenging population. Crossroads South will not exist in the 2010-11 school year but will be converted to a girls' unit. Technology and the Site Goal were reviewed. Reading is promoted with additional services in Title I reading. There is a focus on diversity, and include monthly events and activities. The Harbor program is for grades 7 -11, and students are referred for reasons of academics, attendance, behavior, and skill deficits. Students are gradually transitioned to St. Francis High or Middle schools. Future Programming may involve PLATO with credit recovery, night school, summer school, tutorial and assessment. Programs will continue to explore education in diversity and improve /increase technology. The Annual Awards Night is May 13.

Consideration of Visitors

Cody Brant reported there is a petition to renew a teacher contract.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Grams and seconded by Mr. Vogel.
Ms. Kelly requested item A be considered separately.
Mr. Vogel requested item B be considered separately.
Ms. Van Denburgh requested items E and F be considered separately.

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

D. THAT Investments be approved as presented.

G. 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, Kohl's, to EBCS for Technology

\$35.00, Wells Fargo/Jennifer L. Olson, to EBCS to be used at principal's discretion

\$65.00, Wells Fargo/Jennifer L. Olson, to EBCS to be used at principal's discretion

\$74.27, SFHS Student Council, to SFHS for reimbursement for chaperone

\$15,000.00, CCCS PTO, to CCCS for general type supplies for teachers
\$39.00, Wells Fargo Foundation/Lori Giddens, to CCCS to be used for general supplies
\$500.00, East Bethel Seniors, for student scholarship
\$1,000.00, Family of Fred Dawson, scholarship to student in Mary Dawson's 2nd grade at EBCS
\$400.00, Family of Ed Fleming, student scholarship for student in Business Dept.
\$568.34, SFHS Student Council, for staff breakfast at SFHS on 3/7/08 and 3/6/09
\$49.23, SFHS Student Council, reimburse for food items for Custodian Appreciation Night
\$175.00, Wells Fargo Foundation/Michael Sailer, to Early Childhood and site's discretion
\$3,000.00, Connexus Energy, scholarship(s) to recipients' that plan to attend approved state university, college, vo-tech, or trade school and parents are members of Connexus Energy
\$40.00 (in kind), JM Tile, donation of tiles to Family Dance at EBCS
\$325.00, SFHS Debate Club, for expenses of October 10, 2009 fundraising debate tournament
\$225.00, SFHS Volleyball Booster Club, for jersey lettering for the high school jerseys
\$570.00, SFHS Volleyball Booster Club, for purchase of volleyball jerseys
\$1,700.00, SFHS Gymnastics Booster Club, to pay for assistant coach for 2009-10 season
\$5,095.00, Center Ice Club, for assistant coach salary

H. THAT the Extended Trip Request – Student Council be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Student Council extended trip, April 10 – April 12, 2010 be approved as requested.

I. THAT the Health Insurance Contract be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No.15 award the District's Health Insurance to Health Partner's Insurance Company, effective July 1, 2010.

Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Haag and second by Ms. Grams. Ms. Kelly noted that the Genesis Flex Agreement vote should be changed from one nay to one abstention by Ms. Van Denburgh.

Motion carried.

B. THAT the Personnel Items be approved as presented.

Motion was made by Ms. Grams seconded by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Vogel motioned to remove Ms. Barnes from Personnel items until the next meeting, second by Ms. Van Denburgh. Mr. Vogel commented that the vote be taken at the next Board meeting after the choir concert this evening. Discussion included; information was given at the last meeting, not having adequate information to vote, code of ethics, that the Board is a policy making Board not administrative Board, the reason for waiting would be for consideration of those not able to attend this meeting, teachers are observed and evaluated by administrators over three years, observations of teachers are private data, changing of the fine arts performances to a night other than Board meeting nights, and the role of the School Board.

Motion carried to remove Ms. Barnes from Personnel items and be placed on the April 12 agenda, four (4) aye, and three (3) nay.

B. Motion to approve revised Personnel items was made by Mr. Grams and seconded by Mr. Anderson.

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

EMPLOYMENT:

CLASSIFIED

CARDA, JARALYN, Teacher, CCCS, Long Term Substitute effective 3.23.10.

BEELER, REIS, Teacher, Special Education, EBCS, Long Term Substitute effective 3.15.10.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

HENNESY, JAMES, Teacher, SFMS, .5 Professional LOA 2010-2012 (Two years).

ROBINETTE, SUE, Teacher, SFMS, Medical LOA effective 4.13.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

MCCABE, SANDY, Lead Technician, Crossroads, Return from Medical LOA effective 3.15.10.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

CLASSIFIED

HALVERSON, DEAN, Teacher, Math, CSVC, Non-Renewal effective 6.30.10.

Motion carried.

E. THAT the Employee Agreement – District Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator be approved as presented.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the terms and conditions of employment with Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator be approved as presented for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion carried with one nay, Ms. Van Denburgh. 6 – 1.

F. THAT the Employee Agreement – District Technology Coordinator be approved as presented.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the terms and conditions of employment with District Technology Coordinator be approved as presented for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion carried with one nay, Ms. Van Denburgh. 6 – 1.

Reports

Student Report

Cassie Sharpe and Alex Everhart provided the student report. The girls' basketball team played in the first round of the state tournament, Mr. Lee Erickson was voted staff member of the month by the students, the Diversity Club collected three loads of clothes for the food shelf, student council is now collecting food for the food shelf, open minds is doing "Hats for Haiti", with Nate Lipinski recognized as Delegate-at-Large next year St. Francis will hold the EMASC convention, and in lieu of an actual journalism class, Ms. Moorhouse-Olson created a student run Journalism Club.

Superintendent Communication and Report

Mr. Saxton would like to meet with Board communications committee regarding email communications.

Ms. Hawkins has been working on tracking residents of our District attending elsewhere.

On March 17, Mr. Saxton was in St. Paul working toward a collaborative grant application for the Triple I Grant. Minnesota did not receive Race to the Top funding.

Met with Superintendents and APPLE field representatives regarding extensive innovations for the future; iPad, ITouch, and apps. This has rapidly turned into an education tool.

There are many innovation things happening in District classrooms .

Ways to transition from 2009-10 to 2010-11, are being reviewed.

The calendar has days built in for school being canceled. Students 6 – 12, and T15 will attend school on June 8.

Mr. Saxton has talked with Mr. Neubauer about the taping of Board meetings, webcast 50, the charge is \$50. Would like to and want to make sure that it cannot be edited once the tape is completed. Once determined the taping would require a consensus of the Board.

Dialogue Session

Mr. Anderson reported that one student expressed concern over Ms. Barnes and the non renewal of contract and acknowledged that she is a good leader for students.

School Board Reports

Mr. Haag attended the ACT meeting, and the Girls State basketball game.

Ms. Grams acknowledged Ms. Hawkins and Ms. Stein for the finance and special education information given at the work session. Mr. Grams referenced an email from a person that continues to be on an email list sent out via Choir Boosters. He attended the Girls State basketball game, and witnessed the great support from fans. Mr. Grams acknowledged the APT and SFE staff for the carnival event.

Ms. Van Denburgh attended the Safety and Insurance meetings. She attended the Girls State basketball game and acknowledged the game they played. She received a phone call inquiring about attorney costs for Special Education cases. She has received phone calls from parents of choir students.

Mr. Anderson attended SFMS SMC. He attended the insurance meeting and noted that the resolution is on agenda for health insurance. At the ACT meeting, LAC presentations were made. He attended the SFE carnival.

Ms. Kelly reported that the Diversity Outreach Team held the clothing drive March 18. She acknowledged the great support at the Girls State basketball game, Thanks to Ms. Hawkins and Ms. Stein for the work session information.

Administrative Report

Mr. Reker reported that the invitation on table tops is from the Indian Education program coordinated by Mr. Sargent. There will be a guest in attendance on March 28 to demonstrate basket weaving.

New Business

Ms. Kelly reported that the revised policies that follow can be reviewed prior to the April 12, meeting and questions regarding policies 316, 318, and 320 be referred to Mr. Becker, and questions regarding 601 and 605 referred to Ms. Hawkins.

Revised Policy 316 - School District System Accountability

Revised Policy 318 - Assessment of Standard Achievement

Revised Policy 320 - Credit for Learning

Revised Policies 601 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget, and 605- Investments

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

The meeting was adjourned 8:38 at p.m.

Joseph D. Haag, School Board Clerk