

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Dialogue with School Board-6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
March 23, 2009

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Kelly at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Directors: Anderson, H. Grams, S. Grams, Haag, Lipinski, Vogel and Superintendent Saxton.

Others present were Director of Human Services Jay Reker, 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, April 13, April 27, May 11, and May 26, 2009. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Site Report – Crossroads School and Vocational Center

Principal Keri Collins provided the site report including Crossroads School, the Harbor Program and Adaptability. The main topics highlighted were of diversity, enrollment and programming. There is a wide diversity of student population and important for staff to remain educated in diversity. Speakers are brought in to talk about their culture. Socioeconomic diversity activities such as the food drive and adopt-a-family provided awareness and learning experience for students. Enrollment is currently at 52 students. The female unit at Bar –None and Sheriff’s Youth Program closing this past year have contributed to the decline in enrollment. The Harbor Program was created within the District to help retain students in the District. The students, grades 7–10, referred to the program have issues with attendance, behavior, and academics, receive more individualized attention and instruction. Future Programming ideas are to increase enrollment in the Harbor Program, potential future alternative programs i.e. on-line courses, and improving special education programs to accommodate all disabilities.

Student Representative Dylan Sowers left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Consideration of Visitors

Steve Fetzik, District-wide Community Relations Coordinator from the Office of Teaching and Learning reported on and acknowledged the employee of the month program. Three groups of people are selected through nominated applications E-5, 6-Adult, and support staff. The employees selected were Sharon Sellars - E-5 licensed staff, Julie Stitt - 6-Adult licensed staff, and Judy Nielsen, Nutrition Manager. Shirley Illg, representative for Educational Assistants (EAs), addressed the Board to communicate that concerns of the group are clear, and that settling the contract is timely and fair. Trent Blake, community member, parent, and employee of Saxon Auto World Elk River, informed the Board that \$100 will be donated to the School District for every vehicle sold to ISD No. 15 residents.

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. Haag and seconded by Mr. Anderson. Ms. Lipinski requested that item A be considered separately.

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

EMPLOYMENT:

CLASSIFIED

TREICHEL, TOM, Title Teacher, SFMS, BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 59.0 days effective 3.16.09.

NON-CLASSIFIED

JOHNSON, JENELLE, Bus Driver, Transportation, \$14.07/hr., 3.0 hrs./day, effective 3.16.09.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

NON-CLASSIFIED

COOPER, JOE, Bus Driver, Transportation, Return from Medical LOA effective 3.16.09.

LOFGREN, CURTIS, Custodian, CCCS, Medical, 3.11.09 through 4.13.09

REETZ, FRED, Bus Driver, Transportation, Return from Medical LOA effective 3.16.09.

SOLOTS, TINA, Bus Driver, Transportation, Return from Medical LOA effective 3.16.09.

SPENCE, BECKY, Bus Driver, Transportation, Return from Medical LOA effective 3.16.09.

C. THAT Claims and Accounts be approved as presented.

D. THAT Investments be approved as presented.

E. THAT the Out of State Travel Request-High School Band be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School Band proposal for an out-of-state trip to either Chicago, St. Louis, or Texas on March 26/March 27 – April 2/April 3, 2010 be approved as requested.

F. THAT the ECMECC Membership be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the School District requests to become a Member of the East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative.

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):

\$407.85, SFHS Today! Staff, to SFHS to purchase two new Canon digital camcords for the Honors English Broadcast Class

\$26.76, High School Prom, to SFHS to purchase a cash drawer

\$50.00, Residential Mortgage Group, to SFHS to be used at Principal's discretion

\$3,000.00, Connexus Energy, three scholarships \$1,000 based on financial need and scholastic achievement. The parents be members of Connexus Energy, and attend an approved state university, college, vocational-technical institute or trade school, with scholarships awarded to the chosen institution not the individual

\$500.00, East Bethel Seniors, scholarship for student majoring in math and sciences

\$200.00, Oak Grove Seniors Mutual Assistance Club, scholarship for student from Oak Grove going to college in 2009

\$955.66, Target, to SFMS to purchase school supplies

\$1,096.87, Target, to EBCS for purchase of building technology

Motion carried.

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

A. THAT the minutes of March 23, be approved as presented. Ms. Lipinski noted correction under School Board reports.

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Chair Kelly read the written student report given by Dylan Sowers. MORP went well March 20. Spring sports have started. The last day to sign up for Prom is today. Student schedule changes, corrections were the first few days of the trimester. DECA students attended state finals during spring break.

Superintendent Communication and Report

Mr. Saxton reported that at the Curriculum meeting the LACs groups provided progress reports. MetLife has scheduled four Retirewise money management sessions for employees and spouses. The East Bethel Economic Development Authority met last week.

Mr. Saxton attended the MASA Conference March 19 and 20. The Stimulus package was the topic. There is talk of a legislative special session.

The PEER review for QComp evaluation was completed last week.

City Administrator Matt Hylen has requested that the City meetings be recorded. Mr. Saxton has requested a bid from the company that installed the sound system.

Mr. Saxton will attend the Schools For Equity in Education (SEE) meeting on March 24.

Notification was received regarding a conference being held March 24, on safe playground areas.

The Department of Education is meeting on March 25 regarding QComp.

Mr. Saxton will email the latest Governor's proposal.

Mr. Saxton continues to meet with District leaders regarding their SMART goals.

School Board Report

Mr. Haag reported that the Foundation 15 Scholarship dinner is April 17.

Ms. Grams acknowledged the EAs for writing the Board about negotiations.

Mr. Vogel reported about the Communications Committee and the flow chart designed for getting information out. Mr. Vogel encouraged everyone to get information out to the right person for posting to the website, and to keep it current. Mr. Vogel met with Ms. Stein about Transition 15. Mr. Vogel inquired about the televising of meetings. Mr. Saxton responded that a bid has been requested for the cost to install recording equipment per the City's request, and that future televising of School Board meetings can be discussed in the future.

Mr. Grams reported on Dialogue with the School Board. LeRoy Schaefer inquired about the televising of meetings. Mr. Grams acknowledged the EAs for coming to the meeting, sending postcards and letters, and for the work and support they contribute to the District. Mr. Grams read for the all day kindergarten class. Ms. Lipinski reported that the St. Francis Elementary School carnival is March 28. Ms. Lipinski attended the girls' basketball game against Blaine. New to wrestling next year is that St. Michael has been added to the same section as St. Francis. Ms. Lipinski, Board representative for EA negotiations, acknowledged EAs for the postcards sent, and support given to the District.

Mr. Anderson attended the Assessment Curriculum and Testing meeting. Curriculum was addressed by the LACs, and review for curriculum alignment information was given. Mr. Anderson attended the middle school SMC meeting with continued work with staffing issues, and exploratory days. Mr. Anderson, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Grams continue to work with Superintendent negotiations. He will attend the Metro ECSU meeting next week.

Ms. Kelly attended the Diversity Meeting March 19. Good information was received from the speaker. The committee continues to look at ways to reach out to the community. The Communications Committee will now be meeting every three months. Ms. Kelly will attend the SEE Regional meeting on March 27. Ms. Kelly acknowledged Board members for their involvement and committee participation for the District.

New Business

Facility Use Procedures

Mr. Larson reported that in 1986 for Community Education three things be looked at. One was to look at a process to access facilities throughout the District. The procedure to access the facilities is huge. Nancy Messerschmidt, Adult Education Manager, is a member of a consortium group that discuss facilities. Ms. Messerschmidt reviewed the changes to procedures, and rates. The major content did not change a lot. Ms. Lipinski inquired about fees for Coaches. Mr. Larson will report back to Ms. Lipinski. Board members can direct questions to Mr. Larson or Ms. Messerschmidt.

Other Matters

Resolution Awarding Sale of Bond

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

(The resolution is on file in the legal minutes at Central Services)

Motion carried.

Level III Grievance Resolution

Motion was made by Mr. Grams and seconded by Mr. Anderson.
(The resolution is on file in the legal minutes at Central Services)
Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Grams, second by Ms. Lipinski. Motion carried.

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

Joseph D. Haag, Clerk