

SCHOOL BOARD  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15  
St. Francis, Minnesota  
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
May 10, 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, May 24, June 14, June 28, and July 12. The Retiree Recognition program is May 24, at 6:00 p.m. There will be no Dialogue with the School Board on May 24. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

**Consideration of Visitors**

None

**Student Recognition**

Mr. Ron Larson, Activities Director, recognized students and staff involved in the following co curricular activities:

*DECA* Advisors Mr. Schleper and Ms. Salonek, Student: Tyler Reisetter

*Drama* Advisor Ms. Morehouse Olson, Student: Hannah Green (Drama and Choir)

*Choir* Advisor Ms. Barnes, Student: Hannah Green

*Band* Advisor Ms. Stodola, Students: Zoey Olson, Geordin Crist, Maria Handzel

*Visual Arts* Advisors Ms. Redfield and Ms. Close, Students: Laura Velasco, Cody Raze, Ashley Sherman, Jessica Turner, Ellie Perleberg, Kilynn Sandberg, Janice Cowan, Sarah Schroeder

*Skills USA* Advisor Mr. Nieves, Students: Ryan Gangl, Erik Johnson, Kayla Homan, Matt Homan

*Debate* Advisor Mr. Fetzik, Students: Jakki Thompson, Alex Everhart, Alex Gray

*Speech* Advisor Mr. Thul (Region 7 Speech Advisor of the Year), Students: Brady Mueller, Alex Gray, Danielle Schwartz, Andy Kleidon

*National Forensic League* Advisor Mr. Thul, Students: Lindsey Roden, Ian Mott, Jared Jerzak, Alex Everhart, Jakki Thompson, Danielle Schwartz, Andy Kleidon, Alex Schwalbe, Alex Gray

*HOSA* Advisor Kathy Weiland (HOSA Advisor of the Year), Students: Zach Eich, Nathan Lipinski, Brittany Eich, Karlie Huebner, Trevor McQuay, Holly Russell, Kalli Haapoja, Chase McCargar, Ashley Pine, Ashley Vang, Chad Wagner, Paige Jochum

May 26 is the scholarship awards evening.

**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. Vogel and seconded by Mr. Grams.

Ms. Van Denburgh requested items A, B, and F be considered separately.

C. THAT the Out of State Travel – SFHS Choir be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School Choir proposal for an out-of-state trip to New York City, New York sometime between March 4, and March 13, 2011 be approved as requested.

- D. THAT Capernaum Pediatric Therapy, Inc. Contract be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the agreement with Capernaum Pediatric Therapy, Inc., be approved as presented.

- E. THAT the School Calendar Revision for Senior Exemption be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 revise the school calendar to include two days of senior exemption.

Motion carried.

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

- A. THAT the Minutes of April 26, be approved as presented.

Ms. Van Denburgh remitted some changes to the minutes and inquired what Link meant. Mr. Saxton communicated that Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen to assist them in feeling comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience.

Motion carried.

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

- 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

**SARGENT, CARLINE**, Special Education Teacher, T-15, ESY, Temporary, Contract, 53.0 hrs, MA, 14.0 days, Summer, effective 6.10.10.

**SCHMITT, JUDI**, Work Coordinator, T-15, ESY, Temporary, Contract, 40.0 hrs, BA, Summer, effective 6.10.10.

##### NON-CLASSIFIED

**CARLSON, JUDITH**, Educational Assistant, T-15, ESY, Temporary, Contract, 42.0 hrs, 12.0 days, effective 7.6.10.

**HOWELL, CHRISTINE**, Educational Assistant, T-15, ESY, Temporary, Contract, 96.0 hrs, 32.0 days, effective 7.6.10.

**KOHLER, LESLIE**, Educational Assistant, T-15, ESY, Temporary, Contract, 147.0 hrs, 42.0 days, effective 7.6.10.

**PELKEY, DEBORAH**, T-15, ESY, Temporary, Contract, 42.0 hrs, 12.0 days, effective 7.6.10.

**STONE, LUCINDA**, Educational Assistant, T-15, ESY, Temporary, Contract, 96.0 hrs, 32.0 days, effective 7.6.10.

#### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE:**

##### CLASSIFIED

**ACKERMAN, ANN**, Science Teacher, SFHS, .27 LOA effective 7.1.10 for the 2010-11 school year.

**BECK, AMY**, Teacher, SFE, Maternity LOA effective 4.27.10.

**KELLERMAN, JULIE**, Teacher, CCCS, Family Medical LOA ½ days effective 5.3.10.

**ROWLES, JESSICA**, Language Arts Teacher, SFMS, Return from Maternity LOA, effective 5.3.10.

**SCHOLLMAN, STEPHANIE**, Teacher, SFE, Medical LOA effective 5.8.10.

##### NON-CLASSIFIED

**HERTING, LAURIE**, Custodian, EBCS, Medical LOA effective 4.26.10.

**MANION, JENNIFER**, Educational Assistant, EBCS, Return from LOA effective 5.10.10.

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

CLASSIFIED

**LARSON, RON**, Activities Director, SFHS, Retirement effective 9.6.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

**SHULTZ, MARK**, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, Deceased, End of employment effective 4.23.10.

Ms. Van Denburgh questioned why Personnel Items are tabletop items and if they can be done in a timely manner or wait until the following meeting. Mr. Reker explained that the actions of Personnel items are ongoing situations and should be done in a timely fashion to keep employees updated in the District. Ms. Kelly commented that items under the Consent Agenda are ongoing regular business of the District. Motion carried.

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

F. 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, Joni L. Craft, P.A., to purchase a tent for the track team at SFHS

\$107.90, SFE APT, transportation for kindergarten field trip to Children's Museum

\$31.65, SFE APT, School Nurse for activity night

\$8,450.82, DECA Club, reimburse high school for DECA travel expenses

\$34.28, Mrs. Hermann, to SFE for school supplies

\$19.95, Candi Blosberg, to SFE for classroom activities

\$194.40, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to SFE for supplies as needed

\$2,980.00, SF Weight Room Letterman's, to purchase two exercise bikes for the weight room

Ms. Van Denburgh questioned why gift acknowledgments are table top items. Ms. Hawkins explained the process of receipt of the gift form and check, and the importance of processing in a timely manner. Motion carried.

## Reports

### *Student Report*

Cassie Sharpe and Alex Everhart provided the student report. Prom was held May 1. Third tri art exhibition is May 25. Student Council promoted "Life Savers" safety by placing a Life Saver on all cars. The KARE 11 video of Mr. Erickson's morning study group is a great tribute to him. Approximately 57 students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS). Juniors are submitting applications to be part of the Link crew next year. NHS is holding the American Red Cross blood drive May 14. Student Council is hosting a free car wash May 22. The high school Green club will be out to help clean the Rum River on May 14. The high school band concert is May 17.

### *Superintendent Communication and Report*

Mr. Saxton provided an update regarding the Out of State trip request for DECA that was added to the April 12 School Board agenda.

Mr. Saxton recognized Assistant Supervisor of Custodial/Maintenance Mark Shultz who lost his courageous battle with cancer on April 23.

Mr. Saxton reported ideas that may be done for summer communications and enrollment. Custodians will carry 3 x 5 cards with information on them, there will be a table in the building by the loading dock with information on it, advertisement of school hours and dates open, and website information will be issued. DVD of the sites will be given to School Board members. The DVD will also be sent to 21 kindergarten families. The District may consider a dedicated phone line for enrollment during the summer months.

Mr. Saxton met with Mr. Neubauer regarding offering the German 4 course and to discuss different options, one being directed studies, and another to offer credit outside the school day.

Mr. Saxton received a memo from Mr. Neubauer regarding the Jazz Band and some ideas of combining secondary and 6-8 music. Mr. Vogel requested numbers of enrollment at both middle and high school levels in the last 5 years.

Mr. Saxton attended the Athena Awards ceremony and described the positive involvement of these female student athletes.

The Adult Basic Education graduation is June 10.

Crossroads Awards night is May 13.

The i3 Grant will be submitted this week. A letter of support was received from Apple.

#### *Dialogue Session*

None

#### *School Board Reports*

Mr. Anderson attended Oak Land meeting and discussion included programming and the analysis. He attended the Jazz Band concert. He participated in the Joint Standing committee discussions regarding different recommendations at sites and the i3 Grant.

Ms. Van Denburgh attended Early Childhood Advisory meeting and also the Safety Committee meeting. She inquired why St. Francis Elementary does not participate in the calendar on the web site. Mr. Saxton will inquire. Ms. Van Denburgh referenced an article in the Star Tribune regarding firing teachers.

Mr. Haag thanked administration, attendees, and businesses for supporting the Foundation 15 Scholarship event. Mr. Haag acknowledged Mr. Ron Larson for his years served to the students of the District.

Mr. Vogel encouraged the reading of an article in the MSBA Journal, page 8, by author Greg Abbott. He recommended it be reprinted in The Courier, and on the web site. He attended the Jazz Band concert. He inquired about viewing the recording of the meeting. Mr. Vogel inquired whether School Board members could get all the UAll emails. The Communications committee will discuss UAll. Mr. Vogel reported that there is some confusion in the community as to which students must attend school on June 8. Mr. Vogel voiced concern over a near miss of a pedestrian on Hwy. 47.

Mr. Grams reported how difficult it is to get approval for stoplight installations. He attended the District Technology Committee (DTC) meeting and the Site Management Council meeting at St. Francis Elementary. Mr. Grams acknowledged parent volunteers Kristie Wilmer and Bridget Kelley, and teacher Julie Wiczorek for their work on the plant sale. Mr. Grams reported information received at the DTC meeting during the demonstration of the HP TouchSmart and how interactive it is with students. Mr. Grams questioned Ms. Van Denburgh and her article in The Courier regarding the incorrect number of Phy Ed teachers she included. Ms. Van Denburgh responded. Mr. Grams acknowledged Mr. Ron Larson for the years of service to the District.

Ms. Kelly read the thank you letter she wrote to Ms. Gundlach for the training session. She also reported the information she received about archival of tapes/recordings, and data privacy concerns when recording meetings during Consideration of Visitors. The School Board will discuss recording of meetings and guidelines after viewing the recording. Ms. Kelly attended the Oak Land meeting. Ms. Kelly voiced concern with the inaccurate number made in Ms. Van Denburgh's Courier article. Ms. Kelly and Mr. Grams stressed the importance of accuracy regarding statements and numbers being written by School Board members in their articles. Ms. Kelly will begin her role as President for the coming year with Schools for Equity in Education.

#### *Administrative Report*

Office of School Technology Report

Program Supervisor Corey Tramm and Teacher on Assignment Collin Minshull provided a report reviewing the past year and how the E2T2 grant has assisted the District.

Review of the 2009-2010 year. The infrastructure had an upgrade of core switch and firewall. The fiber-optic network expansion provides a much faster connection and is ongoing. Integration - The E2T2 Grant awarded to the District allows teachers to use free and available technology and resources to effectively use them in classroom instruction and projects. The grant provided \$36,225 for training. Teachers have used the SMART Board, video streaming, video conferencing, digital storytelling, podcasting, and much more. There are approximately 95 K-5 digital classrooms that are equipped with the SMART Board. There are some handheld/mobile devices in the District. Videoconferencing setups are in five buildings. Video field trips and Moodle are being used.

2010-2011 - Looking ahead in infrastructure will include: Fiber expansion, Wireless expansion, Data backup reorganization, and Google Apps for education. Integration will include: Digital classrooms, Videoconferencing and Video field trips, Handheld/mobile devices, Digital/online content. Questions regarding streaming video – The recording is going live to a web site. There is a way to track viewers. Discussion: no need to archive, keep for one year, check with other districts about archiving and what portions of the meeting are recorded, review the recording, and begin recording after consideration of visitors. Discussion will continue under reports at the next School Board meeting.

#### Legislative Update

Ms. Hawkins provided a legislative update as of 9:00 p.m. The Supreme Court decision was on all unallotments. The Governor cannot use this to avoid the budget process with the legislature.

The Health Insurance Bill has passed in both the House and Senate. The Governor has stated he will veto it. The House voted on a bill with the Governor's unallotments in it last week; it did not pass.

The Senate bill passed today with unallotments and tax increase for households over \$200,000 by a thin margin (34-33). The House passed the bill at approximately 9:00 p.m., concurring with the Senate amendment to the bill. The Governor has stated that he will veto the bill.

Dr. Melcher presented to the MN Association of School Business Officials last Friday. He stated that it was an unusual year, that in his 20 years he could not remember a time when the House or the Senate had not passed an Education bill by the end of the first week in May. His predictions are: Expect no increase in the general education formula for the next five years, Expect the payment shifts and the tax shifts to become law and to continue into the foreseeable future and possibly to increase.

#### Courier Online

Mr. Tom Larson reported that The Courier began in 1993. Current trends have led to posting the publication online. Alicia Loehli previewed the online Link to a PDF file that opened the publication. The publication can be saved to the desktop and a copy can be printed. Publications will be archived for a period of time.

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

The meeting was adjourned 10:15 at p.m.

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Joseph D. Haag, Clerk