

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Dialogue with School Board-6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
May 11, 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, Haag, Lipinski, Vogel and Superintendent Saxton. Absent: Director S. Grams.

Others present were Director of Business Services Mae Hawkins, Director of Human Services Jay Reker, Director of Special Services Jacque Stein, Student Representative Dylan Sowers, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, May 26, June 8, June 22, and July 13, 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.

Site Report - Oak Land Vocational Center

Director Steve Allen reported that the primary focus of the vocational center is alternative education and career and technical education. Mr. Allen will be retiring after this year. Steve Hammero provided information about the Bridge Street site and reported the numbers of students attending the four programs; Day School – Foundations, Peer Program, Structures, and Night School. One thing being tracked is the numbers of students that have left the program and gone to online schools. Eight had left however five have come back. Approximately 264 students have been served at the Bridge Street site this year. Wayne Harper serves at the Princeton site and coordinates the after school and summer programs. Mr. Harper stated this might be his last year with Oak Land. Targeted Services serviced approximately 250 students over this year and is for elementary and middle level students who need some assistance building basic skills. This summer there will be three programs Project Handshake – a transition program for 8th graders, Credit Makeup – at the high school for math and science, and Targeted Services at St. Francis Elementary. Mr. Anderson acknowledged Mr. Allen and Mr. Harper for their dedication to education over the years.

Consideration of Visitors

Community members Steve and Cindy Kane presented the School Board and District No. 15 a donation of three prints of St. Francis. The Kane's were the winning bidders of three historical scenes of St. Francis at the Foundation 15 Scholarship dinner. Mr. Saxton thanked the Kane's and suggested that the prints be rotated and on display throughout the school buildings over the next school year.

Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson 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. Grams.

A. THAT the minutes of April 27, 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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EMPLOYMENT:

CLASSIFIED

BACIAK, MADELINE, Special Education Teacher, SFE, BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 9.2.09.
PLANTE, ROBERT, Teacher, Long Term Substitute, SFMS, Substitute pay rate, SFMS, 8.0 hrs./day, 20.0 days , effective 5.7.09.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

NON-CLASSIFIED

LOFGREN, CURTIS, Custodian, Return from Medical LOA effective 4.27.09.
PEARSON, GILBERT, Custodian, Return from Medical LOA effective 5.4.09.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

CLASSIFIED

DOLS, PETER, Social Worker, Crossroads, Resignation effective 5.8.09.

NON-CLASSIFIED

BROOM, CHERYL, Educational Assistant, Crossroads, Retirement effective 6.05.09.
DALVE, JUDITH, Educational Assistant, SFHS, Retirement effective 6.05.09.
DAVIS, SANDY, Educational Assistant, EBCS, Retirement effective 6.05.09.

C. THAT the high School Security Contract be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the contract with Clouddancer Enterprises Inc. for exterior campus security services at St. Francis High School for the 2009-10 school year in an amount not to exceed \$29,133.00 be approved.

D. THAT the Healthy Start Agreement be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the Participation Agreement with Healthy Start for Funded Home Visiting Partners for the 2009-10 school year be approved.

E. THAT the North Suburban Summer Academy Joint Powers Agreement be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Joint Powers Agreement with thirteen other school districts to form the North Suburban Summer Academy be approved as presented.

F. THAT the Change in School Calendar 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 three days of senior exemption.

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)

\$4,946.46, PTO of EBCS Hike-A-Thon, to purchase building technology at EBCS

\$60.00, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign (Amy Keller/Rachel H. Muonio), to purchase supplies as needed at SFE

\$500.00, 21st Century Bank, scholarship to student that lives in south area of the District

\$1,255.80, St. Francis Choral Department, to pay Schmitt Music for classical guitars – Music Alive budget at SFMS

\$850.00, NHS, one @ \$500, and one @ \$350 2008-09 scholarships

\$3,000.00, Hoffman Enclosures, five \$600.00 student scholarships

\$3,164.44, SFYSA, to pay balance of coach's salaries

\$500.00, St. Francis Gymnastics Booster Club, for vault runway

\$3,761.08, Center Ice Club Girls' Hockey, ½ of jersey order 08-09, coaching services

\$500.00, Cedar Creek PTO, one scholarship

H. THAT the Inter Agency Agreement with Anoka Ramsey Community College be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the inter-agency agreement with Anoka Ramsey Community College be approved.

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

The student report was given by Dylan Sowers. The new boys' soccer coach is Josh Jones, a St. Francis graduate from 2000. Due to recent school fights, certain apparel is banned UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) and Tapout. Science testing is underway.

Superintendent Communication and Report

Mr. Saxton reported that a budget bill that was vetoed by the Governor continues to be discussed.

Mr. Saxton acknowledged the articles and layout of the front page of The Courier for April .

At the Principals' meeting tomorrow school start and stop times will be discussed.

Mr. Saxton will be setting a time to meet with School Board members to discuss a possible work session.

The Cedar Creek Site Constitution revision will come to the Board May 26.

Connie Tillman contacted Mr. Saxton to acknowledge the site and accommodations for the Business Expo.

The request is to move the date of the Expo back two weeks. Mr. Saxton will have Mr. Larson contact her.

Mr. Saxton initiated discussion regarding options for a possible operating levy referendum. Ms. Hawkins summarized the component of revenue that districts get called equity revenue. The charts presented were reviewed and showed how different levy amounts would affect the budget. The chart of state legislature shift scenarios shows the affect of cash flow borrowing. If the Board agrees that the District should attempt to save the equity revenue, then the District would go out for an operating levy. The Board agrees that an operating levy referendum be held in the fall. Discussion continued whether research be done to find out what the community is willing to support. Mr. Saxton will contact the research consultants to request proposed costs to complete a survey and present to the Board.

Mr. Saxton communicated that in addition to the educational opportunities available through Oak Land the District must look at every avenue in the educational community as options for high school students.

Two rumors that arose have been explained on the District website regarding 5th grade students and class size.

School Board Reports

Mr. Vogel recognized the Jazz Band and the concert performance. Guest speaker teacher Ted Gehring gave an excellent message at the National Honor Society induction ceremony.

Ms. Lipinski attended her first tennis match and acknowledged the fine tennis courts. She attended a softball game. Ms. Lipinski joined the third grade field trip earlier in the day. Teacher appreciation was this week and an ice cream social was held for them. On May 27, there is an ice cream social fund raiser at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Anderson attended and recognized the Jazz Band Concert. The Joint Standing Committee met. Work continues with staffing issues, and the process. It is exciting to see what people are doing in their profession to better themselves. The Interim Director position for Oak Land should be decided in the next two weeks. Work continues regarding budget issues within Oak Land.

Administrative Report

The Crossroads Awards night is May 14. The Scholarship Awards night will be held on May 20, at the Performing Arts Center.

New Business

Revised and New Policies

Ms. Kelly communicated that the first reading of the policies listed should be reviewed and questions referred to administration.

Revised School Board Policies – 309 – Religion, 313 – Graduation Requirements, and 319 Staff Development for Standards.

New School Board Policy 312 – Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Joseph D. Haag, Clerk