

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
November 23, 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, S. Grams, Haag, Vogel and Superintendent Saxton. Absent: Director Lipinski.

Others present were Director of Business Services Mae Hawkins, Director of Human Resources Jay Reker, Director of Special Services Jacquie Stein, Director of Community Services Tom Larson, and student representatives Dylan Sowers, Jakki Thompson, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, December 14, 2009, January 11, January 25, and February 8, 2010. 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.

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Haag. Mr. Vogel would like item E. considered separately.

A. THAT the minutes of November 9 be approved.

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:

NON-CLASSIFIED

BITTNER, JULIE, Educational Assistant, Title I, Non-Public, B21, 1.0 hr./day, 100.0 days effective 11.09.09.

BERVEN, GLORIA, Educational Assistant, Title I, Non-Public, B21, 1.0 hr./day, 100.0 days effective 11.09.09.

HALLFIELDER, JENNIFER, Educational Assistant, Kindergarten, SFE, Step 2, 2.5 hrs./day, 120.0 days effective 11.23.09.

KELLEY, KELLY, Educational Assistant Title I, , SFE, (From Layoff) B21, 2.5 hrs./day, 122.0 days effective 11.09.09.

MORWIECKI, MARILYN, Educational Assistant, Title I, Non-Public, B21, 1.0 hr./day, 100.0 days effective 11.09.09.

PELKEY, DEBORAH, Job Coach, T-15, B23/4, 6.0 hrs./day, 170.0 days effective 11.23.09

SYLVESTER, JAN, Educational Assistant, CCCS, (From Layoff) B21, 4.75 hrs./day, 170.0 days effective 11.23.09.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

HOLKER, DANIEL, Special Education Teacher, SFHS, Return from Family LOA effective 11.09.2009.

LOFGREN, KARA, Teacher, CCCS, Maternity LOA effective 3.19.09.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

NON-CLASSIFIED

BURNS, SARAH, Educational Assistant, Termination effective 11.09.09.

C. THAT Claims and Accounts be approved as presented.

D. THAT Investments be approved as presented.

F. THAT the Wrestling Extended Travel Trip be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School Wrestling program attend the Christmas Wrestling Tournament for an extended trip, December 18 – December 19, 2009 be approved as requested.

G. THAT 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)
\$100.00, Residential Mortgage Group, SFHS to be used at Principal's discretion
\$87.72, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, SFHS to be used at Principal's discretion
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\$500.00, Kohl's, to EBCS for purchase of building technology
\$3,690.00, CCCS PTO, to CCCS for Kindness Retreat – 4th Grade
\$175.00, Kenneth Michael Sailor, at the discretion of Early Childhood Programs

H. THAT the DECA Extended Travel Trip 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, December 4 – December 6, 2009 be approved as requested.

I. THAT the Sunbelt Staffing Contract be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the agreement with Sunbelt Staffing be approved as presented.

J. THAT the Anoka County Agreement is approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Joint Powers Agreement for mass clinic sites between Anoka County and ISD No. 15 be approved.

Motion carried.

E. THAT the Teachers Contract be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the terms and conditions of employment with the Teachers represented by Education Minnesota St. Francis be approved as presented for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson second by Ms. Grams. Mr. Vogel commented that the strikeover copy was hard to read, and wanted to review the percentage increase. Ms. Hawkins reporting costing is 2.2 % in year one and 1.4% in year two, and is a hard freeze in the salary schedule.

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Dylan Sowers and Jakki Thompson provided the student report. Students attended the Journalism convention in Washington DC with two students receiving awards. One Act auditions are starting. The Spring Musical is The Man Who Turned into a Stick. DECA Dodgeball was held last week breaking a record in funds raised which was given to Mike Maroney and family. The Art Show was held. Student council has proposed "staff of the month. Attendance was high for Madrigals and The Diary of Anne Frank. New rugs were added to the school to raise school spirit. A pilot group for video conferencing is being developed. Debate National qualifiers takes place December 10, and 11. Student Congress National qualifiers are December 11, and 12. Hannah Houle, Jenny Stierns, and Autumn Dupaul received honors in the Rural Debate League. The Fall Band concert is this evening. HOSA competition is January 7. November 20 Student Council sponsored Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Winter activities have begun.

Superintendent Communication and Report

Mr. Saxton attended Q Comp meeting and reaffirmed the positive things that are happening in the St. Francis program.

Mr. Saxton attended Teacher observations at CCCS and SFMS.

Met with the Principals last week and discussed interfacing technology.

Commission for Excellence reviewed goals. Ms. Kowitz will send the School Board a rough draft of what took place at the Leadership Conference.

At the SEE meeting legislature was discussed, with Representative Emmer presenting.

Attended a technology meeting in St. Cloud. One educational tool is ITouch which can be used in classrooms.

MSBA Conference is January 14, 15.

Attended the ACT meeting and the decision was made to delay the adoption on Science curriculum to March.

A plaque and support of National Guard and Reserves was presented to Chair Kelly.

Dialogue Session

Mr. Anderson reported that one parent expressed concern regarding the excused absence policy at the high school. Mr. Anderson requested that Mr. Saxton meet with Principal Neubauer regarding this.

School Board Reports

Mr. Haag attended the Madrigal Dinner. Office Professional negotiations are continuing. Mock interviews will be at the high school.

Ms. Grams acknowledged teachers in ratifying their contract. She acknowledged Mr. Anderson, Ms. Van Denburgh, Mr. Grams, and all voters in the District.

Mr. Vogel reported that Transportation negotiations continues. Participated in FPAC, and Commission for Excellence meetings. Received a call from a citizen and followed up with questions to Mr. Larson on the land purchase. Mr. Vogel acknowledged the new website.

Mr. Grams participated on FPAC and Commission for Excellence. Mr. Grams worked at the Mark Shultz benefit and expressed the great support from this community. He acknowledged those helping Alex Baluff and family.

Mr. Anderson participated with FPAC. Assisted one evening at Madrigals. He participated in the ACT meeting. At Oak Land Board meeting the audit was reviewed, and a work session will be held December 16. Mr. Anderson acknowledged the teachers for ratifying their contract.

Ms. Kelly attended Oak Land Board meeting. Attended SEE and Representative Emmer presented. Two attorneys that represent school districts also were in attendance. Attended the MSBA Delegate Assembly. The majority of the resolutions are regarding school finance. Resolutions that pass will be used in the next legislative session.

Administrative Report

None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Joseph D. Haag, Clerk