

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
November 8, 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, student representatives Alex Everhart and Cameron Ferguson, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, November 22, December 13, January 10, and January 24. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Site Report – Lifelong Learning Center

Program Supervisors Nancy Wallace and Tim Finn presented the site report for Lifelong Learning Center programs. Information was provided on the current status of programs and focused mainly on the component of one program. Total enrollment in Preschool Place 15 (PP15) is 297 students, with 78 students receiving special education services. There are 55 families that participate in some level of reduced rate tuition. There are three components; early identification, individualized approach, and technology that focus on programming of services for children from birth to age 3. The components consist of collaboration with families. There are weekly center-based child care classes, with parent/child interaction, parent education, and child education provided through Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), and Stepping Stones - PP 15.

Consideration of Visitors

Substitute teacher and community member Mike Starr addressed the School Board regarding use of technology by web design teacher Mr. Schmidt. He acknowledged Mr. Schmidt for the design and time involved in preparation of lessons for the students during his absence.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Grams.

A. THAT the minutes of October 25 be approved as presented.

B. THAT 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, CHRISTINE, Indian Ed. Tutor, District Wide, Stipend, effective 11.1.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

KOLODZIENSKI, DOUGLAS, Custodian, Sandhill, Step 3, 4.0 hrs./day, 261.0 days effective 11.8.10.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

MARTIN, LORRAINE, Teacher, LLC, Family LOA effective 11.12.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

DUNLAP, MARY LOU, Educational Assistant, CCCS, Family Medical LOA effective 11.3.10.
JOHNSON, TERESE, Educational Assistant, SFHS, Medical LOA effective 9.30.10.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

NON-CLASSIFIED

NELSON, DWIGHT, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation effective 11.2.10.
PRATER, LEANNE, Preschool Teacher, LLC, Resignation effective 12.16.10.
TAYLOR, KELLY, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation effective 11.1.10.

C. THAT the Disbursements be approved as presented.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that these disbursements as presented, excluding net payroll and payroll liabilities for federal and state taxes, VEBA and retirement payments, be allowed and charged to funds as follows:		
Fund No.	Description	Amount
01	General	\$ 351,692.69
02	Food Service	\$ 33,717.39
04	Community Services	\$ 15,152.63
06	Construction	
07	Debt Redemption	
09	Trust and Agency	\$ 220.00
47	OPEB Debt Service	
TOTAL DISTRICT		\$ 400,782.71

The amounts above include checks processed between 10/26/10 to 11/05/10 and all accounts payable items processed between 10/26/10 and 11/05/10.

D. 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):

- \$20.16, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to SFHS at principal's discretion
- \$900.00, FOX 9 – Top Teacher Award Program, to SFHS at principal's discretion
- \$72.80, Wells Fargo Bank/Jesse Lee Kohler, to EBCS at principal's discretion

- \$182.00, Kenneth Michael Sailor, at the discretion of Early Childhood
 \$1,352.00, St. Francis Gymnastics Booster Club, .5 assistant gymnastics coach, Tara Wright according to the schedule C salary scale
 \$1,500.00, St. Francis Gymnastics Booster Club, supplement the remaining contracted service agreement with the assistant gymnastics coach, Mike Lefever
 \$6,530.63, Saints for Soccer Booster Club, \$3,032.00 for Charles Dustman, and \$3,498.63 for Karl Heinz Woerle
 \$5,079.30, Blue Line Club, salary of Asst. coach for boys hockey
 \$21.84, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to CCCS for general supplies
 \$600.00, St. Francis Booster Club (speech, student congress debate) for van to Kansas City, MO
 \$31.20, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to CCCS for general supplies
- E. THAT the Extended Travel – 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, November 14 – 15, 2010 be approved as requested.

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Alex Everhart and Cameron Ferguson provided the student report. Madrigals are being held. Members of Student Congress participated in a meet at the State Capitol. Senior Adam Zutz won the cross country state title in the 5K. Journalism students will attend the National Conference. The art show is November 15. *The Crier* publication was distributed.

Superintendent Communication and Report

Mr. Saxton reported:

- Mr. Saxton and Mr. Larson met with Mr. Hylan to continue working with the city of St. Francis, regarding a stop light on Hwy. 47.
- Attended East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative (ECMECC) meeting in Milaca.
- Met with Oak Land Director regarding Academic Stretch.
- The schools remain focused on the Adequate Yearly Progress plan.
- Reviewed details of procedures taken during the power outage at Cedar Creek Community School.
- Kindergarten stretch is in the planning stages.
- Teachers Diane Krocak-Peterson, St. Francis Elementary, and Lydia Scheiber, St. Francis High School, are recognized as nominees for the TIES Exceptional Teacher Award. Teacher Stacey Nelson used Skype to contact former St. Francis student Carissa Trandem, a premed student at the University of Minnesota, who spoke to students about the medical field.
- There is a TIME magazine article regarding the locker advertising.
- Request – Board members should submit phone number to Ms. Kowitz for SchoolReach.
- The Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) meeting will be November 12.
- Election – There could be interesting movements during the recount of votes for Governor.

Dialogue Session

No one attended.

School Board Reports

Mr. Anderson attended the Oak Land Board meeting welcomed Kathleen Kraft from Princeton. He attended the Educational Cooperative Services Unit meeting.

Ms. Van Denburgh attended ECFE committee meeting. Received a couple of comments about missing letters on the middle school. Received concern in the atmosphere regarding the Native American community. Mr. Saxton met with Mr. Sargent. Ms. Van Denburgh encourages the Financial Planning Action Committee (FPAC) to consider some funding for diversity training. Attended Insurance Committee meeting. Inquired if there is any information on insurance payout regarding what the District pays regarding the theft case. Mr. Wirz reported that the replacement letters were received and will be installed. Ms. Kelly

invited Ms. Van Denburgh to attend the diversity meetings. Mr. Saxton reported that documentation on insurance loss will be collected. Questioned why there was a delay in changing the signature of the treasurer to the signature stamp. Ms. Hawkins reported that officers of the School Board were informed previously of the oversight.

Mr. Haag attended the Cedar Creek Community School Site Management Council meeting.

Ms. Grams has received positive comments on the locker advertising.

Mr. Vogel requested that on a future agenda the federal stimulus funds be discussed. He requested that the School Board discuss election cycles in regards to the District elections being held concurrent with the National election schedule.

Ms. Kelly attended the Oak Land meeting. Will attend the SEE meeting and review the legislative platform. Attended the Diversity Outreach Team (DOT) meeting. DOT will be holding a clothing drive December 7. *Black and White* is working with students. DOT is always looking at ways to incorporate elementary students; and is promoting a new student group.

Administrative Report

October 1 Enrollment

Ms. Hawkins reviewed the October 1 count. The District will be at 6.81pupil units less than what was projected. The 2009-10 analysis, 2010-11 analysis, and budget planning numbers by school vs. October 1 actuals were summarized. The graph shows the accumulating affect of declining enrollment.

New Business

Revised School Board Policy107- School Board Meeting Minutes

Discussion included comments regarding the Minnesota statutes referenced, and the submission of unapproved, draft copy minutes sent to the legal newspaper. Ms. Kelly will review questions with the Minnesota School Boards Association and report back.

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Joseph D. Haag, Clerk