

SCHOOL BOARD  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15  
St. Francis, Minnesota  
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
November 9, 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 Resources Jay Reker, Director of Special Services Jacque Stein, Director of Community Services Tom Larson, and student representatives Alex Everhart, Jakki Thompson, and community members.

**Board Calendar Dates:** Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, November 23, December 14, 2009, January 11, and January 25, 2010. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

**St. Francis Elementary (SFE) Site Report** – Principal Kohnen reported the educational activities offered to students with the use of the SMART Board. The Q comp goal this year is to work with vocabulary and comprehension weaving progressive math. Ms. Kohnen reported the scores of SFE students as compared to state scores. Diane Peterson and Stephanie Schollman demonstrated some of the uses of the SMART Board. Teachers and students interactively teach and learn. Ms. Haefs, Mr. Kruger, and students described the Coins for Comrades activity held last spring. The Coin and Beanie Baby drive was a success with almost \$3000 raised, and 700 Beanie Babies.

**Consideration of Visitors**

None

**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 Ms. Lipinski. Mr. Vogel would like item D. considered separately.

A. THAT the minutes of October 26 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

**BUTCHER, ALLEN**, Bus Driver, Transportation, B, 6.0/hrs./day, 137.0 days effective 10.28.09.

**RILEY, KATHLEEN**, Educational Assistant, EBCS, B22, 3.25 hrs./day, 147.0 days effective 10.26.09.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE:**

CLASSIFIED

**BAKER, BECKI**, Speech Clinician, ECSE, Maternity LOA effective 12.02.09.

**OGREN, KELLY**, Teacher, CCCS, Maternity LOA effective 4.12.09.

NON-CLASSIFIED

**MARKS, LISA**, Educational Assistant, SFE, General Unpaid LOA effective 11.3.09.

- C. THAT the Custodians, Maintenance and Laundry Workers 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 Service Employees International Union Local 284 be approved as presented for the 2009-2010 and the 2010-2011 school years.
- E. THAT the SFHS Vocal Music Out of State Travel be approved as presented.  
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School Vocal Music proposal for an out-of-state trip to Decorah, Iowa January 10 – January 12, 2010 be approved as requested.
- F. THAT the Designation Fund Balance Resolution be approved as presented.  
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Designation of the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance for Subsequent Year Budget be set at the amount of \$653,791 for the school year ending June 30, 2009.
- G. THAT the Gymnastics Galaxy Rental Agreement be approved as presented.  
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the rental agreement with Gymnastics Galaxy for rental of gymnastics facility for the 2009-10 St. Francis High School Gymnastics season be approved at the rate of \$5,372.50 per season.
- H. THAT the City of East Bethel Ice Arena Contract be approved as presented.  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the lease agreements with the City of East Bethel for a total of 237 hours of ice time for the 2009-10 school year be approved as presented.
- I. 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)  
\$175.00, Wells Fargo Foundation Matching Program, at the discretion of Early Childhood Programs  
\$150.00, Kenneth Michael Sailor (Wells Fargo Community Support) at the discretion of Early Childhood Programs  
\$57.00, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to CCCS for general supplies  
\$60.00/ \$30 each, Amy Keller and Rachel Muonio, to SFE to be used as needed  
\$350.00, Wells Fargo Community Support, to SFE to be used as needed  
\$400.00 (in kind for various prizes), Cindy Trevis, to SFE for Accelerated Reader prizes  
\$525.43, SFE APT, to SFE for replacement of playground equipment that was vandalized  
\$145.00, SFE APT, to SFE for CD's and cases for 5<sup>th</sup> grade for a music and technology collaboration to make CD portfolios  
\$208.74, SFE APT, to SFE to pay Alice Ballance for Family Reading and Math Night  
\$164.21, SFE APT, to SFE for office supplies for APT – paper and bulletin board  
\$80.00, St. Francis Volleyball Booster Club, the difference for coach bus for section volleyball match in Duluth  
\$7,001.73, St. Francis Fast Pitch Boosters Club, payment for softball coaches salaries

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Grams second by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Vogel wanted to recognize the Classified Program Supervisors for taking zero increase in their contract.

- D. THAT the Classified Program Supervisors 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 Classified Program Supervisors be approved as presented for the 2009-2011 school years.

Motion carried.

## **Reports**

### *Student Report*

Alex Everhart and Jakki Thompson provided the student report. Madrigal performances are taking place. The Wind Ensemble is attending a festival at Irondale. Fall sports are over. The DECA dodge ball funds raised will be dedicated to Mike Maroney. Mix IT Up Day is November 10. Three students, Nathan Lipinski, Jakki Thompson, and Zach Eich received state office positions on HOSA. There are many donations opportunities for Alex Baluff. Bus driver appreciation day November 20. The fall production The Diary of Anne Frank was a huge success. Adam Zutz and Kayla Jonson qualified for the State Cross Country meet. The Art Show is November 17. Student Council attended EMASC. Choir student attended ACDA.

### *Superintendent Communication and Report*

Mr. Saxton has participated in evaluation observations and reported that all buildings are very active.

Attended the Math LAC meeting at SFMS.

Attended the Black and White Production, good turnout.

Met with Principals of St. Francis High School, St. Francis Middle School and Crossroads to discuss issues with Police Chief Harapat.

Met with Ms. Scardigli and Ms. Kohnen to discuss data as it relates to student achievement.

A copy of the parent survey from the middle school was distributed.

Met with Mr. Hahn and Ms. Kelly at CCCS regarding SMART goals.

Mr. Saxton has received Post Election emails, and suggestions for the future.

The District will continue to move forward with technology and the idea of being online in 09.

Senator Olseen sent a congratulatory email on the passing of the referendum.

Would like at a future time to discuss what went well and what can be done better. The research study done turned out to be accurate.

### *Dialogue Session*

No one attended.

### *School Board Reports*

Mr. Anderson thanked the voters of the District large voter turnout. Thanked staff for all the assistance. He acknowledged the Classified Program Supervisors for agreeing to a hard freeze in the contract. Teacher negotiations continues to make progress. Insurance met and the District will be going out for bid.

Ms. Lipinski thanked voters. She attended the play The Diary of Anne Frank, and acknowledged the production. Congratulations to HOSA students. Congratulations to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Grams, and Ms. Van Denburgh elected to School Board. Negotiations with Nutrition Services continues.

Mr. Grams thanked all the voters. He also congratulated Mr. Anderson and Ms. Van Denburgh. Attended the DOT Black and White production, very positive and powerful. Thanked the custodians and administration for contract approval, and support of the custodians for their support in the vote. November 14, is the benefit for Mark Shultz.

Mr. Vogel reported that transportation negotiations continue. Attended the Black and White and appreciated that it the educational message.

Mr. Haag thanked the voters and congratulated Mr. Anderson, Mr. Grams, and Ms. Van Denburgh.

Negotiations have begun with Office Professionals. Attended the SMC at Cedar Creek. Requested Mr. Saxton provide a future report on the Spanish class.

Ms. Kelly reported that the Black and White production was educational and humorous. She thanked Mr. Neubauer and the Diversity Outreach Team. Thanks to the citizens for voting and for investing in education. Congratulations to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Grams, and Ms. Van Denburgh. At the SEE Executive Board meeting the budget was reviewed and discussion took place regarding ways to recruit other school districts. Ms. Kelly acknowledged the support generated for Alex Baluff and family.

### *Administrative Report*

#### *Preliminary 2008-09 Financial Information*

Ms. Hawkins reviewed the 2009-10 District Revenues and Expenditures Budget and reported it will be published in the Anoka Union.

Mr. Larson acknowledged the Courier Staff for time and efforts of work on the levy. He also thanked Tim Mclean, Linda Skogquist for their time and money, and the Parent committee for levy support.

Other Matters

*Resolution Canvassing Returns of Special Election*

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this district held on November 3, 2009 was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 6,693 voters of the district voted at said election on the question of An Increase in General Education Revenue by \$ 290.00 per Pupil Unit, of which 3,561 voted in favor, 3,121 voted against the same, and there were 11 completely blank or defective ballots relating to this question.
3. Said proposition, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have passed.
- \* 4. The school district clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this district held on November 3, 2009 was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 6,693 voters of the district voted at said election on the question of An Increase in General Education Revenue by \$75.00 per Pupil Unit, of which 3,378 voted in favor, 3,279 voted against the same, and there were 36 completely blank or defective ballots relating to this question.
3. Said proposition, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have passed.
- \* 4. The school district clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

\* NOTE: The results of referendum levy elections must also be reported to the Commissioner of the Department of Education not more than 15 days after the results of the election have been certified by the school board. The results of bond elections must also be reported to the Commissioner.

Motion carried.

*Resolution Canvassing Returns of General Election*

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 3, 2009 was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 6,693 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three school board members for four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

David Anderson	2,708
Harry Grams	2,393
Marsha Van Denburgh	2,233
Juanita J. Reed-Boniface	1,985

Todd Gardner	1,799
William Gardner	1,424
Albert L. Viall, Sr.	1,096

3. Candidate David Anderson, Candidate Harry Grams, and Candidate Marsha Van Denburgh, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2010.

4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

Motion carried.

*Certificates of Election*

Motion was made by Mr. Haag and second by Mr. Anderson.

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for School Board members held on November 3, 2009.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 to the following candidates:

- a. David Anderson
- b. Harry Grams
- c. Marsha Van Denburgh

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

2. The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.

3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the School Board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.

4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Joseph D. Haag, Clerk