

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
October 12, 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, Lipinski, 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, student representative Jakki Thompson, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, October 26, November 9, November 23, and December 14, 2009. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Site Report – St. Francis Middle School

Principal Dale Johnson, and Assistant Principals Bobbi Hume and Patrick Hoth provided the site report. The presentation included what's new including programming, staffing, building, technology, assessments, and interventions. Test results showed a decline in math scores in MCAII however scores increased in the MTell test results. 2009-10 goals were reviewed. The Intervention Pyramid, general classroom interventions, PIES "Partners in Educational Success", Targeted Services, TAIP and Title were summarized. Surveys sent to parents are being done to determine the best way to communicate and are being tabulated. Red Folders are printed grade reports that go home once a month. School View is online. Other things in the school: peer helpers/peer tutors, Core/teacher websites, Climb Theater, youth-teaching youth, partnership with YMCA, food drive, community celebration/breast cancer fundraiser, and We Connect/Open Minds Diversity Club. The survey results will be communicated to the Board when completed.

Consideration of Visitors

Eetu Happonen, foreign exchange student addressed the Board regarding graduating with a diploma versus a certificate of completion and a request that the Board review his concerns. A letter from counselor Jill Salo was given to Ms. Kelly. Ms. Kelly requested that Mr. Saxton meet with Eetu, the host family, Mr. Neubauer and report back.

Ms. Ness would like to know who the responsibility authority is due to Mr. Reker's retirement.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Grams and seconded by Mr. Anderson.
Mr. Vogel would like items B, C, and G considered separately.

A. THAT the minutes of September 28 be approved.

D. THAT the Anoka County Agreement be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the subcontract agreement for the Statewide Health Improvement Program between Anoka County and ISD No. 15 be approved.

E. THAT the Out of State Travel – Casa Xelaju be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Casa Xelaju proposal for an out-of-state trip to Guatemala from June 13 – July 4, 2010 be approved as requested.

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)

\$814.44, St. Francis High School Yearbook, reimbursement for cost of mailing

\$81.95, SFHS Strength & Conditioning Student Activity, to purchase a 36 x 60 custom decal for the weight room

\$2,745.00 (in kind), Kurt Brenny, tag board for use in instruction District-wide

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\$825.71, Target, to SFMS for purchase of school supplies at principal's discretion

\$2,489.43, Target Take Charge of Education, to SFHS to be used at principal's discretion

\$399.00 (in kind), Jenelle Nelson, to EBCS for instruction

\$500.00, Kohls, to EBCS for technology

H. THAT the Grant Application for MSHSL Foundation be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the application for a grant for the MSHSL Foundation related to the Grant for Student Participation for ISD No. 15 be approved.

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Haag and second by Mr. Grams. Mr. Vogel requested information regarding the status of Mr. Reker's position. Mr. Saxton explained the agreement with Mr. Reker's and the abbreviated contract. Mr. Vogel requested a copy of the contract for review.

B. BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the

Personnel actions as listed below be approved:

EMPLOYMENT:

CLASSIFIED

HELGESON, JENNIFER, Substitute Teacher, SFHS, Step 1, 8.0 hrs./day, 39.0 days, effective 10.20.09.

REKER, JAY, Director of Human Resources, CSC , Step 6, 8.0 hrs./day, 97.5 days effective 10.05.09.

NON-CLASSIFIED

CARTER, JERRY, Bus Driver, Transportation, B, 6. hrs./day, 151.0 days effective 10.6.09/

GUSE, ELISA, Educational Assistant, SFMS, B22, 3.0 hrs./day, 158.0 days effective 9.28.09.

HANDZEL, LYNN, Educational Assistant, SFMS, B22, 3.0 hrs./day, 156.0 days effective 9.30.09.

HILLESHEIM, TERI, Helper/Server, SFHS, Step 6, 2.25 hrs./day, 171.0 days effective 10.28.09.

PEARSON, MARGARET, Educational Assistant, EBCS, B21, 5.5 hrs./day, 151.0 days effective 10.5.09.

WALLIN, DANA, Educational Assistant, SFHS, B22, 7.0 hrs./day, 150.0 days effective 10.6.09.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

HEDBERG, KRISTINE, Teacher, SFMS, Maternity LOA effective 1.30.2010.

NON-CLASSIFIED

OLSON-PATCHEN, KELLY, Medical LOA effective 9.18.09.

REETZ, FRED, Bus Driver, Medical LOA effective 9.21.09.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

CLASSIFIED

SCHNEIDER, RUTH, Teacher, EBCS, Correction from 9.14.09 minutes - Retirement effective 11.15.09 instead of 10.30.09.

SHERGA, COURTNEY, Educational Assistant, All, Resignation effective 9.29.09.

STRAWSER, RACHEL, Educational Assistant, All, Resignation effective 10.05.09.

NON-CLASSIFIED

HILLESHEIM, TERI, Educational Assistant, T-15, Resignation effective 10.23.09.

KENT, DAVID, Bus Driver Resignation effective 10.09.09.

NUNNELLE, LIBBY, Bus Driver Resignation effective 10.16.09.

Motion carried.

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

C. THAT the Superintendent's Contract be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the District enter into a Superintendent Contract with Edward C. Saxton for the purpose of establishing the terms of continued employment as Superintendent of Schools for three years commencing of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

Mr. Vogel requested why a three year contract? Ms. Kelly reported that three years is what the Board has done in previous years and also the maximum. Mr. Vogel appreciates that Mr. Saxton agreed to no increase in salary or benefits.

Motion carried.

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

G. THAT the Principals' Association Contract be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 15 that the terms and conditions with the Principals' Association be approved as presented for the 2009-2011 school years.

Mr. Vogel appreciates the clarity of the strikeover method. He requested that the cell phone usage be explained. Mr. Vogel noted errors in the contract and commented that he thinks the cell phone stipend is high.

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Jakki Thompson provided the student report. The PA system still does not work. There are approximately 12 German exchange students at the high school. Ni Wei is the Chinese exchange teacher and teaches district wide. MCA first round of retakes is in November. There was a class meeting about streaking. St. Louis Park acknowledged the St. Francis students for good behavior at the away game. Black and White Productions performance is on October 29, hosted by Diversity Outreach Team. Cross Country runner Adam Zutz is ranked in state. A debate tournament was held.

Superintendent Communication and Report

Mr. Saxton reported that positive comments are heard from around the state with the Spanish class initiative and Chinese instruction being done in this District.

Mr. Saxton went to EBCS and the LLC to talk about the levy. There will be a concerted effort to make sure that community knows that Question 1 must pass for Question 2 to come into play.

Met with Educational Cabinet, things are progressing well, K3 initiative is on track.

Technology pilot group met and reviewed current and new avenues in technology.

Mr. Saxton observed the Spanish class at East Bethel Community School and how students interface with the lesson.

Chinese Teacher Ni Wei is in our District and scheduled to visit all school sites. This is through ECMECC and a unique learning experience for students.

SEE will hold a regional meeting.

Dialogue Session

No one attended.

School Board Reports

Mr. Anderson attended the Insurance Committee meeting, dental and health benefits were reviewed. The District will go out for bid for health benefits for next year. The Hall of Fame committee held a wrap up

meeting. Middle School SMC meeting minutes were sent to the Board. Attended conference night with levy information available. He acknowledged Principals for work in negotiations. Met with Joint Standing committee earlier this evening.

Ms. Lipinski reported the Nutrition Services began negotiations. She attended the football game. Soccer games are continuing and the choir concert this evening. Teachers are getting information out about the levy.

Mr. Grams reported that mechanics negotiations continues. End of this month the website will be rolled out. He acknowledged Ms. Illies for her work while in the District. He visited the benefit garage sale for Mark Shultz and thanked those that hosted the sale. He reported on the Joint Standing Committee.

Mr. Vogel meets in negotiations with Transportation October 13.

Ms. Grams acknowledged the Principals in negotiating their contract. She also reported the importance in communicating that question 1 must pass for question 2 to be in play.

Mr. Haag attended the SMC meeting at Cedar Creek and during the meeting heard the voices from the Spanish class.

Ms. Kelly will meet with SEE next week in developing the legislative platform. She acknowledged Board members and the importance in staying involved with school sites.

Mr. Anderson acknowledged Mr. Saxton for agreement in his contract, and Directors for their continued efforts in the District.

Administrative Report

October 1 Count

Ms. Hawkins recapped the average daily membership numbers. Elementary showed a drop in 2008-09. The 2009-10 actual student count, overall from budget to actual is 80 students. Budgeted enrollment is historically less than actual enrollment. The graph is a historical October 1 count of enrollment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Joseph D. Haag, Clerk