

SCHOOL BOARD  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15  
St. Francis, Minnesota  
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
October 26, 2009

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Kelly at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Directors: Anderson, S. Grams, Haag, Lipinski, Vogel and Superintendent Saxton. Absent: Director H. Grams.

Others present were Director of Business Services Mae Hawkins, Director of Human Resources Jay Reker, student representative Jakki Thompson, and community members.

**Board Calendar Dates:** Regular Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, November 9, November 23, December 14, 2009, and January 11, 2010. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

**Legislative Report** – Senator Olseen presented the Legislative Manual 2009-10 to Chair Kelly and Superintendent Saxton. The Senator provided his perspective of what transpired in the legislative session. There was an anticipated shortfall in the budget of \$6.4 billion. Governor Pawlenty used unallotment to shift 2.7 billion. There are no tools to bail out the state, which could lead to more serious cuts next session. Ms. Kelly inquired about PS Minnesota. Mr. Vogel inquired if other ideas discussed rather than paying back the education shift. The best method to communicate with the Senator is via email.

**Consideration of Visitors**

Science teacher at St. Francis Middle School Joe Fredrickson presented a DVD of activities and social skill development at the middle school. Three core groups participated in metric month. On October 9, a bench was dedicated in memory of former teacher Neil Stoeckel.

**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. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Haag. Mr. Vogel would like item E. considered separately.

A. THAT the minutes of October 12 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

**BETHKE, DARVIN**, Bus Driver, Transportation, Step B, 6.0 hrs./day, 139.0 days effective 10.26.09.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE:**

CLASSIFIED

**HOLSTRUM, AMANDA**, Teacher, SFMS, Return from Maternity LOA effective 10.5.09.

**ILLIES, JODY**, Electronic Media Manager, Maternity LOA effective 11.09.09.

**JOHNSON, RICHARD**, Maintenance, Medical LOA effective 10.20.09.

**SCHIBONSKI, MELISSA**, Teacher, Pre-school, Return from Maternity LOA effective 10.12.09.

**RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:**

NON-CLASSIFIED

**BUTLER, JEANNINE**, Nutrition Manager, CCCS, Retirement effective 1/1/2010.  
**DOWD-SIVIGNY, MICHELLE**, Educational Assistant, CSVC, Layoff effective 11.9.09.  
**ILLIES, JODY**, Electronic Media Manager, Resignation effective 12.17.09.  
**LARSON, CATHERINE**, Educational Assistant, CSVC, Layoff effective 11.9.09.  
**OBERG, JENNIFER**, Office Professional, Transportation, Resignation effective 11.16.09.

C. THAT Claims and Accounts be approved as presented.

D. THAT Investments be approved as presented.

F. THAT the Mechanics' 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 Mechanics/Hostlers represented by IUOE Local #49 be approved as presented for the 2009-2011 school years.

G. THAT the Extended Trip – SFHS Softball be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the extended trip proposal for the High School Softball team to Mankato, MN April 23 - April 24, 2010 be approved as requested.

F. THAT the Energy Management Services Agreement be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that Energy Management Services Agreement with U.S. Energy in which U. S. Energy agrees to work with the district on the procurement, logistics, negotiations, and cost and usage analysis as it relates to natural gas at qualifying district buildings be approved.

Motion carried.

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

E. THAT the Directors' 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 Directors' Association be approved as presented for the 2009-2011 school year.

Mr. Vogel noted errors that needed correcting in the contract, the year 2008 to 2009, and article 7 changed from year to years.

Motion carried.

## **Reports**

### *Student Report*

Jakki Thompson provided the student report. Math remediation is progressing well. MCA retakes for math and reading will be in November. The bell and PA system are now working. There are new curb stops in south parking lot. The Black and White dance replaced the Sadie Hawkins dance with higher than anticipated attendance. Running the marquee with solar power is being reviewed. Black and White program is on October 29. Communications with Oak Land has improved. Penny Wars and Trick or Treat for UNICEF is taking place at elementary sites. Student Council will attend the EMASC learning experience in Big Lake. The Wind Ensemble is holding a free concert this evening. The high school choir will compete in a mixed choir event. Fall sports are winding down. Madrigal Dinner rehearsals have begun. The Diary of Anne Frank is the fall production.

### *Superintendent Communication and Report*

Mr. Saxton introduced Principal Ms. Scardigli and visiting Chinese teacher Ms. Ni Wei. Ms. Wei has participated in classes at all school sites. She is scheduled to return to the District in December and January. Professional Development – Mr. Saxton attended a class at the high school via his computer, SKYPE.

DLT met regarding final plans for the levy, and H1N1.

Levy Meetings were held. The slide presentation was sent to staff via Uall email. Meet the Candidates was held October 21.

Mr. Saxton met with Principals to review technology updates, and coordination of Targeted Services. Classroom observations are scheduled this week.

There is a meeting with Oak Land and participating Superintendents October 27.  
FPAC will meet November 12.  
Mr. Saxton will attend the Celebration of School Nurses on November 6.

*Dialogue Session*

No one attended.

*School Board Reports*

Mr. Haag attended Meet the Candidates and the EBCS Community Form. Anoka County is kicking off a program dealing with coaching boys to be men. This will be initiated at youth group activities. The City Council is having meetings taped soon through Webcast 50.

Ms. Grams reported that teacher negotiations are progressing well.

Mr. Vogel reported that negotiations with Transportation are progressing. He inquired about the foreign exchange student that addressed the Board on October 12. Mr. Neubauer met with the student today.

Ms. Lipinski reported that Nutrition Services negotiations began. Black and White dance was well attended.

SFE Annual Halloween parade is Friday. Mark Johnson is State High School Coach of the Year in Soccer.

Mr. Anderson attended ECSU meeting and John Hoffman was welcomed as the new Executive Director.

The annual audit report was also presented. He participated in Meet the Candidates forum. Mr. Anderson

acknowledged the Directors in settling of their contract. Teacher negotiations are proceeding nicely.

Ms. Kelly attended Oak Land and acknowledged Ms. Fuller for improved communications between the stakeholders. Ms. Kelly expressed appreciation to the Directors and the negotiation process. Teacher negotiations are going well.

Mr. Saxton reported that a legal seminar is November 13. Any Board members that would like to attend can contact Ms. Kowitz before November 6.

*Administrative Report*

*Health Services Update*

Ms. Levine provided an update on the influenza like illness, ILI. State reports of those admitted, 15 % that have been admitted are in ICU. In October 230 schools in the state have reported outbreaks. District 15 has four school sites that have reported ILI. ILI looks at temperatures. There are definitions of confirmed, probable and suspect cases. Statistics for the four schools, as of October 20, were summarized. The Health office continues to send updates on ways of prevention. Reports are sent to the Department of Health. Letters have been sent to parents. The absent line message has been changed. Information is on the web page.

Ms. Lipinski brought up attendance and recognition. Mr. Vogel said the high school suspended the practice at this time. MN Department of Health has requested that schools suspend the practice.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Joseph D. Haag, Clerk