

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
Dialogue Session - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
September 27, 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 Jacquie Stein, and 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, October 11, October 25, November 8, and November 22. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Tidbytes of Technology

Mr. Becker, Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator, presented information regarding fifth grade math and interactive activities available as support to the textbook on companion websites. The student can be at home and access the textbook online. Teachers use these support lessons to help students achieve at a higher level. It is important to get new technology tools into the hands of students and parents.

Consideration of Visitors

Community member Gardner addressed the School Board regarding a response to his questions by referencing the draft of the minutes for September 13, and Mr. Haag's article in the Anoka Union. Student Zachary Knudson, co-editor of *The Crier*, reported that there will be a redesign of the publication in this 75th year. He acknowledged the School Board and Administration in appreciation for the program and is honored to serve as a representative at the National Convention for student journalists.

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. Grams and seconded by Mr. Vogel.
Ms. Van Denburgh requested item C be considered separately.

- A. THAT the minutes of September 13 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

BEELER, REIS, Special Education Teacher, SFE, Temporary, BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 37.0 days effective 9.21.10.
DALTON, TAMMY, Academic Stretch, SFMS, MA, 1.5 hrs./day, 36.0 days effective 9.20.10.
CALVERT, KATIE, Academic Stretch, SFMS, BA, 1.5 hrs./day, 36.0 days effective 9.20.10.
ELLISON, GLEE, Academic Stretch, EBCS, BA, 1.25 hrs./day, 122.0 days effective 9.20.10.
HEHIR, NICOLE, Academic Stretch, EBCS, BA, 1.25 hrs./day, 122.0 days effective 9.20.10.
JOHNSON, AMY E, Academic Stretch, EBCS, BA, 1.25 hrs./day, 122.0 days effective 9.20.10.
NORDIN, DAWN, Academic Stretch, SFMS, MA, 1.5 hrs./day, 36.0 days effective 9.20.10.
PETERSON, PATRICIA, Language Arts Teacher, SFMS, BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 9.8.10.
ROBINETTE, JOE, Academic Stretch, SFMS, MA, 1.5 hrs./day, 36.0 days effective 9.20.10.

SARGENT, CARLINE, Academic Stretch, SFMS, MA, 1.5 hrs./day, 36.0 days effective 9.20.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

PHILLIPS, CATHERINE, Helper Server Monitor, SFMS, All, 2.25 hrs./day, 173.0 days effective 9.20.10.

LANG, PAULETTE, Temporary Helper Server, SFHS, A11, 2.25 hrs./day, 172.0 days effective 10.5.10.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

NON-CLASSIFIED

HOHN, SHARON, Educational Assistant, CSVC, Medical LOA effective 10.1.10

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

CLASSIFIED

CONRAD, LARA, Long Term Substitute, SFHS, Resignation effective 8.2.10.

NON-CLASSIFIED

HOGENDORF, MEGAN, Assistant Gymnastics Coach, SFHS Termination effective 2.20.10.

SHARPE, KAREN, Administrative Support Clerk, SFHS, Retirement effective 1.14.11.

WALLIN, CHERIE, Job Coach, T-15, Resignation effective 10.7.10.

- D. THAT the SFHS NFL Extended Travel be approved as presented.
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the National Forensics League extended trip to Walker, MN October 15 - 16, 2010 be approved as requested.
- E. THAT the SFHS NFL Extended Travel be approved as presented.
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the National Forensics League extended trip to Grand Rapids, MN March 10 - 12, 2011 be approved as requested.
- F. THAT The Crier Out of State Travel be approved as presented.
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that The Crier proposal for an out-of-state trip to Kansas City, MO on November 11-14, 2010 be approved as requested.
- G. THAT the Cash & Investments Balance Report be approved as presented.
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the cash and investment report for July and August 2010 be approved as presented.
- H. 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):
\$1,628.06, Target Corp., to SFMS to be used at principal's discretion
\$1,000.00, St. Francis Jaycees, student scholarship 2009-10 to student going to school for business
\$5,404.01, Target Take Charge of Education Program, to SFHS at principal's discretion
\$206.00, Wells Fargo Foundation Educational Matching Gift, to LLC at discretion of Early Childhood
\$100.00 (in kind), St. Patrick's Circles of Claddagh, to CCCS back packs and school supplies
\$3,274.82, Target Take Charge of Education, to CCCS for what school needs most
- I. THAT the District Technology Plan Amendment be approved as presented.
BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the amendment to the District Technology Plan as required by the MN Department of Education be approved.

Motion carried.

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

- 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	\$ 8,973,326.12
02	Food Service	\$ 50,787.82
04	Community Services	\$ 16,542.66
06	Construction	
07	Debt Redemption	\$ 149,702.50
09	Trust and Agency	
47	OPEB Debt Service	
TOTAL DISTRICT		<u>\$ 9,190,359.10</u>

The amounts above include checks processed between 9/13/10 to 9/24/10 and all Accounts payable items processed between 9/13/10 and 9/23/10.

Ms. Van Denburgh questioned a check that is not in this list or a previous check register. Ms. Hawkins reported that disbursements are listed by vendor number. Checks are processed between meetings and check numbers are issued upon School Board approval.

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Alex Everhart and Cameron Ferguson provided the student report. The football team record is now 3-1. Rachel's Challenge is a motivational program based off writings of Rachel Scott, first victim of the Columbine shootings. There will be a motivational presentation, leadership training session, and presentation open to the public on September 28. There are mixed reviews from the students regarding locker advertisements. The School Board will receive copies of *The Crier* in the future. A goal of *The Crier* is to post the publication online.

Superintendent Communication and Report

Mr. Saxton reported:

- Received input from a School Board member regarding viewing of the video and forwarded the information to Ms. Miller.
- There was communication with the state auditor. Ms. Hawkins reviewed that the state auditor is satisfied with the internal controls and have closed their file regarding the Flexible Spending Account fraud incident. Ms. Grams suggested that a letter confirming the closed file be requested from the state auditor.
- A response to questions the community member asked at the September 13 School Board meeting was distributed to the School Board. The School Board reviewed the response.

- Gubernatorial candidates provided views on education at the Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) meeting.
- Met with Educational Cabinet. Mr. Becker and Mr. Saxton will meet monthly with principals regarding Adequate Yearly Progress.
- Region 7AA – Information was given about tournament play, fine arts and educational activities. Will be looking for the triple A award winners soon.
- ECMECC meeting – Dollars will be set aside and available for teachers to apply for grants.
- Intervention meetings are being held. Ms. Worden explained that Academic Swoop was designed to assess the reading skills immediately of elementary students. This is a huge step in intervention.
- Mr. Tramm continues to think of innovative ways to reach the students. The Tandberg cameras will be utilized.

Dialogue Session

No one attended.

School Board Reports

Mr. Anderson attended the Oak Land meeting on September 15. He attended the Joint Standing Committee meeting and acknowledged Ms. Worden for her work with Academic Swoop.

Ms. Van Denburgh attended a workshop on the Open Meeting Law on September 17. She voiced her concern over the most recent closed meeting held by the District.

Mr. Haag had a conversation with Mr. Hahn about the beginning of school.

Mr. Vogel attended the Level III Grievance meeting. He inquired about continued loss of the building letters on the sign at the Middle School. Mr. Vogel inquired with Ms. Hawkins as to why School Board members are signers on the District checks. It is the legal requirement. Mr. Vogel inquired about the status of locker advertising. The contract is in the signature file. The Financial Planning Action Committee will review how monies will be designated for the 2011-12 school year.

Mr. Grams attended the Level III Grievance. He will attend the TIES annual conference September 29. There have been great crowds and a good environment at the football games. Mr. Grams acknowledged the maintenance staff for the good condition of the grounds.

Ms. Kelly attended Oak Land, SEE, and will be attending regional SEE meetings regarding the legislative session and platform. She attended the Level III Grievance. Ms. Kelly communicated her excitement to see the numbers of community members and families supporting the football team.

Administrative Report

Academic Stretch

Mr. Becker provided a brief overview. Academic Stretch is an after school program for students in grades 3–8. The goal is to provide a focused intervention for students who are at risk of falling behind in the classroom. Ms. Worden coordinates the program. Transportation is provided. Teachers are gaining back instructional time. At the elementary level the focus is on math and reading strands. At the middle school level there is some activity for the students before they begin the session focusing on math, reading, and skill building. Currently there are 270 students in the program.

Other Matters

Proposed 2010 Payable 2011 Property Tax Levy

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the Proposed Property Tax Levy for 2010 payable 2011 be certified to the County Auditor as follows:

Motion carried.

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

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

Joseph D. Haag, Clerk