

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
August 27, 2012
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Central Services Center – Community Room
4115 Ambassador Blvd.
MINUTES

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Van Denburgh at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Directors Anderson, Glover, Grams, Kelly, and Superintendent Saxton. Absent: Directors Erkel, and Rustad.

Others present were Interim Director of Business Services Denny Sullivan, Director of Human Resources Dave Lindberg, Director of Special Services Jacque Stein, Assistant Director of Community Services Troy Ferguson, and community members.

Roll call was taken.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, September 10, September 24, October 8, and October 22. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Consideration of Visitors

Mr. Gardner addressed the School Board regarding justice, and the resolution to remove Ms. Van Denburgh as Chair. Ms. Ness addressed the School Board regarding Ms. Van Denburgh as Chair and her representation of the public.

Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Grams and second by Mr. Anderson. Ms. Van Denburgh made a motion that item VII A Other Matters be removed from the agenda and received no second. Motion failed.

Motion carried to accept the agenda 4-1, nay being Ms. Van Denburgh.

Ms. Van Denburgh appointed Director Kelly as Clerk Pro Tem.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Ms. Kelly and second by Mr. Grams.

Ms. Van Denburgh requested item D be considered separately.

A. THAT the minutes of August 13, 2012, be approved as presented.

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:

CLASSIFIED

BEELER, REIS – Teacher, Grade 3 (replacement for Lori Sobieck), SFE, Individual CONTINUING Contract, 8.0 hrs/day, 186 days/year, T1-BA, \$39,120/year, effective 8/29/2012.

BULLIVANT, LOREN – Teacher, Art (replacement for Andrea Fogarty), CSVN, Individual CONTINUING Contract, 4.0 hrs/day, 186 days, T3-MA, \$27,710/year, effective 8/29/2012.

CURTIS, CYNTHIA – Teacher, ECFE (replacement for Cynthia Behling), LLC, Individual CONTINUING Contract, 7.25 hrs/day, 49 days/year, T1-BA, \$10,896.48/year, effective 8/29/2012.

GAGNON, DIANA – Teacher, Science (replacement for Tom Jones), SFMS, Individual TEMPORARY Contract, 8.0 hrs/day, 186 days/year, T1-BA, \$39,120/year, effective 8/29/2012.

HEMMELGARN, JENNIFER – Teacher, Kindergarten (new position), EBCS, Individual CONTINUING Contract,

4.0 hrs/day, 186 days/year, T1-BA, \$19,560/year, effective 8/29/2012.

MCBRIDE, SABRINA – Teacher, Science (replacement for Tom Jones), SFMS, Individual TEMPORARY Contract, 8.0 hrs/day, 186 days/year, T1-MA, \$40,750/year, effective 8/29/2012.

NON-CLASSIFIED

BONCZEK, HOLLY – Educational Assistant Noon, EBCS (replacement for Cheryl Anderson), CONTINUING POSITION, 172 days/year, 3.0 hrs/day, Alternative Base, A12, Step 1, \$10.76, effective 9/4/2012.

BRANDBERG, CHRIS – Educational Assistant Noon, CCCS (replacement for Annette West), CONTINUING POSITION, 172 days/year, 2.5 hrs/day, Alternative Base, A12, Step 1, \$10.76, effective 9/4/2012.

CURTIS, CYNTHIA – Preschool Instructor, LLC, (replacement for Jacqueline Strandberg), Individual CONTINUING POSITION, 41 days/year, 7.25 hrs/day, \$21.14/hr, effective 8/29/2012.

GREEN, AMY – Educational Assistant Special Education, EBCS, (Replacement for Jayne Franta), CONTINUING POSITION, 172 days/year, 6.5 hrs/day, Alternative Base, B21, Step 1, \$12.01, effective 9/4/2012.

LOONS, SHANNON – Educational Assistant Noon, CCCS (replacement for Lynn Moore), CONTINUING POSITION, 172 days/year, 2.5 hrs/day, Alternative Base, A12, Step 1, \$10.76, effective 9/4/2012.

THOMAS, EILEEN – Educational Assistant Noon, CCCS (replacement for Lynn Moore), CONTINUING POSITION, 172 days/year, 2.5 hrs/day, Alternative Base, A12, Step 1, \$10.76, effective 9/4/2012.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

CLASSIFIED

BULLIVANT, LOREN – Teacher-Art (replacement for Jen Close LOA), resignation to accept position at CSVC (See above).

NON-CLASSIFIED

ANDERSON, CHERYL – Educational Assistant Classroom and Noon, Layoff Pool, resignation, last work day, 6/4/2012.

BETHKE, DARVIN – Bus Driver, Transportation, resignation, last work day, 6/4/2012.

ENGREN, RON – Custodian, retirement, last work day, 9/5/2012.

HANENBURG, SUSAN – Educational Assistant Noon, EBCS and Layoff Pool, resignation, last work day, 6/4/2012.

INGALLS, PATRICIA – Custodian, resignation, last work day 8/17/2012.

MADSON, BECKY – MARSS Coordinator/Student Services, CSC, resignation, last work day 8/31/2012.

C. THAT Disbursements be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that these disbursements as presented, and excluding net payroll, be allowed and charged to funds as follows:

Fund No.	Description	Amount
01	General	\$ 789,349.50
02	Food Service	\$ 14,563.68
04	Community Services	\$ 59,613.38

06	Construction	\$	
07	Debt Redemption	\$	1,675.00
09	Trust and Agency	\$	800.00
20	Internal Service	\$	1,444.87
47	OPEB Debt Service	\$	
	TOTAL DISTRICT	\$	867,446.43

All checks processed between 08/14/12 and 08/23/12, payroll liabilities for 8/05/12 and all accounts payable items processed through 08/27/12

- E. 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):
 \$3,520.63, St. Francis Grid Club, for shoulder pads, girdles, footballs, kicking net, water bottles, water cooler
 \$250.00, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, contribution for continental breakfast for staff at Welcome Back 8/29
 \$500.00, Linda and Scott Schell, to CCCS at principal's discretion
 \$150.00, Ken Sailor, to LLC at discretion of Early Childhood
 \$242.28, Wells Fargo Community Support Program, to SFHS at principal's discretion
 \$62.01, Wells Fargo Community Support Program, to SFHS at principal's discretion
 \$77.23, Rachel Muonio/Amy Keller (Wells Fargo Community Support Program) to SFES for use as needed

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson and second by Ms. Kelly.

- D. THAT the City of St. Francis Police Services – Police Liaison Contracts 2012-13 be approved as presented.
 BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 approve the Police Liaison contracts with the City of St. Francis Police Department for services as specified and not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the 2012-13 school year.

Ms. Van Denburgh requested information regarding the changes in the contract. Mr. Saxton provided explanation.
 Motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Superintendent Report and Communications

- Attended the visitation for community member John Fryer and acknowledged the positive outreach from the community.
- Met with BarNone regional treatment staff.
- The District Leadership Team met to finalize plans for the school year. Will meet with principals regarding site reports to the School Board.
- Attended Assessment Curriculum and Teaching (ACT) meeting.
- Attended new teacher orientation.
- School Board members are reminded to sign up for eNews to receive information from the District and each school site.
- Attended a listening session for superintendents at Congresswoman Bachmann's office.
- Attended Teacher Academy class.
- Provided an update of the schedule for Open Houses.
- Back-to-School event for all ISD 15 staff is August 29.

Dialogue

Mr. Anderson reported community members shared concerns in removing the Board Chair as an officer.

School Board Member Reports

Ms. Kelly attended John Fryer memorial service.

Mr. Anderson acknowledged the contributions John Fryer made to the District. Attended ECSU organizational meeting, and the ACT meeting.

Administrative Report

2012 Assessment Report

Mr. Becker provided the 2011-12 report of the state assessment data which focused on math and reading. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Multiple Measured Rating (MMR) were also reviewed. Data from the student groups who struggled with math and reading will be studied to assist in the focus on improvement. AYP numbers will continue to be given. The four area numbers in MMR are: proficiency on tests, graduation rates and two new areas: closing of achievement gap between subgroups and growth from one year to the next.

Old Business

Revised School Board Policy 702 – Use of School District Facilities and Equipment

Motion was made by Ms. Glover and second by Mr. Anderson.

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 adopt the revised policy 702 - Use of School District Facilities and Equipment

Pricing can be updated within procedures as they change.

Motion carried 5-0.

Other Matters

Resolution to Remove Chairperson Van Denburgh from Her Position as an Officer of the School Board

Motion was made to consider the resolution by Ms. Glover second by Ms. Kelly.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the Chair of the School Board Marsha Van Denburgh be removed from her position as an officer of the School Board.

Discussion: Ms. Glover opened discussion reporting that she is not against how Chair Van Denburgh runs or represents constituents at meetings; however her concern is nit picking and fighting with administration at meetings. Ms. Van Denburgh reported that she had not been duly notified or shown proper cause as addressed in statute. Further discussion included: receiving the board packet is considered notified, frustration with the way the Board is running, issues need to be addressed at this table, creating a negative vibe to staff and public, an air of disregard for administration from the Board Chair and how this carries into the same level of disrespect for each other, the Board Chair needs to remain at the table and work through the issues, the Board Chair needs to work and communicate with administration, receiving numerous calls that Board Chair shows lack of respect for administration, hopes that the Board can move forward and make decisions for the students, the Minnesota School Boards Association was consulted in the process of notification, not sure that removal of Board Chair as an officer is the best way to bring the Board back together, holding workshop for the Board, disrespect for superintendent by not beginning the evaluation process, and taking the next steps and setting goals to become a better Board. Ms. Van Denburgh explained why she left the August 13 meeting, and why she voted against annual membership to SEE. She expressed that she would like to do a better job for the Board and respectfully asked to be allowed to remain as Chair.

Motion failed 2-3, nays being Mr. Anderson, Mr. Grams, and Ms. Van Denburgh.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

~~Amy Kelly, Clerk Pro Tem~~
Suzanne Erkel, Clerk