

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
November 14, 2012
Special Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Central Services Center – Community Room
4115 Ambassador Blvd.
M I N U T E S

The special meeting was called to order by Chair Van Denburgh at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Directors Anderson, Erkel, Glover, Grams, Kelly, Rustad and Superintendent Saxton.

Others present were Director of Human Services Dave Lindberg, and community members.

The meeting was turned over to Independent Hearing Officer James Martin on the proposed removal of Director Matt Rustad from the School Board Independent School District No. 15. This matter is being heard according to Minnesota Statute 123B.09 subdivision 9 which governs the removal of School Board members under Minnesota Law. This hearing will be open in order to comply with requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. The hearing will be recorded by Court Reporter Julie Brooks. Mr. Rustad is represented by Luke Enno, Enno Law, and the District is represented by Amy Mace of Ratwik, Roszak, and Maloney P. A. Mr. Martin reviewed the process of the hearing which included: opening statements, witnesses for the District presented, sworn in and subject to cross examination. As hearing officer he will review exhibits, and make the final determination whether the exhibits will be allowed. After the District presents their case, Mr. Rustad and his attorney will present their case. At the end of the evidence there will be an opportunity for closing statements. The final findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation to the Board are made by the hearing officer. It is ultimately the School Board's decision as to whether Mr. Rustad is removed as a member of the School Board.

The hearing.

The hearing officer will review the findings, conclusion and return his recommendation to the School Board by December 5. The School Board will act on the matter at the December 10, School Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Suzanne Erkel, Clerk