

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
September 24, 2012
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Central Services Center – Community Room
4115 Ambassador Blvd.
M I N U T E S

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

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, October 8, October 22 November 12, and November 26. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Happening Around the District

Adult Basic Education ABE Coordinator Sandy Farder introduced and acknowledged student Guadalupe Caro from Chihuahua, Mexico who became an American citizen after passing her naturalization test. Her daughter Vanessa was also sworn in on the same day.

Consideration of Visitors

None

Agenda

Motion was made by Ms. Glover and second by Mr. Anderson.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. THAT the minutes of September 10, 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:
- 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	\$ 1,754,185.91
02	Food Service	\$ 90,573.66
04	Community Services	\$ 108,416.40
06	Construction	\$
07	Debt Redemption	\$

09	Trust and Agency	\$	400.00
20	Internal Service	\$	
47	OPEB Debt Service	\$	
	TOTAL DISTRICT	\$	1,953,575.97

- D. THAT the SFHS NFL Extended Trip 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 East Grand Forks, MN October 12-13, 2012 be approved as requested.
- E. THAT the SFHS NFL Extended Trip 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 St. Cloud, MN March 7-9, 2013 be approved as requested.
- F. 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):
- \$44.88, Wells Fargo Matching Fund, to EBCS at principal's discretion
 - \$150.00, Wells Fargo Foundation, to LLC at discretion of Early Childhood
 - \$4,489.00, St. Francis Basketball Association girls account, for assistant coach's salary (Michael Weinhagen)
 - \$200.00, Saints for Soccer Booster Club, for equipment purchase
 - \$100.00 (in kind), Circles of Claddagh (St. Patrick's Church), school supplies for students in need
 - \$60.00, Anonymous Donor, SFHS Angel Fund to pay for a school lunch when a high school student has a temporary or emergency need and doesn't have \$ in his/her lunch account
 - \$167.36, Wells Fargo Foundation Matching Funds, to EBCS at principal's discretion
 - \$2,211.19, Target Corporation Take Charge of Education, to EBCS at principal's discretion
 - \$105.04, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to CCCS at principal's discretion
 - \$32.85, Rachel Muonio/Amy Keller (Wells Fargo Foundation Matching Funds), to SFES as needed
 - \$5,100.23, Target Take Charge of Education, to SFHS at principal's discretion
 - \$28.62, Wells Fargo Foundation Matching Gift Program, to SFHS at principal's discretion
 - \$242.28, Wells Fargo Foundation Matching Gift Program, to SFHS at principal's discretion
 - \$500.00, Ron Larson/OptumHealth, for Hall of Fame expenses
- Motion carried, 7-0.

Reports

Student Report

Not in attendance.

Superintendent Report and Communications

- Goal possibilities for the superintendent will be emailed to Board members. Proposed goals are: contact each School Board member once before each meeting, meet on a monthly basis with building leaders, report monthly on All Day Every Day Kindergarten (ADEDK), and develop a plan for professional development district-wide.
- Second grade students from St. Francis Elementary School produced postcards with iPads.
- Julie Frame from Educational Cooperative Services Unit (ECSU) met with Mr. Becker and Mr. Saxton to review the array of services that are available.
- Ms. Kelly inquired if communications between Mr. Saxton and Board Chair have improved. Mr. Saxton reported a summary of the communications that have taken place.
- Attended three elementary sites and discussed ADEDK. Have been in contact with one kindergarten teacher at each site.
- Attended TIES annual meeting, conference is in December.
- Some fiber, e-rate, and virtual field trips are run through the East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative.
- Attended principals meeting.
- Amy Worden is the new Student Performance Improvement Plan (SPIP) coordinator, Q Comp.

- Attended Bus Safety meeting for transportation.
- Communications committee to meet after School Board meeting.
- Mr. Ferguson attended the following: Peek at Preschool, a session of a Early Childhood orientation, *Life with Betty* at Sandhill Center, Early Childhood Advisory Council meeting, Oktoberfest sponsored by the Lions Club, Lunch & Learn, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, MN Education College Fair at the high school, fundraiser for Randy Shaver Tackle Cancer fund, open house for new business Ascension Bodyworks, and military families recognition at the St. Francis American Legion.
- Mr. Saxton recommended a revision to the policy which includes the order of business on the board agenda by adding, "Happening Around the District." Consensus was received from the School Board.
- Mr. Saxton will begin with Goal #1 and meet with each School Board member before the next meeting.

Dialogue

A representative from CCCS PTO expressed concern about Accelerated Reader. School Board representatives recommended that Mr. Saxton and Mr. Becker be contacted. Concern was expressed regarding Academic Stretch program and referred to Mr. Saxton, the building leader and then brought to Mr. Becker and Oak Land Director.

School Board Member Reports

Mr. Grams worked at the football game against North Branch. He reported the new score board is impressive. He and Mr. Saxton met with the Mayor Jerry Tveit, City Administrator Matt Hylen, Police Chief Harapat, and a representative from the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding the safety crossing on Highway 47. Homecoming will be October 5, with induction of the 1977 football team to the Hall of Fame at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Rustad had nothing to report.

Ms. Kelly attended Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) with Myron Franz speaking about Governor Dayton's plan. SEE has also developed a video about the organization.

Mr. Anderson attended Oak Land Board meeting, Joint Standing Committee meeting, Hall of Fame meeting and acknowledged Don Schleper for his work with the Hall of Fame program.

Ms. Glover attended MSBA legislative session. Legislative information is important to bring along when visiting the capitol. She acknowledged Patty Norberg for her timely update of the PTO meeting. October 9 is Family Reading Night and Walk-a-Thon.

Ms. Erkel attended the football game. One person contacted her about kindergarten.

Ms. VanDenburgh reported the Indian Education program lunch is September 30. She received a phone call this afternoon about the middle school gymnasium being turned into a permanent gymnastic area. She asked Mr. Saxton to report back.

Administrative Report

Half Day Kindergarten Discussion

When does the School Board wish to discuss half day kindergarten option for the 2014-15 school year? Ms. Kelly recommended waiting until more information is available. Ms. Erkel thought the agenda item was to set up a subcommittee. Consensus was to open discussions and set up a committee in January 2013.

Old Business

Annual Report Curriculum and Instruction 2011-12

Motion was made by Ms. Erkel and second by Ms. Kelly.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement for 2011 -12, upon review, is accepted and shall be distributed to the residents of ISD No. 15.

Motion carried 7-0.

Team for Superintendent Contract Negotiations

Discussion opened regarding the intent to enter negotiations. Discussion included: entering negotiations with Mr. Saxton, set up team of three School Board members and look at who negotiated in past practice. Nominations were opened for committee members.

Mr. Grams nominated Mr. Anderson and second by Ms. Kelly.

Ms. Glover nominated Ms. Kelly and second by Mr. Anderson.

Ms. Kelly nominated Ms. Glover and second by Mr. Grams.

Mr. Rustad nominated Ms. Van Denburgh and second by Ms. Erkel.

Ms. Van Denburgh nominated Ms. Erkel and second by Mr. Rustad.

Mr. Anderson, Ms. Kelly, Ms. Glover, Ms. Van Denburgh, and Ms. Erkel are all nominated.

Motion to close nominations was made by Ms. Kelly and second by Ms. Erkel. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion to vote on paper ballot by Ms. Van Denburgh and second by Mr. Rustad. Ballots should include three names. After the tally of the ballots, Mr. Anderson, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Van Denburgh will be the School Board members that will negotiate with the Superintendent.

Other Matters

Proposed 2012 Payable 2013 Property Tax Levy

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the Proposed Property Tax Levy for 2012 payable 2013 be certified to the County Auditor as follows: All Levy Areas - \$ Maximum
Mr. Sullivan provided information about certifying the preliminary tax levy to the county auditor and why administration recommends certifying the proposed levy at maximum levels.

Motion carried 7-0.

Censure of Director Rustad

Ms. Van Denburgh read the resolution. Motion was made by Mr. Rustad and second by Ms. Glover.

WHEREAS Mathew Rustad is a School Board Member of St. Francis Independent School District No. 15 (ISD 15);

WHEREAS Mathew Rustad has engaged in conduct unbecoming a School Board Member

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mathew Rustad is hereby censured by the St. Francis Independent School District No. 15 School Board for conduct unbecoming a School Board Member

Mr. Grams opened discussion. He spoke to administration and teachers about the seriousness of plagiarizing. Last fall during the election Mr. Rustad wrote about helping children with a School Board they deserve. Mr. Grams does not believe this is what the School Board or the children deserve. He is not sure of the severity of censure, but falling short of resignation, he is not happy with the censure by itself.

Ms. Glover would have been kicked out of college if she plagiarized, and is not sure that censure is enough. Mr. Rustad admitted he made a mistake and has learned from his mistakes.

Ms. Kelly stated this is a board of education you (Mr. Rustad) sit on, that represents this community and close to 6000 students. Plagiarism is theft, theft of someone else's intellect and knowledge, and would ask for nothing less than resignation.

Ms. Erkel stated that he (Mr. Rustad) made a mistake and that in her opinion he deserves another chance.

Mr. Anderson: Board members have an opportunity to write in The Courier, to express a personal opinion which takes time to do, but to take someone else's information almost in its entirety, is a plan to steal someone else's ideas. This does not bring justice to this Board and he is not sure that censuring is a strong enough message. Mr. Rustad had come to the board with a promise of new ideas and better responsibility, am not sure he hit the mark on this one.

Ms. Van Denburgh reported that it was the opinion of those that met regarding this matter that Mr. Rustad be censured at the next School Board meeting.

Mr. Grams added that Mr. Rustad did not come forward ahead of time but waited until it was brought to his attention and was caught. Students will see it as a step in the wrong direction.

Mr. Lindberg stated there is a mechanism to remove a board member.

Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Suzanne Erkel, Clerk