

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
August 26, 2013
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 Chairperson Amy Kelly at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Directors David Anderson, Suzanne Erkel, Janet Glover, Harry Grams, David Roberts, Marsha Van Denburgh, and Superintendent Ed Saxton.

Others present were Associate Director of Business Services Scott Nelson, Director of Special Services Tim Finn, Assistant Director of Community Services Troy Ferguson, staff and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at Central Services Center, September 9, September 23, October 14, and October 28. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Happening Around the District – FCCLA/Fashion Club – Ms. Widell

Ms. Widell, St. Francis High School (SFHS) teacher, introduced SFHS senior Adrianna Trevino-Gartner who attended the National Leadership Conference. Adrianna reported about the Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organization. The mission is to promote personal growth, leadership development, prepare for adult life, build strong leadership skills, and provide community service. Adrianna reviewed highlights from the national competition.

Consideration of Visitors

Ryan Fiereck urged the Board to invest in students by support of the Board approved referendum authority. Maureen Ness reported being against the School Board passing a referendum without going to the voters. Mark Peterson communicated that the Board take this opportunity and support approval of the referendum authority.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Janet Glover and second by Suzanne Erkel. Ms. Kelly requested item B be considered separately

A. THAT the minutes of August 12 be approved as presented.

C. THAT Disbursements are 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:

FundNo.	Description	Amount
01	General	\$ 463,176.90
02	Food Service	\$ 4,250.20
04	Community Services	\$ 15,295.44
06	Construction	\$ -
07	Debt Redemption	\$ -
09	Trust and Agency	\$ 1,920.00

20	Internal Service	\$	256,615.36
47	OPEB Debt Service	\$	-
TOTAL DISTRICT		\$	741,257.90

D. THAT the Police School Resource Officer Contract be approved as presented.
 BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 approve the 2013 - 2014 contract with the City of St. Francis for a School Resource Officer. The cost of this contract is \$60,888 with special events requested by the District at the rate of \$55 per hour.

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 donor form(s) received:
 \$1,059.67, \$1,519.00, \$138.24, St. Francis Grid Club, to SFHS for T hooks, helmet stripes, pop-up tackle sled, game jerseys
 \$250.00, Ron Larson/Profound Sports LLC, for Hall of Fame Expenses
 \$198.48, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign/Shannon Linson and Jennifer Larson, to SFES to be used as needed
 \$231.56, Wells Fargo Foundation Educational Matching Gift Program, to SFES to be used as needed
 \$1,281.74, St. Francis Grid Club, to SFHS for leather footballs
 \$1,824.72, SFHS Dance Team Parent Booster Club, for dance team uniforms
 \$5,160.00, St. Francis Volleyball Booster Club, volleyball assistant coaching salaries

Motion carried 7-0.

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

B. THAT the Personnel Items be approved as presented.

NEW EMPLOYMENT									
Name	Position	Replacement for	Site	Position Status	Days/Year	Hrs/Day	Salary Level	Wage	Effective
Bond, Natalie	Tchr-ECSE	Jenn Smith	LLC	CONT	186.0	8.0	T1-BA	\$39,120.00	08/28/13
Brown, Tonja	Tchr-ELL	Erin Myhrer	EBCS	CONT	186.0	8.0	T1-MA	\$40,750.00	08/28/13
Brown, Robert	Bus Driver	Dan Pederson	Trans	CONT	172.0	6.0	B21/3	\$13.72	09/03/13
Coy, Holly	Licensed School Nurse	Beth Nikolic	SFHS	CONT	186.0	8.0	T3-BA	\$52,160.00	08/28/13
Dunleap, Catherine	Tchr-Math Intervention	Alexa Gustafson	EBCS	CONT	186.0	4.0	T1-BA	\$19,560.00	08/28/13
Gratton, Richard	Bus Driver	Gary Stern	Trans	CONT	172.0	6.5	B21/3	\$13.72	09/03/13
Lewis, Patricia	Kitchen Manager	Cheryl Trout	SFHS	CONT	178.0	8.0	B32/1	\$16.97	08/26/13
Martin, Lita	Bus Driver	Gloria Pierce	Trans	CONT	172.0	6.5	B22/2	\$13.25	09/03/13
Ringdal, Kathleen	ECFE-Instructor Asst	Roberta Schake	LLC	CONT	103.0	7.25	SBE3	\$11.37	08/26/13
Ritzema, Elizabeth	Tchr-Special Education	Tom Biggins	CSVC	CONT	186.0	8.0	T1-BA T2-BA	\$45,641	08/28/13
Schneeberger, Nicole	Tchr-Physical Education	New Position	CSVC/SFHS	CONT	186.0	4.0/2.16	T2-BA	\$35,143.57 FTE correction from 6/10/13 approval	08/28/13

Schweitzer, Carol	Bus Driver	Dennis Lundholm	Trans	CONT	172.0	6.0	B21/3	\$13.72	09/03/13
Toso	Richard	Paul Neubauer	SFHS	TEMP	Per Principal Contract				08/27/13
Vevle, Rebekah	ABE Instructor	Melody Panek	LLC	CONT	105.0	5.0	T1-BA	\$13,300	08/28/13
INTERNAL TRANSFERS									
Name	Current Position/Location	Current Days/Hrs	Current Salary	New Position/Location	Days/Hrs	New Salary	Effective		
<i>Neubauer, Paul</i>	<i>Principal-SFHS</i>	<i>240/8.0</i>	<i>\$105,829</i>	<i>Interim Curriculum and Assessments Dir</i>	<i>261/8.0 Prorated</i>	<i>\$110,750 Prorated</i>	<i>08/19/13</i>		
LEAVES OF ABSENCE									
				Expected Duration		Most recent assignment			
Name	Position	Location	From	To	Days/ Year	Hrs/ Day			
Neubauer, Paul	Principal	SFHS	8/19/13	6/30/2014	240	8.0			
RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION									
Name	Position	Site	Reason	Effective	Last Work Day				
Cason, Leah	ABE Teacher	LLC	Resignation	08/20/13	New Tchr				
Davis, Jennifer	EA-Special Education	SFMS	Resignation	08/08/13	05/31/13				
Dowd-Sivigny, Michelle	EA-Special Education	CSVS	Resignation	08/20/13	05/31/13				
Gagnon, Diana	Tchr-Science	SFMS	Resignation	08/26/13	05/31/13				
Goetz, Jason	Bus Washer	Trans	Resignation	08/23/13	08/23/13				
Grams, Cindy	EA-Special Education	SFE	Resignation	08/17/13	05/31/13				
Hallfielder, Jennifer	Kids Connection Instructor Asst	SFE	End of Assignment	05/31/13	05/31/13				
Krause, Lori	EA-Job Coach	T15	Resignation	08/21/13	05/31/13				
Murray, Diane	EA-Special Education	SFMS	Resignation	08/19/2013	05/31/13				
Pederson, Dan	Bus Driver	Trans	Resignation	08/18/13	05/31/13				
Powley, Katherine	Kids Connection Lead Instructor	LLC	Resignation	08/23/13	08/23/13				
Schack, John	Bus Driver	Trans	Retirement	08/22/13	08/22/13				

Discussion included: timing regarding hiring of interim high school principal Richard Toso, why the School Board was not notified, and the SMC involvement with the interview. Ms. Van Denburgh inquired if Mr. Neubauer should be included in Personnel Items as interim director of curriculum, followed with a motion to add Mr. Neubauer according to Mr. Saxton's wording, second by Mr. Anderson. Motion carried, 7-0.

Reports

Superintendent Report and Communications

- Mr. Saxton distributed school calendars. Board members are invited to the Welcome Back on August 28.
- Open houses are this week.

- Good group of new teachers.
- All principals are to be evaluated this year.
- Special Education at the high school may be reshaped; the superintendent has met with Mr. Finn.
- A high school football player was injured in an accident and a Caring Bridge site has been set up.

Dialogue Session

One person addressed the Admission Possible AmeriCorps mentoring program. In Columbia Heights, teachers are going into homes to build relationships. A second person expressed displeasure at levy voted on by School Board as opposed to public.

School Board Member Reports

Ms. Glover attended three negotiation sessions

Mr. Anderson attended ECSU meeting, and emphasized the importance of keeping involved with cooperatives.

Mr. Grams will be attending negotiations. The first SFHS football game is August 29.

Ms. Van Denburgh has not received emails about negotiation meetings. She apologized for not attending however did not know about them. Mr. Saxton will check on that.

Mr. Roberts attended negotiations, attended Maggie Ewen's sendoff to Pan-Am Junior Championships, fundraisers by high school teams at local businesses, attended Advisory Council meeting at Early Childhood, and supported a local team in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk. He received two dozen phone calls about the levy situation, most were supportive.

Ms. Erkel received several phone calls that were anti-levy.

Ms. Kelly attended negotiations, and participated on curriculum director and high school principal interviews. She received only one phone call which was in support of the levy and everyone she spoke with also supported the levy.

Administrative Reports

None.

Other Matters

Resolution Converting Voter Approved Referendum Authority to a Board Approved Referendum Authority and Authorizing a New Board Approved Referendum Authority

Motion was made by Ms. Glover second by Mr. Grams. (resolution attached)

Ms. Glover received positive phone calls. Mr. Anderson received phone calls in favor of levy, in conversation there were a few concerns. Ms. Van Denburgh's concern is not knowing what the money will be used for. There was nothing in The Courier, or on the website. Mr. Saxton reported that the Financial Planning Action Committee (FPAC) would consider things that had been cut, extending STEM, and offering more after-school programs, however the discussion has not taken place. Ms. Kelly said spending is approved at the School Board level however to respect the role of FPAC. The School Board will review the recommendation that comes from FPAC. Cities and counties act on non voter decisions every year. This action would be in the best interest of students. Increasing the fund balance should be considered as an important option to consider and adding back programming. This would add \$78 to the per pupil formula which is approximately \$500,000 in 2014.

Motion carried. 5-2, nays being Ms. Erkel and Ms. Van Denburgh.

Mr. Roberts expressed disappointment that more information was not publicized to the voters.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

David L. Anderson, School Board Clerk