

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
April 25, 2011
Dialogue with School Board – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Central Services Center – Community Room
4115 Ambassador Blvd.
A G E N D A

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 Special Services Jacque Stein, Director of Community Services Tom Larson, student representative Alex Everhart, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, May 9, May 23, June 13, and June 27. There will be a work session held May 9 at 5:30 p.m. and retiree recognition on May 23 at 6:00 p.m. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings. There will not be dialogue with the School Board on May 23.

Consideration of Visitors

None

Agenda

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

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Grams.

A. THAT the minutes of April 11, 2011 be approved as presented.

B. THAT the Personnel Items listed below be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the Personnel actions as listed below be approved:

EMPLOYMENT:

CLASSIFIED

BOCHE, MATTHEW, Teacher, Long Term Substitute, SFHS, Sub rate, 8.0 hrs./day, 27.0 days, effective 5.2.11.

NON-CLASSIFIED

STOKKE, MEGAN, Assistant Dance Team Coach, SFHS, Step 2, 3.0 hrs./day, 85.0 days effective 10.24.11.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

SCHMOLL, CASSIE, Teacher, EBCS, Return from Parental LOA effective 4.26.11.

NON-CLASSIFIED

KNOWLES, DENISE, Nutrition Manager, SFE, Conclusion of Medical LOA effective 4.14.11.

VANWEY, LISA, Bus Driver, Transportation, Return from Medical LOA effective 4.19.11.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

NON-CLASSIFIED

ANDERSON, AGNES, Educational Assistant, SFMS, resignation effective 5.20.11

KNOWLES, DENISE, Nutrition, SFE, Resignation effective 4.15.11.

LIND, JOHN, Custodian, LLC, Retirement effective 9.9.11.

LONNEMAN, GREG, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation effective 4.15.11.

REETZ, FRED, Bus Driver, Transportation, Retirement effective 4.21.11.

C. THAT the Disbursements be approved as presented.

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	\$252,468.57
02	Food Service	\$ 17,707.08
04	Community Services	\$ 17,088.46
06	Construction	
07	Debt Redemption	
09	Trust and Agency	\$ 1,000.00
47	OPEB Debt Service	
	TOTAL DISTRICT	\$288,264.11

The amounts above include checks processed between 4/12/11 to 4/22/11 and all accounts payable items processed between 4/12/11 and 04/25/11

D. THAT Cash and Investments be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the cash and investment reports for March 2011 be approved as presented.

E. THAT the Out of State Travel SFHS Bank Tour request be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School Band proposal for an out-of-state trip to New York City on March 3/March 4 – March 9/March 10, 2012 be approved as requested.

F. THAT the Extended Travel SFHS Marching Band be approved as present.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the St. Francis High School Marching Band proposal for an extended trip to Osseo, and Alexandria, MN on June 25 returning June 26, 2011 be approved as requested.

G. THAT the Anoka County Connectivity Services Agreement be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that Connectivity Services Agreement with Community Anchor Institutions for Broadband Services at Co-location Service Sites with Anoka County as part of the Anoka County project to facilitate the construction and continued deployment and availability of advanced and reliable telecommunications capabilities in Anoka County be approved.

H. THAT the Senior Exemption School Calendar Revision be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 revise the school calendar to include two days of senior exemption.

Friday, June 3, 2011 - Senior Last Day of School

Monday, June 6, 2011 - Senior Exemption

Monday, June 6, 2011 - Graduation Practice in the PAC (9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 - Senior Exemption

Friday, June 10, 2011 - Graduation

I. THAT Approval of 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):

\$676.22, CCCS PTO, to CCCS for general and instructional supplies for classrooms

\$177.80, EBCS PTO, to EBCS for Science Fair display boards and headers

\$160.00, EBCS PTO, to EBCS for 2nd grade field trip

\$200.00, East Bethel Bandits Baseball, anything related to the maintaining, updating of the SFHS varsity field #1

\$601.45, SFE APT, to SFE for 5th grade field trip transportation to Children's Theatre Company

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Alex Everhart provided the student report. The report included an update of the Band Solo Ensemble contest, with 18 students receiving superior rankings, and seven (7) excellent ratings. The Band also had a “Large” contest. Student Council was recognized as an “outstanding student council” the highest rating at the state convention. The spring musical *Into the Woods* begins this week.

Superintendent Communications and Report

- Mr. Saxton recognized Alex Everhart for his presentation of information on behalf of students.
- Attended STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) seminar.
- Have had two meetings regarding the American Indian Education Grant with the Parent Committee meeting. Spoke with Rose Hermodson, Minnesota Department of Education, to inform her of what has been discussed and how to move forward.
- Attended the ECMECC meeting at Braham.
- Kindergarten Stretch evaluations are coming in and positive. Surveys will also be given to parents and teachers. Principals were very supportive. Summer school program will be third and fourth week of July and first and second week of August. Current plan is to hold classes at one site, Cedar Creek Community School. The program will be called Summer Springboard. Test scores will be reviewed to determine invitations to students.
- Attended the Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) meeting.
- Attended Foundation15 Scholarship event.
- Met with Mr. Reker. He will attend and host the employee retirement recognition program. There will also be a date selected for a retirement gathering.
- Met with Professional Development Committee.
- ACT meeting was held, more data is needed before a vote is taken.
- Attended Region 7AA meeting. This is Mr. Saxton’s last year of four years served as the superintendent representative.
- Attended the Oak Land meeting and discussed the request for lease space for gym use.
- The Joint Standing Committee met earlier.
- Negotiations – School Board members are assigned employee groups during negotiations. Five groups have requested to negotiate.
- Update of HR weekly meetings - Better utilization of AppliTrack and AESOP; the HR Director job description will be refined and posted.
- Need a subcommittee for a Level III Grievance Hearing. Mr. Grams, Mr. Vogel, Mr. Haag will be notified of the time and date.
- A new internet recording system of the School Board meeting is being piloted.

Dialogue Session

No one attended.

School Board Member Reports

Mr. Anderson attended American Indian Parent Committee meeting, middle school Site Management Council (SMC) meeting, the ECSU meeting to review budgets and forecasts for next year, Oak Land meeting - received analysis, and the Bridge Street facility will not be sold at this time. Attended the Foundation 15 event, the ACT meeting, and the Joint Standing Committee meeting.

Ms. Van Denburgh attended the American Indian Parent Education Committee meeting. She brought up issues of statutes regarding teaching of indigenous American Indian language and paying the coordinator. She requested a copy of the letter from Rose Hermodson. Ms. Kelly requested that Mr. Saxton and Mr. Becker research the statutes.

Mr. Haag provided a report of Foundation 15 event, and acknowledged those that donated and the attendees.

Ms. Grams requested that the subcommittee for the American Indian Education Committee return to the process of working through the issues within the committee and to report updates to the full School Board.

Mr. Vogel received email about Earth Day and will forward to Mr. Saxton. He is concerned about the drop in student numbers that participate in band. Mr. Saxton will request that Mr. Neubauer come before the School Board to review a possible plan for band.

Mr. Grams acknowledged the Foundation 15 event and all the contributions. He participated in the American Indian Education meetings, and the Joint Standing Committee meeting.

Mr. Saxton requested that The Courier write an article about the Foundation15 contributions.

Ms. Kelly attended the SEE Executive meeting which included budget and contract discussion. She reported that legislators recognized St. Francis School District when discussing teacher contracts and evaluations. Attended the Oak Land meeting. Ms. Kelly requested that the School Board respect the role of the subcommittee and that the subcommittee continue to work through the process and issues, with a summary reported to the full School Board. Mr. Vogel requested that Mr. Saxton report back on the communications responded to those emails sent to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Joseph D. Haag, School Board Clerk