

SCHOOL BOARD  
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15  
 St. Francis, Minnesota  
 August 8, 2011  
 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 Human Resources David Lindberg, Director of Special Services Jacque Stein, Director of Community Services Tom Larson and community members.

**Board Calendar Dates:** Regular meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, August 22, September 12, September 26 and October 10. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

**Consideration of Visitors**

Mr. Gardner spoke regarding the agenda and a School Board policy. The agenda was not posted to the website as of 5:00 p.m. tonight. Mr. Gardner also questioned School Board Policy 510 Public and Private Personnel Data, regarding names of job applicants and finalists being public data. He would like to know the names of the finalists for the human resources director position. He would like an explanation.

Ms. Norberg, Cedar Creek Community School (CCCS) Parent Teacher Organization, thanked the Superintendent and School Board for their support at the April school carnival, which raised \$11,700. More than \$1,500 was used to buy books for the library and to take virtual tours via the Tandberg camera in classrooms. \$1,000 was contributed to the playground and a bullying prevention program. Ms. Norberg invited the School Board to attend the CCCS Open House and barbeque August 31.

**Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Haag. Ms. Van Denburgh requested item B be considered separately.

- A. THAT the minutes of July 11, 2011 be approved as presented.
- C. THAT Disbursements be approved as presented.

Fund No.	Description	Amount
01	General	\$ 2,047,497.68
02	Food Service	\$ 68,970.32
04	Community Services	\$ 70,248.40
06	Construction	\$ 318,019.15

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

07	Debt Redemption		
09	Trust and Agency	\$	2,850.00
47	OPEB Debt Service		
	<b>TOTAL DISTRICT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,507,585.55</b>

The amounts above include P-card transactions for June 2011, checks processed between 7/12/11 and 8/04/11, including payroll withholdings, and all accounts payable items processed between 7/12/11 and 8/08/11.

- D. THAT the PBR Consulting Contract be approved as presented.  
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the contracts with PBR Consulting for student management services for the 2011-12 school year in an amount not to exceed \$50,450.00 be approved.
- E. THAT the St. Cloud State University Senior to Sophomore Program Contract be approved as presented.  
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Agreement between St. Cloud University and Independent School District No. 15 for the Senior to Sophomore Program for \$3150 per course for college courses offered at St. Francis High School during the 2011-12 school year be approved.
- F. THAT the Truth in Taxation resolution be approved as presented.  
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the public hearing to review the proposed property tax levy payable for the upcoming tax year be will scheduled during the first School Board meeting in December unless changed by School Board resolution.
- G. 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):  
\$1,922.21, SFHS Track Student Activity, for state track meet expenses and end of season banquet food  
\$292.66, Wells Fargo Foundation, to SFHS at principal's discretion

Motion carried.

- B. THAT Personnel Items be approved as presented.  
Motion was made by Mr. Haag and seconded by Mr. Anderson. Ms. Van Denburgh reported that she will abstain from voting.  
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.15 that the Personnel actions as listed below be approved:

**EMPLOYMENT:**

**CLASSIFIED**

- BEAL, MELISSA**, Teacher, ELL, SFHS, BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 8.30.11.
- BECK, AMY**, Teacher, SFE, BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 8.30.11.
- BRUHJELL, JOSEPH**, Teacher, SFHS, BA1, 2.16 hrs./day 186.0 days effective 9.6.11.
- FISHERO, JENNICA**, Teacher, SFE, BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 8.30.11.
- NIEMELA, PHIL**, Teacher, Crossroads, BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 8.30.11.
- REED, SARAH**, Social Worker, SFE, MA, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 8.30.11.
- SCHMIDT, MARY**, Teacher, SFHS, BA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 186.0 days effective 8.30.11.

**NON-CLASSIFIED**

- JONES, JOSHUA**, Assistant Soccer Coach, SFHS, Contract, effective 8.15.11.
- MOORE, JUNE**, Office Professional, Technology, B21, 6.5 hrs./day, 261 days effective 8.22.11.
- ROHR, MARY**, Administrative Assistant, Transportation, 8.0 hrs./day, 261.0 days effective 7.18.11.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE:**

**CLASSIFIED**

- THUL, MARK**, Teacher, SFHS, Return from .27 LOA effective 6.30.2011.

## **RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:**

CLASSIFIED

**PETERSON, SUSAN**, Teacher, CCCS, Retirement effective 9.30.11.

NON-CLASSIFIED

**MARTINEZ, ANDREW**, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, SFHS, Resignation effective 7.1.11.

**REHBERG, CHRIS**, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation effective 7.21.11.

**STOKKE, MEGAN**, Assistant Dance Coach, SFHS, Resignation effective 7.1.11.

**WANAMAKER, ZEKE**, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation effective 7.20.11.

Motion carried with one abstention, Ms. Van Denburgh.

### **Reports**

#### *Curriculum Update*

Mr. Becker reported on curriculum items. The recent State of Minnesota shutdown pushed back the release of assessment results for math, reading and Adequate Yearly Progress. However, the Annual Report is still due October 1. American Indian books have been taken off the shelves of the media centers and a committee will review and recommend titles that are culturally responsible. K-5 reading curriculum has undergone a makeover. New books have arrived and reading mentors have been trained.

#### *Superintendent Report and Communications*

- Mr. Saxton introduced David Lindberg, Human Resources.
- The City of Bethel offices have moved into the Sandhill Center.
- Attended the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) negotiations seminar and back to school meeting.
- Will attend the Minnesota Association of School Administrators back to school meeting.
- Will meet with middle school administration regarding staff and scheduling
- The District Leadership Team back to school meeting will address department updates and the use of SchoolReach and online newsletters.

#### *Dialogue Session*

Mr. Haag reported that Ms. Norberg shared information about the CCCS Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

#### *School Board Member Reports*

Mr. Anderson attended the Oak Land meeting and the Center of Academic Excellence Gathering of Champions at Mall of America where ISD 15 students were recognized for academic achievement.

Ms. Van Denburgh commended the football coaches for making her student feel welcomed. She also received a call regarding the School Board agenda not being posted online.

Mr. Vogel would like to see the borrowing costs.

Mr. Grams offered condolences to the family of Dennie Emmans. Dennie was a School Board member for 12 years.

Ms. Kelly attended the Oak Land meeting and Schools for Equity in Education legislative meeting. Ms. Kelly referred to School Board Policy 111 - Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies, regarding policy changes/revisions and agenda placement. Discussion included: having any revisions of legal modifications to policy made at the discretion of the School Board, be listed as a separate item under Other Matters on one School Board meeting agenda, and that proposed changes or new policies be placed on two School Board agendas. The School Board provided consensus.

### **Administrative Report**

#### *School Media's, Inc.*

Mr. Larson introduced Mr. Meyer and Mr. Miller of School Media's, Inc., the locker advertisement company. There was some vandalism reported with damages of approximately \$500, otherwise the venture has generated \$60,000 of revenue for the District. If the District continues to run the advertising program, the company will review keeping advertisements on the lockers at busier buildings during the summer months. There is no internal cost to the District for the locker advertisements. A three-year contract with School Media's, Inc. will be on the agenda August 22. Mr. Larson and company representatives will look into whether advertisements can be installed for open houses.

#### *Legislative Update*

Ms. Hawkins provided the legislative summary from the 2011 legislative session. Several laws have changed

related to school districts. The General Education Formula will increase by \$50 per pupil for 2011-12. State aid payments have been shifted from 70%-30% to 60%-40% and the property tax shift calculation has changed from net levy to gross levy. These shifts total \$14 million, which results in the District needing to borrow \$11 million and use a line of credit until state payments are made. Full summaries of financial and policy changes can be found on the Minnesota Department of Education and the MSBA websites.

**Other Matters**

*Resolution Relating to \$9,500,000 General Obligation Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2011A*

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

(Copy attached to legal minutes on file at Central Services Center)

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph D. Haag, School Board Clerk