

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
March 14, 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 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Directors Anderson, H. Grams, Haag, Van Denburgh, Vogel, and Superintendent Saxton. Absent: Director S. Grams.

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, March 28, April 11, April 25, and May 9. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Consideration of Visitors

None

Site Report – Crossroads School and Vocational Center (CSVC)

CSVC presentation this evening was provided by Ms. Keri Neubauer, Principal. The Harbor program provides focused learning opportunities to ISD 15 students who are not as successful at St. Francis Middle School (SFMS) and St. Francis High School (SFHS). This allows the District to keep these students in ISD 15 programming. Of the 26 students who were enrolled this time last year, we are seeing great success in returning to SFMS and SFHS. The presentation focused on enrollment, attendance, and programming. There is a girls' unit at Bar None that has added a new dynamic to the program. Various programming is being assessed as gender specific to determine what will provide the student the most academic success. Enrollment has been fluctuating between 55-65 students this school year. Attendance has contributed to CSVC not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). While unable to control all aspects of attendance, staff has worked on developing relationships with all students. The staff also observes interactions when new students arrive, paying attention to bullying/harassment as the main source of conflict. Positive behavioral support is rewarded. CSVC is moving toward a six period day in which two periods become a vocational opportunity for students. Ms. Neubauer will be visiting other sites to observe programming, and will also be analyzing licensure requirements.

Agenda

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

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Haag and seconded by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Vogel requested items D, E, and F and Ms. Van Denburgh requested item G be considered separately.

A. THAT the minutes of February 28 and March 7 be approved as presented.

B. THAT the Personnel Items listed below be approved:

EMPLOYMENT:

CLASSIFIED

DALBEY, LANCE, Language Arts Teacher, SFHS, LT Substitute, BA, effective 3.22.11.

EVERTH, WENDY, Academic Stretch, SFMS, BA, 1.5 hrs./day, 48.0 days effective 1.10.11.

MIKKELSON, LORI, Academic Stretch, SFMS, BA, 1.5 hrs./day, 48.0 days effective 1.10.11.

MILNER, HILARY, Kindergarten Intervention Teacher, SFE, BA, 3.5 hrs./day, 25.0 days effective 3.14.11.

NELSON, KELSEY, Kindergarten Intervention Teacher, SFE, BA, 6.5 hrs./day, 25.0 days effective 3.14.11.

NORDIN, DAWN, Academic Stretch, SFMS, MA, 1.5 hrs./day, 48.0 days effective 1.10.11.

PAULSON, AMIE, Academic Stretch, SFMS, MA, 1.5 hrs./day, 48.0 days effective 1.10.11.

SCHLEPER, ASHLEY, FACS Teacher, SFHS, Substitute, BA, effective 3.14.11.

STARR, SUSAN, Academic Stretch, SFMS, MA, 1.5 hrs./day, 48.0 days effective 1.10.11.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

CLASSIFIED

CADY, KATIE, Teacher, SFMS, Return from Parental LOA effective 03.14.11.

KING, JARED, ESL Teacher, District Wide, Conclusion of General Unpaid LOA effective 9.2.09 thru 8.22.2011.

NON-CLASSIFIED

CARLSON, ALEXIS, Helper/Server, Nutrition, SFHS, Return from Medical LOA effective 2.14.11.

CHELBERG, TAMMIE, Educational Assistant, SFE, Return from Medical LOA effective 2.28.11.

JOHNSON, TERESE, Educational Assistant, SFHS, Return from Medical LOA effective 2.28.11.

LAFOUNTAIN, CAROL, Bus Driver, Transportation, Conclusion of Family Medical LOA effective 3.4.11.

LOFGREN, CURTIS, Custodian, CCCS, Return from Medical LOA effective 3.14.11.

VANWEY, LISA, Bus Driver, Transportation, Medical LOA effective 3.3.11.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

CLASSIFIED

KING, JARED, ESL Teacher, District Wide, Resignation effective 2.10.11

NON-CLASSIFIED

LAFOUNTAIN, CAROL, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation effective 3.4.11.

LEE, ALTON, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation effective 1.11.11 (Revision/FromTermination 1.24.11 minutes).

C. THAT the Disbursements be approved as presented.

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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	\$ 498,557.77
02	Food Service	\$ 36,886.41
04	Community Services	\$ 21,693.49
06	Construction	
07	Debt Redemption	\$ 805.00
09	Trust and Agency	\$ 957.56
47	OPEB Debt Service	
TOTAL DISTRICT		\$ 558,900.23

The amounts above include checks processed between 3/1/11 to 3/11/11 and all accounts payable

items processed between 3/1/11 and 3/14/11

Motion carried.

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

- D. THAT Approval of Award of Bid – 2011 Roof Replacement Project be approved as presented.
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the contract for the bid for the 2011 roof replacement project be awarded to Berwald Roofing, with the low combined bid of \$280,100.

Mr. Vogel inquired about supporting documentation, Ms. Hawkins provided the documentation.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Haag. The motion was rescinded.

- E. THAT Approval of Easements for Trail System – City of St. Francis be approved as presented.
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the City of St. Francis' requests for a permanent trail easement and a temporary construction easement be approved for the St. Francis Middle School property.

The motion to rescind was made to give Mr. Larson time to obtain answers regarding responsibility for fixing and repairing, plowing as well as snow removal of the walking/biking trail.

Motion to table the resolution was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Vogel.

Motion carried.

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

- F. THAT Approval of Transportation Vehicles for 2011-12 be approved as presented.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the agreement with Telin Transportation Group for the district to purchase two new 2012 24-passenger Chevrolet Minotour Thomas Wheelchair Lift buses for \$52,940, plus taxes and applicable fees, per bus be approved.

Mr. Vogel requested more information regarding the District procedure for vehicle purchases.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Haag and seconded by Mr. Anderson

- G. 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):
\$147.00, PTO of EBCS, for student recognition supplies
\$500.00, PTO of CCCS, for SFHS scholarship program to student who attended CCCS in elementary school
\$264.00, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to SFHS to be used at principal's discretion
\$53.80, KLK Holdings, Inc., to SFHS to be used at principal's discretion

Ms. Van Denburgh expressed concern that PTO scholarship donation amounts vary.

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Alex Everhart provided the student report. Austin Liebel placed second at the Minnesota State High School League wrestling tournament. Jared Goldman and Kyle Kling will be going to Nationals in DECA. Alex Everhart and Alex Gray qualified for Nationals in Speech and Student Congress. Alex Everhart and Alex Gray are the first students to qualify for Nationals in Speech and Student Congress from the Northern Lights Chapter. Alex Everhart was elected Northern Lights District National Forensics League Student of the Year.

Superintendent Communications and Report

- Teacher Academy positions have been posted with interviews occurring.
- Met with Cedar Creek Community School (CCCS) staff specifically regarding open enrollment which is currently at 18%. Of this 18%, 53 of 150 students are attending Rum River Elementary in Anoka-Hennepin.
- American Indian Education meeting on March 9 went well. There is another meeting tomorrow. At the last meeting the request was for presence on the website. At each one of the buildings there is a location

that provides contact information. It also states that the website is under construction. There was a request for a larger room at SFMS.

- A District Leadership Team training session regarding quality leadership was held March 4.
- Math Specialists are being reduced from four staff to two staff.
- Second meeting held with HR staff. Meetings will be held weekly. Leadership will listen to input in order to build skill set for replacement of Mr. Reker. This was discussed the past two weeks during cabinet. There is a strong desire by the HR Department to train staff in the buildings on various pieces of HR such as myView.
- Mr. Reker will be in Cabinet meeting on March 21. Licensed staffing will take place on March 22. Letters will be delivered by building administrators that week.
- Attended the Schools for Equity in Education meeting.
- 21st Century Project currently has eight students. It is moving in a very positive direction. Five home school students and three to four online students are currently in the program.
- Ms. Hermann's third grade classroom went to NASA today via Tandberg conference.
- Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Becker, and Mr. Saxton will be meeting with Ms. Fuller regarding Academic Stretch.
- Locker advertising update was provided as a tabletop document.

Dialogue Session

No one attended.

School Board Member Reports

Mr. Anderson attended Special Board meeting on March 7. He also attended American Indian Parent Committee meeting.

Ms. Van Denburgh attended Safety Committee meeting. Ms. Van Denburgh was asked by Mr. Sargent to attend first meeting. There was some progress made. She will continue to attend meetings. Ms. Van Denburgh also has concern about video streaming.

Mr. Haag attended the Site Management Council (SMC) meeting at CCCS today. Thirty days from now is Foundation 15 event at The Refuge with a 70's theme. Money is raised for scholarships.

Mr. Grams attended the SMC meeting at St. Francis Elementary School. Parents would like to apply for grants and would like to ask someone in the district for assistance. Mr. Randall Keillor would be a contact. Mr. Rose may also be a good contact.

Administrative Report

None

Other Matters

Member Mr. Vogel introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

- A. Approval of Resolution Proposing to Place Individuals with Continuing Contract Rights on Unrequested Leave of Absence.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15, St. Francis, as follows:

That it is proposed that Jill Kelly, a 1.0 FTE assistant principal, be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year on June 30, 2011, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 122A.40, subdivision 11.

That it is proposed that Patrick Hoth, a 1.0 FTE assistant principal, be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year on June 30, 2011, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 122A.40, subdivision 11.

That written notice be sent to said individuals regarding their proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

That each and all of the foregoing grounds of said notice are within the grounds for unrequested leave placement as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 122A.40, subdivision 11, and are hereby adopted as fully as though separately set forth and resolved herein.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Mr. Grams and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Grams, Mr. Haag, Ms. Kelly, Ms. Van Denburgh and Mr. Vogel

And the following voted against: none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Joseph D. Haag, School Board Clerk