

SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
St. Francis, Minnesota
September 12, 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, student representatives Nate Lipinski, Mercedes Johnson and Jessica Volkman, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, September 26, October 10, October 24, and November 14. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Site Report – St. Francis Middle School

Principal Mr. Johnson and Assistant Principal Ms. Hume provided the site report which included: Open House, 2011 will focus family communication through use of technology, Twitter, computer labs, and enrollment. The new five period day schedule allows increased academic time, programming flexibility, and fewer transitions. There will be stronger emphasis on prevention of bullying, cyber-bullying, and relational bullying. Respect presentations will be held and school-wide discipline approaches reviewed. Common assessments 2011-2012 goal: collaborative work in examining student results through assessment data. The focus for 2011-2012 will include refinement of building schedule, the push toward using data to inform instruction, and continued implementation of formative and summative assessments.

Consideration of Visitors

Mr. Gardner acknowledged the District regarding efforts in preventing bullying and commended the community and District.

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the revised Consent Agenda by Mr. Grams and seconded by Mr. Vogel. Chair Kelly reported an amendment to Personnel items with the addition of CCCS to Cynthia Johnson's employment. Ms. Van Denburgh requested item F and Mr. Vogel requested item D be considered separately.

A. THAT the minutes of August 22, 2011 be approved as presented.

B. THAT 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:

EMPLOYMENT:

CLASSIFIED

JOHNSON, CYNTHIA, Social Worker, CCCS, MA1, 8.0 hrs./day, 177 days effective 9.19.11.

LARSON, KATELYN, Teacher, SFHS, BA1, 2.88 hrs./day, 186 days effective 9.6.11.

MILNER, HILARY, Preschool Instructor, LLC, Step 1, 3.5 hrs./day, 182 days effective 8.30.11.

PETERSON, JUSTIN, Teacher, SFMS, BA1, 4.0 hrs./day, 186 days effective 8.30.11.

VONARX, JOHN, Teacher, CCCS, 1.5 hrs./186 days effective 9.1.11.

WEINHAGEN, MICHAEL, Teacher, SFMS, MA1, 8 hrs./day, 93 days effective 9.6.11.

ZAK, NANCY, Teacher, CCCS, BA1, 4.0 hrs./day, 186 days effective 8.30.11.

NON-CLASSIFIED

BERVEN, GLORIA, Educational Assistant, SFE, From Layoff, B 21, 2 hrs./day, 170 days effective 9.6.11.

MCKINNEY, MARY, Helper Server, Nutrition, SFE, Step 1, 4.0 hrs./day, 170 days effective 9.6.11.
MORAWIECKI, MARILYN, Educational Assistant, SFE, From Layoff, B 21, 2 hrs./day, 170 days effective 9.6.11.
MARONEY, DEB, Educational Assistant, CCCS, From layoff to assignment, Step 3, 5.75 hrs./day, 170 days effective 8.23.11.
RATH, DAVID, Mechanic, Transportation, Step 4, 8.0 hrs./day, 261 days effective 9.12.11.
RILEY, MELISSA, Kids Connection Lead Instructor, SFMS, Step 7, 6 hrs./day, 200 days effective 9.7.11.
SAMPSON, RACHEL, Educational Assistant, EBCS, Step 2, 5.75 hrs./day, 166 days effective 9.12.11.
SHARP, MARY, Bus Driver, Transportation, Step D, Varied hrs./day, 170 days effective 9.6.11.
SPARSTAD, TONIA, Educational Assistant, EBCS, Step 2, 6.5 hrs./day, 170 days effective 9.6.11.
WHITE, MELISSA, Educational Assistant, EBCS, Step 1, 2.7 hrs./day, 166 days effective 9.12.11.

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/DISCONTINUANCE OF POSITION:

NON-CLASSIFIED

JENDRO, TABITHA, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation effective 8.23.11.

C. THAT Disbursements be approved as presented.

SCHOOL BOARD		DATE: 9/8/2011
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:		
Fund No.	Description	Amount
01	General	\$ 1,953,294.94
02	Food Service	\$ 52,206.76
04	Community Services	\$ 72,517.54
06	Construction	\$
07	Debt Redemption	\$
09	Trust and Agency	\$
47	OPEB Debt Service	\$
TOTAL DISTRICT		\$ 2,078,019.24

The amounts above include checks processed for 8/20/11 and 9/2/11 payroll withholdings; all checks processed between 8/23/11 and 9/8/11 and all accounts payable items processed between 8/23/11 and 9/8/11.

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 the attached donor form(s):

- \$60.00, Wells Fargo Educational Match, to EBCS to be used at principal's discretion
- \$500.00, Kraus Anderson Insurance, for an iPad or other technology tool, district choice
- \$18.00, Wells Fargo Foundation, to CCCS to be used at principal's discretion
- \$21.00, Wells Fargo Foundation, to CCCS to be used at principal's discretion
- \$79.95, Wells Fargo Foundation, to CCCS to be used at principal's discretion
- \$60.06, Wells Fargo Foundation, to CCCS to be used at principal's discretion
- \$175.00, Wells Fargo Educational Match, to be used at discretion of Early Childhood
- \$16.62, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to SFHS to be used at principal's discretion
- \$242.28, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, to SFHS to be used at principal's discretion
- \$4,286.25, Saints for Soccer Club, for boys varsity soccer uniforms
- \$4,100.00, St. Francis Volleyball Booster Club, \$3,400 - 9th grade coach, \$700 - 9th grade part-time coach
- \$897.25, St. Francis Grid Club, for laundry detergent/chemicals/supplies
- \$150.00, Ken Sailor, to be used at discretion of Early Childhood

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Grams motioned and Mr. Anderson seconded. Mr. Vogel requested that background information be included in contracts, whether there are increases or decreases etc.

D. THAT the Rental Agreement - Minnesota Aerials Gymnastics be approved as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the rental agreement with Minnesota Aerials Gymnastics for rental of gymnastics facility for the 2011-12 St. Francis High School Gymnastics season be approved at the rate of \$10,000.00 per season.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Grams and seconded by Mr. Haag. Ms. Van Denburgh inquired how many students this will serve and is the contract similar to the high school contract. Mr. Saxton reported the cost is lower than the high school, and services all students. It is modeled after the behavior setting at the high school.

F. THAT the Contract - PBR Consulting with St. Francis Middle School 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 at St. Francis Middle School for the 2011-12 school year in an amount not to exceed \$22,450.00 be approved.

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Chair Kelly welcomed student representatives Mercedez Johnson and Jessica Volkman. Student Nate Lipinski provided assistance to the student representatives in giving the first report for 2011-2012. Homecoming is October 7, with activities being held each day of the week. Romeo and Juliet is the high school drama. Class pictures are ongoing. A tentative debate is September 24.

Superintendent Report and Communications

- Mr. Saxton reported that the behavior management system at the middle school will be analyzed.
- Welcome Back program for ISD 15 staff was August 31.
- Open houses were well attended, computer labs were open.
- Attended Schools for Equity in Education (SEE) meeting last Friday. School Board members were sent via email an article from Brad Lundell. Mr. Lundell has offered to come out to the School District to review his report.
- Attended the Cooper vs. St. Francis High School football game, the fans were very respectful.
- Minnesota School Boards Association regional meetings will be held.
- National School Boards Association spring conference will be held.
- The Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney Law Conference will be held.
- SWOOP - testing is done with every student K-5. Results are given to teachers for use earlier in the year.
- Information distributed. Mr. Lindberg met with Mr. Hahn and Ms. Kohnen regarding additional staffing. This will be reviewed after October enrollment numbers are known. The plan would be for a half-time instructor at Cedar Creek Community School (CCCS) and a half-time instructor at St. Francis Elementary School (SFES).
- The School Board will go into closed session to discuss negotiation parameters on September 26.

Dialogue Session

No one attended.

School Board Member Reports

Mr. Anderson attended ECSU meeting, Open House at St. Francis Middle School, Oak Land planning meeting, and the Welcome Back program for ISD 15 staff.

Ms. Van Denburgh constituent expressed difficulty in trying to locate staff through website. She has been told that some members of the American Indian committee have been reviewing the books.

Mr. Haag attended CCCS Open House.

Ms. Grams attended East Bethel Community School Open House. She recommended that School Board members attend the Law Seminar.

Mr. Vogel attended open houses and witnessed the students' excitement.

Mr. Grams attended Welcome Back program for ISD 15 staff. He acknowledged the great turnout at the football game.

Ms. Kelly attended Oak Land, SEE meetings, and Welcome Back program for ISD 15 staff.

Administrative Report

Mr. Saxton reported discussion at the cabinet level with electronic School Board packets. Information will be given to the School Board.

Old Business

Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement for ISD No. 15 2010-11

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement for 2010-11, upon review, is accepted and shall be distributed to the residents of ISD No. 15.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. _____

Joseph D. Haag, School Board Clerk