

SCHOOL BOARD
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
 St. Francis, Minnesota
 September 26, 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 Mercedes Johnson and Jessica Volkman, and community members.

Board Calendar Dates: Regular meetings held at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Services Center, October 10, October 24, November 14, and November 28. Dialogue with the School Board will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meetings.

Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)

Executive Director Brad Lundell presented information regarding the organization’s work with the 61 district members. Some good things came out of this legislative session. In general education comparison, St. Francis receives approximately \$200 per student less than the average of other SEE districts. It is important that the higher wealth districts understand the situation of equity. The state equalizing factor has remained level for the past 15 years. SEE welcomes input from its member districts regarding what is needed. Information is updated and posted to www.schoolsforequity.org.

Consideration of Visitors

None

Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

- A. THAT the minutes of September 12, 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:

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

NON-CLASSIFIED

KING, DIANE, Office Professional, Maintenance, Medical LOA effective 9.14.11.

- C. THAT 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, including payroll liabilities and excluding net payroll, be allowed and charged to funds as follows:		
Fund No.	Description	Amount
01	General	\$ 1,732,310.74
02	Food Service	\$ 66,196.08

04	Community Services	\$	53,088.16
06	Construction		
07	Debt Redemption		
09	Trust and Agency	\$	1,121.12
47	OPEB Debt Service		
TOTAL DISTRICT		\$	1,852,716.10

The amounts above include P-card transactions for August, 2011;
checks processed for 9/20/11 payroll withholdings;
all checks processed between 9/13/11 and 9/22/11
and all Accounts payable items processed between 9/13/11 and 9/22/11.

- D. THAT Approval of Extended Travel – The Crier, The Lance Yearbook, SFHS Today be approved as presented.
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that The Crier, the Lance Yearbook, and SFHS Today extended trip to Minneapolis, MN November 17 – 20, 2011 be approved as requested.
- E. THAT Approval of Extended Travel – Girls Hockey
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the High School Girls Hockey program for an extended trip, November 4 - November 5, 2011 be approved as requested.
- F. THAT Approval of Extended Travel – Football
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the extended trip proposal for the High School Football team Lock In October 7 – 8, 2011 be approved as requested.
- G. THAT Approval of Extended Travel – Student Congress
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Student Congress extended trip to Duluth, MN October 14-15, 2011 be approved as requested.
- H. THAT Approval of Extended Travel – Student Congress
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that the Student Congress extended trip to Duluth, MN March 8-10, 2012 be approved as requested.
- I. 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):
\$1,792.34, Target Corp., to SFMS to be used at principal’s discretion
\$3,586.38, Target – Take Charge of Education, to CCCS to be used at principal’s discretion
\$250.00, Peoples Bank of Commerce, scholarship for applicants that have an interest in business or finance. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated leadership skills, who are involved in extra curricular activities and have received relevant honors
\$269.44, St. Francis Grid Club, thigh pads for football

Motion carried.

Reports

Student Report

Mercedez Johnson and Jessica Volkman provided the student report which included: the Romeo and Juliet Play, Debate tournament, HOSA meeting, Tennis tournament sponsored by Student Council, complaints from students and teachers for the end of year comprehensive assessments, fewer complaints about the sweet potato fries, and the anticipation of the locker advertisements soon to be installed.

Superintendent Report and Communications

- Mr. Saxton reported the group of eight that attended the ISTE convention have continued to meet and discuss the move forward with technology.
- Academic Stretch began today.
- Met to discuss kindergarten stretch.
- Work continues on the website and redesign analysis.
- Two observations have been held with Collin Minshull. A pilot of a paperless system is being done with QComp evaluations.
- Met with preschool parents. They expressed the importance of receiving communications in a multitude of

ways.

- Commissioner of Education was at the SEE meeting, and Decision Resources presented.
- Attended TIES annual meeting.
- Attended the ECMECC meeting.
- Attended the Principals meeting.
- Internet outage on September 23, parents were notified via SchoolReach.
- Educational Cabinet met.
- Mr. Saxton presented leadership skills to the Principal program St. Cloud State University.
- The Joint Standing Committee meeting was held this evening.
- Attended Bus Safety meeting in Mendota Heights.

Dialogue Session

No one attended.

School Board Member Reports

Mr. Anderson attended Health Insurance Committee meeting, Oak Land meeting in Princeton, Joint Standing committee meeting, and the Hall of Fame presentation will be at 5 p.m. on October 7.

Ms. Van Denburgh attended a meeting September 13, in Anoka County on fiber optics. Did not attend the September 15 insurance meeting due to previously volunteering to host dinner for the football team, she received a few calls from constituents. She had the opportunity to look through some books reviewed by the American Indian Education committee.

Ms. Grams inquired about how School Board packets will be sent. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Mr. Grams attended Joint Standing committee, TIES annual meeting noting St. Francis being acknowledged as a leader in technology, and the Hall of Fame committee meeting.

Ms. Kelly attended Oak Land Board meeting, and the SEE meeting. Ms. Kelly wanted the School Board to know that Jim Abeler's son passed away suddenly.

Administrative Report

None

Other Matters

Proposed 2011 Payable 2012 Property Tax Levy

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 Proposed Property Tax Levy for 2011 payable 2012 be certified to the County Auditor as follows:

Ms. Hawkins reviewed the 2011 payable 2012 preliminary tax levy analysis. The levy will go down ½ million from last year. Some change is also due to loss of enrollment projections.

Motion carried.

Five minute recess: 8:20 p.m.

Closed Meeting – Negotiation Parameters

Closed Session: Motion was made by Ms. Grams and seconded by Mr. Haag.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 15 that a closed session be conducted for the purpose of discussing labor negotiation strategies under subd. 1 (b) of the Open Meetings Law, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13D.03

Motion carried.

Time: 8:29 p.m.

Resume Open Meeting: Mr. Anderson moved that the open meeting be resumed and was seconded by Mr. Vogel.

Motion carried.

Time: 9:48 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Joseph D. Haag, School Board Clerk