

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruns
 Fowler
 Krog
 A. Larson
 B. Larson
 Salmela

ABSENT: Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Rick
 Simonson
 Cox

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2142, St. Louis County Schools, was held at ISD # 2142 District Office, on Monday, August 21, 2006, at 5:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Krog and seconded by Fowler to approve the agenda.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) Distributed a referendum handout with information concerning referendum. Community meetings are going to be scheduled. The superintendent asked the board to contact Linda Cox for making arrangements for the meetings; 2.) Teacher Workshops have been scheduled for Wednesday, August 30 and Thursday, August 31. On Wednesday the teachers will be at their sites and on Thursday there will be training on NWEA Maps testing program. There will be team meetings and other assignments for teachers not involved in the testing training. The School Board was invited to attend; 3.) The superintendent reviewed some of the meetings that he has been attending: MDE for Superintendents, regarding teacher induction for the next generation of teachers; Q Comp work in the High School; Education funding update; 4.) Today the superintendent attended an NLC board meeting. The NLC is currently working on getting staff in place in order to comply with the Department of Education. Additional staff is being added, curriculum is being changed and also school schedules are being changed; 5.) The superintendent is presently working on policy changes in transportation mileage and scheduling of staff.

He wants to stop inconsistencies; 6.) Wednesday evening he will be at a meeting at the NESC; 7.) Wednesday during the day, he will be in Teamsters negotiations.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson reported the following: Transportation for students this year to the NLC is going to be a critical issue. Scheduling students to begin at 8:30 a.m., is not going to work. Presently, transportation is a major concern; 2.) Mr. Simonson reviewed the 2006-2007 Student Handbook with the school board and explained changes for this year; 3.) As other districts are experiencing, we are still in the hiring process for teachers. Mr. Simonson commented that this is a busy time.

Board member Krog questioned if closed and open schools was addressed in the handbook.

Mr. Simonson indicated that he would check into it.

Discussion followed.

District Health Coordinator Mary Spang spoke to the board on the implementation of the Wellness policy for the 2006-2007 school year. Ms. Spang indicated that she met with Board member Krog and Mary Jo Maki concerning the policy. The committee agreed that the vending machines should be turned off during the school day. The ala carte is open with similar choices for the students. They also recommended that concessions should have at least one healthy choice, which would include vending / snack machines, for example baked instead of fried. The committee also recommended that all elementary students be encouraged to go the playground at recess time, on a daily basis.

Board member Krog commented in support of Ms. Spang and the Wellness policy.

Board member Salmela asked to have the 2006-2007 Student Handbook removed from the Consent agenda until the school board had time to review the document.

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Fowler to approve the amended consent agenda: August 7, 2006 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Krog and seconded by B. Larson to accept Lynette Kowarsch's letter of resignation as a 1.0 FTE teacher, effective the 2006-2007 school year.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson

Against-None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Krog to accept Marian Azzabi's letter of resignation as a 1.0 FTE teacher, effective the 2006-2007 school year.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to hire Daniel J. Zubich as head football coach at the Babbitt-Embarrass School, effective the 2006-2007 fall season, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Salmela to accept Mary Mill's letter of intent to retire / resignation, effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Krog to accept Deborah Niemi's letter of intent to retire / resignation, effective the end of December 2006.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Krog to recall Connie Zgonc to a .70 FTE ECFE tenured contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 30, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by B. Larson to recall Claire Rupar to a .70 FTE tenured ECFE contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 30, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela

Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to reinstate David Soular to a full-time, 8 hour per day, custodian position, effective August 25, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD #2142 and Operating Engineers Local #70.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Fowler to reinstate Kathleen Salmela to a full-time, 8 hour per day, custodian position, effective August 25, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers Local #70.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by B. Larson to hire Kelly Florence (Rintala) as Speech Coach, effective the 2006-2007 school year.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Krog and seconded by Fowler to approve a leave of absence for Kara Graves under the family medical leave act, effective on or before December 18, 2006, for a period of 6 weeks, pursuant to M. S. 122A.46 and in accord with Master Agreement, Article XI, Section 4, Subd. 3, between ISD 2142 and EDMNSLCT.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Salmela to amend the retirement / resignation effective date for Donald Ranta, as teacher, from the end of December 2006 to May 31, 2007.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Krog and seconded by A. Larson to recall Candace Babich to a .8 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 30, 2006, contingent upon securing variance or provisional licensure from the Department of Education, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Krog and seconded by A. Larson to offer Timothy Herring a .5 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 30, 2006, contingent upon securing variance or provisional licensure from the Department of Education, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to offer JeriLynn Bruce a .2 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 30, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD #2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by B. Larson to offer Alizabeth Beseke a .1 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 30, 2006, contingent upon securing variance or provisional licensure from the Department of Education, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Board questioned the amended recall.

Discussion followed.

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Salmela to amend the recall for Ronald Demianuik to .6 FTE tenured contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective August 30, 2006, contingent upon securing variance or provisional licensure from the

Department of Education, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Fowler to accept Travis Kahlstorf's letter of resignation as bus driver, effective August 22, 2006.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to accept Jeff Larson's letter of resignation as van driver, effective August 17, 2006.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by B. Larson to accept Bonnie Anderson's letter of resignation as teacher aide, effective September 8, 2006.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Fowler to hire Loretta Bogren as custodian, 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective August 14, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers Local #70.

Yes- Bruns, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Absent-Johnson
Against-None

Comments from the board:

Board member Salmela commented that a couple of weeks ago the budget was balanced and he is concerned about a couple of agenda items on the agenda.

Board member Fowler invited two ministers from the area to discuss their support of the referendum.

Board chair invited the two ministers to speak.

Rev. Charles Barnes of Babbitt stated that taxpayers should be checking their tax statements from the county. He asked that taxpayers pay particular attention to the

amount of tax money designated for garbage and the amount of tax money designated for schools. Rev. Barnes indicated that we pay more money for garbage than we do for schools. He stated, "Children are worth more than garbage".

Rev. Arthur Dale of Tower stated that we must do what ever it takes to take care of our children. Children are our most valuable gift. We need to pass this referendum, since we've saved money in taxes over the past years. Rev. Dale emphasized the importance of growing the minds and brains of our children.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.