

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006.

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

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, June 26, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) The Superintendent reported on the results of the Northland Learning Center Board Session on June 16, 2006. Agenda items were: Business Manager improvement and simplification of the billing process; Report On-Line Learning status in Schools, NESC and NLC; State Report on the Area Learning Center and State Report on Special Education programs at NLC; 2.) Superintendent attended the Indian Education Law and Programs meeting on June 19, 2006. Topics of discussion were "Success for the Future" program outlook for 2006-2007 and a review of the Minnesota Indian Education law and possible revisions; 3.) The administration will continue to work on filling open staff assignments for the 2006-2007 school year; and 4.) Gave school board summary handouts of the K-12 and Early Childhood Education law in the 2006 Supplemental Budget Act and Education provisions in the Omnibus Tax Act.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson reported the following: 1.) Working on proficiency in testing and revising the assessment position; 2. Handbook revisions will include the testing calendar; 3.) Reorganizing the curriculum program and looking at student achievement and instructional practices; 4.) Working on a parent /

student survey and receiving the thoughts on our schools; 5.) The district has received a good response in regards to the before and after school program. The program will begin the first day of school at the Cotton site.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Krog and seconded by B. Larson to approve the consent agenda: May 22, 2006 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; *Policy: Donations: \$57.00 for crushed rock from Charles and Val Rick for the District Office Beautification project; \$550.00 from Kemps Nickels for Schools for the AlBrook School playground project; \$300.00 from C.C. Riders Snowmobile Club of Canyon for the Cotton School Speech State Tournament; \$459.40 from the Babbitt Lions Club for the Babbitt-Embarrass Spring Fling picnic, (student activity fund); The following donations are for the Tower-Soudan School piano fund: \$25.00 from Mark and Karen Shermer; \$50.00 from Scott A. Chiabotti; \$31.13 from Roger and Christina Hujanen; and \$50.00 from Vermilion Law, Ltd.*

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

Motion by fowler and seconded by A. Larson to amend the mileage reimbursement rates per mile for the 2006-2007 school year, as follows: Personal Vehicle will be equal to the IRS rate 44.5 cents; District Car will be equal to the IRS rate 44.5 cents; Van / Suburban will be equal to the IRS rate, times 1.5, 67 cents per mile; District Bus will be equal to the IRS rate, times 4.5, \$2.00 per mile; contracted Bus will be equal to the IRS rate, times 5, \$2.23 per mile.

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

Superintendent Rick explained the Air Anticipation and recommended continuing for another year.

Member Salmela introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION AID ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, SERIES 2006A; AND COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THESE CERTIFICATES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2142, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Certificate Authorization. The Board of Education has determined that it is necessary and desirable for the District to sell and issue its General Obligation Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2006A in the total aggregate principal amount of \$2,900,000 for the purpose of meeting current expenditures of the District.

2. Sale. The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc., in Roseville, Minnesota, as its independent financial advisor for the Certificates and is therefore authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, and Subdivision 2(9). If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, the Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Official Statement to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the Bonds.

3. Official Statement; Negotiation of Sale. Ehlers & Associates, Inc. is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.

4. Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on its General Obligation Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2006A (the "Certificates") and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Certificates when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the certificates is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Certificates or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Certificates, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Certificates of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Finance and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member B. Larson

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Johnson, Krog, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela, and Fowler.

and the following voted against the same: None

and the following being absent: None

whereupon the resolution, having received the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members,

was declared duly passed and adopted.

Superintendent Rick commented on the referendum and recommended board approval.

Member Salmela introduced the following resolution and moved for adoption:

RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY OPERATING REFERENDUM PROPOSAL

**CONSTANT DOLLARS PER PUPIL UNIT
NO CANCELLATION OF EXISTING AUTHORITY**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142, St. Louis County Schools, has proposed to increase its general revenue by \$500.00 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Johnson and upon vote taken thereof: Bruns, Johnson, Krog, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela and Fowler.

The following voted against same: None
and the following being absent: None
Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to accept Steve Reznicek's letter of intent to retire / resignation as principal effective September 1, 2008.

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

Motion by Krog and seconded by Johnson to accept Debbie Wiirre's letter of resignation as District Support Services Coordinator, effective June 27, 2006.

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

Motion by Salmela and seconded by B. Larson to hire James Boutto as bus driver, bargaining unit, not to exceed full time equivalency for this position, effective September 5, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD 2142 and Operating Engineers #70.

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

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Fowler to hire Deb Olson as head cook, bargaining unit, 7.0 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective August 30, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Johnson to hire Carol Erickson as Site Secretary II, 6.0 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective August 28, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Johnson to recall Carl Grussendorf to a .40 FTE 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, Johnson, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Against-None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Krog to offer Kristi L. Morris-Johnson a .60 FTE 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, Johnson, A. Larson, B. Larson, Krog, Salmela
Against-None

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Fowler to accept Jeanne A. Besemann's letter of retirement / resignation as teacher, effective June 2, 2006.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Johnson to ratify the 2005-2007 Bus Driver contract.

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

Motion by Fowler and seconded by Johnson to ratify the 2005-2007 Custodian contract.

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

Motion by Krog and seconded by Salmela to accept Bill Reynolds letter of resignation as technology technician, effective July 7, 2006.

Comments from the Board:

Board member B. Larson commented on having a Planning Session in July.
Board Chair Bruns scheduled a Board Study Session for Monday, July 17, 2006,
at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office.

Comments from visitors:

Tom Cundy, Director of Facilities and Grounds asked for permission to move forward on some summer projects: 1.) Brick work at the Cherry School; 2.) Chip dryer at the Babbitt-Embarrass School; 3.) Architect to move ahead on the Cherry School playground, now that the civil engineer is done with his assessment.

Board Chair Bruns indicated that these projects could receive the approval of the superintendent in order to proceed.

Discussion followed.

Board Chair Bruns asked about the status of the Cotton School mound system.

Mr. Cundy replied that Barr Engineering is checking on them and so far everything is working fine.

Mr. Will Kleppe, golf coach, spoke in favor of the Orr School golf program. Mr. Kleppe indicated that he has taken several student golfers to state. He then went and outlined his plan to save money in the program.

Superintendent Rick addressed some of his concerns regarding funding of the program.

Discussion followed.

Nancy Mault spoke and asked the board to reconsider cutting the golf program.

Carol Kester spoke in support of the Cook / Orr golf program.

The school board meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.