

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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, October 23, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda.

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

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) The superintendent will conduct more referendum informational meetings: Monday, October 30, 2006 at Babbitt-Embarrass School and Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at the AlBrook School; 2.) The school website has been updated with more information concerning the referendum; 3.) The Board had a Study Session today with the single purpose of discussing the district's Strategic Planning. A committee will be formed with a meeting taking place on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office; 4.) The superintendent recognized Claire Rupar, ECFE instructor at the Cook School who was recently honored in "I Make a Difference – 2006." Ms. Rupar was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher in the Midwest Region.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson reported the following: 1.) Mr. Simonson commented on transportation and the need to purchase school buses. The district is presently communicating with a former vendor to purchase their used buses; 2.) The district completed the NWEA MAPS testing today. Teachers at the sites were excited over the results. The school board will be receiving a summary after the results are compiled. So far, the MAPS testing has been very successful; 3.) There will be Staff Development meeting tomorrow at the District Office at 1:00 p.m. which will include discussion about the January workshop.

Lowana Greensky, Director of Indian Education, addressed the board. Ms. Greensky had a handout which explained the Title VII day program and Success for the Future extended day program. The schools with various programs that were discussed were AlBrook, Cherry, Orr, Tower-Soudan and the District-wide program which involves the Mesabi Community College, who is developing an electronic portfolio.

Motion by Fowler and seconded by Johnson to approve the consent agenda: October 9, 2006 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; *Policy*: Donations: \$750.00 from C. C. Riders Snowmobile Club of Canyon, MN for the Cotton School Drama student activity account.

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

Board clerk A. Larson read the amended policy 302 into the record. This is the first reading.

Board Policy 302	School Board
Series 300	Specific District Operating Procedures

The following School Board Policy shall supersede Policy 302, Revised and Adopted April 12, 2004.

1. Any new established positions in the district shall be posted to the union and the public, as set forth and described in each specific contract.
2. Personnel that are new hires; reassigned, including transfers; or changes in job descriptions, wages, benefits or hours of employment, (with the exception of casual labor), shall have board approval. \*
3. Any new academic, extra or co-curricular program added to a school site's program shall have prior school board approval before the program is implemented.
4. Any change in the district's student assessment / testing program that is not part of the statewide testing program, required by the Department of Education, shall have school board before implementation.
5. Any requisition in the district exceeding \$10,000. shall have board approval.
6. Any professional services shall be initiated by requisition, following guidelines of #5, listed above.

\* No. 2 includes wording from numbers 2, 3, & 4 from present policy #302.

Member Fowler introduced the following resolution and moved as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO EXPEL STUDENT “X”  
FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS**

WHEREAS, there is substantial evidence that student “X” committed a serious and flagrant violation of school district policy and state and federal law: Threatening to bring a weapon to school and cause injury and harm to other students; and

WHEREAS, student “X” and his legal guardian with the right to make educational decisions in behalf of said student have signed and executed a “*Waiver of Right to Hearing, Consent to Expulsion and Change of Placement, and Waiver of Due Process and Administrative Rights*” by which student “X” and his legal guardian have agreed and acquiesced to his expulsion for a period of twelve months;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the school board of Independent School District No. 2142, that student “X” be expelled for a period of twelve months commencing October 23, 2006.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by B. Larson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Fowler, Johnson, Krog, A. Larson, B. Larson and Salmela. And the following voted against the same: None.

Whereupon, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Salmela introduced the following resolution and moved as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO EXPEL STUDENT “Y”  
FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS**

WHEREAS, there is substantial evidence that student “Y” committed a serious and flagrant violation of school district policy and state law: physically assaulting other students; and,

WHEREAS, student “Y” and his legal guardian with the right to make educational decisions in behalf of said student have signed and executed a *Waiver of Right to Hearing and Consent to Expulsion* for twelve months;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the school board of Independent School District No. 2142, that student “Y” be expelled for a period of twelve months commencing with October 23, 2006.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by B. Larson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Fowler, John, Krog, A. Larson, B. Larson and Salmela.

And the following voted against the same: None.

Whereupon, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Johnson to approve Lisa Saxhaug, Bookkeeper / Benefits Coordinator to be the authorized representative and signer for the Flexible Spending checking account.

Superintendent Rick commented that this authorization would be temporary.

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

Against-None

Superintendent Rick commented that the school district has a reserve designated for ADA funds which would go toward the enhancement project.

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Fowler to approve the Cook School PTO Enhancement Project in the amount of \$3,634.00.

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

Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Krog to grant permission for renovation of the Cook School tennis courts into basketball / volleyball courts.

Board member Salmela stated that this is another example of community members coming forward to make needed renovations for our schools.

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

Against-None

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to approve renewal of the East Range Athletic Association agreement for the 2006-2007 school year, pending background approval of East Range Athletic Association staff and volunteers.

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

Against-None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Johnson to recall Kris Graves to a 1.0 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective September 13, 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, Johnson, Krog, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela

Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Johnson to offer Patrick M. Rossini a .2 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective September 7, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Board member B. Larson asked the superintendent if this was because of a large class.

Superintendent Rick replied that is was.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Johnson to accept Barbara Love-Hall's letter of resignation as 5.5 hour per day, Tuesdays and Thursdays instructional aide position, effective September 12, 2006.

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

Motion by Krog and seconded by B. Larson to accept Kathleen Fisher's letter of resignation as assistant cook, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 5, 2006.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Johnson to accept John L. Villebrun's letter of resignation as Indian Home School Liaison, effective October 24, 2006.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Krog to accept Danny L. Lamb's letter of resignation as bus driver, effective November 10, 2006.

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

Motion by Fowler and seconded by Johnson to approve the 2006-2007 Winter coaching staff as presented, and dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation: **AlBrook:** *Boys Basketball*- Damien Paulson-Head; Open-Assistant; *Girls Basketball*-John Villebrun-Head; Jahna Hardy-Assistant; **Babbitt-Embarrass:** *Boys Basketball*-Jon Anderson-Head; Ron Marinaro-Assistant; *Girls Basketball*-Greg

Eisenhuth-Head; Jim Mackai-Assistant; **Cherry:** *Boys Basketball*-Jeff Smerud-Head; Les Stenlund-Assistant; *Girls Basketball*-Lee Bloomquist-Head; Open-Assistant; **Cook:** *Boys Basketball*-Open-Head; Open-Assistant; *Girls Basketball*-Rick Scheuring-Head; Bill Lehto-Assistant; **Cotton:** *Boys Basketball*-Brad Matusak-Head; Dennis Morris, Jr.-Assistant; *Girls Basketball*-Mike Frye-Head; Heather Kowarsch-Assistant; **Orr:** *Boys Basketball*-Tim Olson-Head; John Jirik-Assistant; *Girls Basketball*-Liz Beseke-Head; Jackie Villebrun(Co-Assistant) / Lisa Bruns (Co-Assistant); **Tower-Soudan:** *Boys Basketball*-Open-Head; John Lilya-Assistant; *Girls Basketball*-Randall Johnson-Head; and Steve Moodie-Assistant.

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

Motion by Krog and seconded by Johnson to approve leave of absence for Jennifer Panichi under the family medical leave act, effective December 9, 2006 for up to 12 weeks, pursuant to M. S. 122A.46 and in accord with Master Agreement, Article XI, Section 4, Subd. 1, between ISD 2142 and EDMNSLCT.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Salmela to hire Barbara Love-Hall as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, Tuesdays and Thursdays, effective September 12, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by Salmela and seconded by A. Larson to hire Lori Nurmi as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 5, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by Salmela and seconded by Krog to hire Ilona Svedberg as ITV teaching assistant, non-bargaining unit, 2 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective October 9, 2006.

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

Motion by Johnson and seconded by B. Larson to hire Peter Ringhofer as bus driver, bargaining unit, not to exceed full time equivalency for this position, effective

October 24, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers Local #70.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Johnson to hire John Villebrun as an Indian Education Coordinator, bargaining unit, 7.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective October 24, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by Krog and seconded by Johnson to hire Kathleen Fisher as assistant cook, bargaining unit, 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 5, 2006, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by Krog and seconded by Salmela to approve the 2006-2007 Fall coaching staff as presented, and dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation: **Cotton: Football**-Bill O'Connell-Co-Assistant / Josh Gosar-Co-Assistant.

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

Carolyn Rahikainen, physical therapist assistant addressed the board concerning her employment.

Ida Haxton, physical therapist and supervisor spoke in support of Ms. Rahikainen.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Salmela and seconded by B. Larson to approve the 2006-2008 teacher aides contract.

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

Motion by Fowler and seconded by Salmela to approve the 2006-2007 health service COTA contract.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Johnson to hire Kimberly Johnson as  
Business Manager at the District Office, effective November 13, 2006.

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

Comments from School Board:

Board member B. Larson commented that it was an exiting day to start on  
Strategic Planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.