

CONSENT AGENDA ENCLOSURE 5.11

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Foster
Fowler
A. Larson
B. Larson
Salmela

ABSENT: Bjerklie
Bruns

ALSO PRESENT: Rick
Simonson
Johnson
Cox

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2142, St. Louis County Schools, was held at the Cherry School on Monday, August 27, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to approve agenda.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) School starts next week. The new teachers are scheduled to be at the District Office on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. The returning teachers from AlBrook, Cotton and Cherry Schools will meet at the Cotton School on Wednesday, August 29, 2007, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The teachers from Babbitt-Embarrass, Cook, Orr and Tower-Soudan Schools will meet at the Cook School on Thursday, August 30, 2007, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The superintendent will speak to the staff regarding the strategic plan and goals; 2.) The district is continuing to hire teaching staff for the 2007-2008 school year; 3.) The superintendent is putting together a letter for the levy referendum. Mr. Rick is looking for input regarding meeting dates. Once they are scheduled they will be posted on the district website and in the newspaper. Kim Johnson and Linda Cox are doing the paper work on the election judges and Ehlers is working on the link for our website; 4.) We are working on revitalizing the district-wide curriculum and syllabus; 5.) The state department is now using standards for grades with a higher rigor with math being most important; 6.) Meetings will need to be

scheduled for negotiations; 7.) The buildings are set to go for the new school year. The custodial staff has done a good job at getting it done. Some of the summer projects were: The Indoor Air Quality at the Cotton and Orr Schools; installation of a new boiler at Babbitt-Embarrass School; renovations in the science room at the Tower-Soudan School; new paint in the Orr School and a new softball field; ITV rooms at the Cherry School; replaced fire doors and roofing at the AlBrook School; and making the Cook School handicapped accessible.

Board member B. Larson commented on the Algebra curriculum this year and the scheduling of an in-service for teachers.

Discussion followed.

Board member A. Larson asked about the status of the Instant Alert.

Superintendent Rick replied that Honeywell has the information necessary for setting up the program and they are in the process of loading the data.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson reported the following: 1.) Mr. Simonson explained that the board had already received the Health and Wellness curriculum review of mapping. There are some inconsistencies at present, but we're working on building the program; 2.) The new student handbooks are done and were distributed to the board. New policies are included along with information on the instant alert system. The District newsletter is in the mail; 3.) Grades 2-8 testing information will be received by the teachers at their workshops. Student growth will be reported with growth charts on proficiency. Reports on the AYP results were given to the board on reading, writing and math, with some schools not scoring well.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Simonson continued his report in stating that there seems to be less variances this year. The state of Minnesota is more sympathetic this year to the rural schools in finding available teachers.

Principal John Metsa reported the following: 1.) Thanks to the District Office staff for doing all the preparations for the new school year; 2.) Handed out information to the board for their review; 3.) Congratulations to the Cherry School Junior Girls Softball team (age 14 and under), who are the state champions this year; 4.) Mr. Metsa went over the agenda for the teacher's start-up. In addition, Mr. Metsa indicated that one-third of his staff has already been in the building since mid August, with school planning; 5.) Mr. Metsa indicated that the Cherry School board member and Tiger Club have been active on the new athletic fields. He also encouraged the board to help with the up-coming referendum.

Board member Salmela asked to have the 2007-2008 Concurrent Enrollment with Mesabi Range College agreement removed from the consent agenda to be listed as a separate item Enc. 5.1.

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Foster to approve the consent agenda: August 13, 2007 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela

Against-None

Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Board member Salmela asked the superintendent if he was satisfied with the Mesabi Range College.

Superintendent Rick replied and indicated that he was and that the school has raised their standards. The superintendent also indicated that he would talk to the principals for their feedback.

Discussion followed.

Teacher, Marylou Sixberry, who is involved with the program, indicated that she was pleased with the changes they have over gone in the past two years. Ms. Sixberry said that the college now has stricter guidelines for the students as well as the teachers.

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Fowler for approval of the 2007-2008 Concurrent Enrollment agreement with Mesabi Range College.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela

Against-None

Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Fowler to allow the Babbitt-Embarrass and Tower-Soudan School campuses to keep their open campus status.

Board member B. Larson asked the two board members from Babbitt-Embarrass and Tower-Soudan Schools if they support this recommendation.

Board member Fowler replied that there hasn't been a problem at the Babbitt-Embarrass School.

Board member A. Larson indicated that there are different situations at different schools. The Tower-Soudan students usually walk two blocks to the store and there aren't cars involved.

Discussion followed.

Board member Salmela said that he was opposed to the recommendation because it involved student safety and it should be the same for all schools. The school should adhere to the same rules.

Discussion followed.

Superintendent Rick suggested that the recommendation be tabled and brought back with a resolution that would specifically state that no motorized vehicles would be used on the open campuses.

Board member Salmela asked if the board members that made the original motions would withdraw them. Both board members were in agreement.

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Fowler to table the resolution allowing the Babbitt-Embarrass and Tower-Soudan School campuses to keep their open campus status.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Foster to grant permission to purchase four (4) used school buses from United Truck Body Co., Inc. of Duluth for the amount of \$24,350.00.

The School Board questioned the Assistant Superintendent on the condition of the used buses.

Discussion followed.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Foster to recall Carolyn S. Olson .15 FTE to a tenured teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007, with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by b. Larson and seconded by Foster to recall Ronald Demianiuk .2 FTE to a tenured teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007,

with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Fowler to offer Tim Herring a .5 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007, with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by Foster and seconded by A. Larson to offer David A. Perry a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007, with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Foster to offer Alizabet Beseke a .2 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007, with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by Foster and seconded by Fowler to offer Amanda J. Lind a .1 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007, with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by b. Larson and seconded by Foster to offer Judy Ann Sopko a .2 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007,

with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by Foster and seconded by Fowler to offer Holly M. Dragisich a .2 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007, with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to offer Denise R. Parson a .8 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007, with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Foster to offer Deb Neuman a .25 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007, with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Foster to offer Jeremy Polson a .2 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 29, 2007, with terms and conditions for employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by Foster and seconded by Fowler to accept Anita King's resignation as assistant cook, effective September 4, 2007.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Foster to accept Walter J. Smith's resignation as van driver, effective August 13, 2007.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by Foster and seconded by B. Larson to accept Laurie Dutton's resignation as head cook, effective August 22, 2007.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by Foster and seconded by Fowler to accept Deneen Gunderson's resignation as teacher aide, effective August 27, 2007.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by Foster and seconded by B. Larson to hire Anita King as a head cook, bargaining unit, 7.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 4, 2007, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to hire Todd Siebert as bus driver, bargaining unit, AM/PM route, 5 days per week, effective September 4, 2007, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers Local #70.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by b. Larson and seconded by A. Larson to hire William Fischer as a teacher aide, bargaining unit, 3.75 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 4,

2007, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Motion by Fowler and seconded by B. Larson to hire Chad Triebwasser as a assistant football coach for the 2007-2008 fall season, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Comments from the board:

Board member B. Larson commented on the softball proposal which was given to the school board. Mr. Larson asked if a board study session would be necessary with the referendum coming up.

Board member Salmela discussed scheduling a study session to also discuss negotiations strategy.

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Fowler to schedule a board study session on Monday, September 10, 2007 at the Cook School, with a closed session for negotiations strategy from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., open session from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for referendum discussion.

Yes- Foster, Fowler, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela
Against-None
Absent- Bjerklie, Bruns

Board member Salmela spoke to the board about up-coming meetings: 1.) The MSBA has a fall meeting at Chisholm on September 25, 2007, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The MSBA will be discussing this years scheduled events; 2.) The MREA will be holding meetings around the state. A local meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2007 at the Grand Rapids school for 5:30 p.m. in the board room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.