

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007.

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

ABSENT: Bruns

ALSO PRESENT: Rick
Simonson
Johnson

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 **Tuesday, December 11, 2007.**

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Fowler and seconded by Bjerklie to approve agenda.

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

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) There was a Strategic Planning committee meeting on Monday, December 3, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., at the District Office; 2.) Negotiations for the Teamsters were held on December 10, 2007 at the District Office; 3.) Teacher negotiations are scheduled for December 12, 2007; 4.) The Superintendent commented that the Audit will be presented to the school board in early January; 5.) A meeting was held at the District Office with the administrators to discuss improvement plans at each of the school sites; 6.) On December 13, 2007 an IRR meeting is planned with legislators Senator Tom Bakk and Representative Dave Dill to discuss educational issues for Ely, Lake Superior, Cook County and STLC.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson reported the following: 1.) Mr. Simonson submitted AYP improvement plans to NESC facilitators the week of December 3, 2007. Mary Barnes, consultant on differentiated instruction, has attended the AlBrook and Orr Schools to strategize on the plans and will be at the Tower-Soudan school on December 12, 2007. Ms. Barnes will submit a summary report; 2.) A supplemental reading program "Assess What Matters" will be piloted at the Orr school site.

Board Member A. Larson questioned why teachers could not provide requested data to parents after school conferences.

Mr. Simonson stated that the data should have been made available.

Board Member B. Larson wants to ensure evaluations by teachers are reviewed by the District Office.

Motion by Foster and seconded by B. Larson to **approve the consent agenda: November 26, 2007 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; Policy: Donations:** 1.) \$1,000.00 from the Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation for St. Louis County School District; 2.) \$500.00 from "Saturday Night Country...Live!" for the Babbitt-Embarrass School music program; 3.) \$400.00 from Wal-Mart Foundation for the AlBrook School student activities fund; 4.) \$150.00 from an anonymous donor for the Cook School ECFE Scholarship program; **Program:** Orr School trip to attend "Close Up" program at Washington D.C.

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

Motion by Fowler and seconded by Foster to **adopt the 2008 school board meeting calendar with the following changes: School board meetings scheduled for March 10th, 24th and April 14th, 2007 will begin at 6:00pm.**

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by B. Larson to approve **adding a new Industrial Technology course at the Babbitt-Embarrass school for grades 11th and 12th, beginning the second semester of the 2007-2008 school years with an increase of .40 FTE for an instructor.**

Board Member Bjerklie noted this is a good direction for the district to be moving.

Board Member B. Larson asked how soon we will need to start looking at other school programs for the 2008-2009 upcoming school years.

Discussion followed.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Foster to **certify 2007 Payable 2008 school district levy in the amount of \$1,329,346.28.**

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

Motion by Foster and seconded by Bjerklie to **approve the Technology Support Technician job description.**

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Foster to **approve a 3% wage increase for the 2006-2007 school year and a 3% wage increase for the 2007-2008 school year, for the Community Education Coordinators.**

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to **accept Pam Beihoffer's letter of resignation as instructional aide, effective December 7, 2007.**

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

Comments from the board:

Board Member Bjerklie stated that at Mesabi East on January 12, 2007 there will be coaching certification classes for those who may be interested.

Board Member Fowler commented that the Applied Learning Initiative is very upbeat.

Board Vice Chair Salmela thanked everyone for contributions and to have a Merry Christmas. Our thoughts are with Ms. Bruns.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk