

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

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 ISD # 2142 District Office on Monday, **February 26, 2007**, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair Bruns added Enc. 6.23 **Amending the 2007 School Board Meeting Calendar**.

Superintendent Rick changed the **Emergency Board Meeting to a Special Board Meeting**, as noted on the agenda.

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to approve the **amended agenda**.

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

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) The Superintendent will be attending an Applied Learning Initiative meeting tomorrow; 2.) Strategic Planning met last Monday and will meet again on March 5, 2007. They are currently looking at sending out a parent's survey. The committee is planning on being completed by April; 3.) Today at the Board Study Session they spoke about: the 07/08 Curriculum Schedule; Holding another referendum; Safety issues; Parent Surveys regarding home school students; Strategic Planning; Transportation in cold weather; Employee Evaluations; Putting a system together to positively promote our schools; and the board had a special speaker, Rev. Art Dale, for Volunteers for Education program.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson reported the following: 1.) There will be meetings on February 27 and 28 concerning English, Social Studies and Math; 2.) Minnesota Student Survey for grades 6, 9 and 12 will be administered on February 28, 2007 at all sites; and 3.) Certificates of Achievement awards, based on Level 4 proficiency are being processed and will be distributed to each of the sites.

Motion by Krog and seconded by Fowler to approve the consent agenda: February 12, 2007 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; *Policy*: Donations: 1.) \$500.00 from Saturday Night Country...Live! for the Babbitt-Embarrass School music program.

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

Member Bjerklie introduced the following resolution and moved as follows:

### **PARTNERS JOINT POWERS RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Northern St. Louis County **PARTNERS** Board forms as a collaboration effort in 1989 and is comprised of elected officials from different levels of local government including cities, townships, school districts, St. Louis County and the Boise Forte Tribal Council, and

**WHEREAS**, The mission of **PARTNERS** is for local officials to partner with Iron Range youth to promote leadership and build healthy communities, and **PARTNERS** is unique as a political entity serving as a catalyst for youth involvement in communities, and

**WHEREAS**, **PARTNERS** has begun building a regional youth services infrastructure and wishes to strengthen its capacity to carry out its mission and vision, and

**WHEREAS**, A Joint Powers Agreement between members would enhance the viability and effectiveness of the organization and foster a broader constituency, and

**WHEREAS**, A Joint Powers Agreement would provide benefits to members including the ability to bring new financial resources to the area; an active role in allocation of funds for youth initiatives; and a strengthening of area services provided for youth,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Independent School District #2142 St. Louis County Schools hereby approved entering into the Joint Powers Agreement to establish the Superintendent and Board Chair to sign the **PARTNERS** Joint Powers Agreement.

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

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon, said resolution was declared fully passed and adopted.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

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Superintendent

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Board Chair

Teacher Union President, Kathy Wiegert challenged the board to be courageous and not pass the program reductions and reverse the negative press that it would produce.

Superintendent Rick addressed the deadline issue of March 1<sup>st</sup> that the district was bound to by the teacher contract.

Discussion followed.

Assistant Superintendent Simonson indicated that no programs were being cut.

Board Member Salmela then challenged the union to sign a waiver for that article in the contract addressing the contract.

Discussion followed.

Member Salmela introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING AND REDUCING  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142 adopted a resolution on January 22, 2007, directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions, and

**WHEREAS**, said recommendations have been received and considered by the school board,

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

<b><u>PROGRAM</u></b>	<b><u>REDUCTIONS (FTE'S)</u></b>
ART 212	0.65
ENGLISH 220	0.40
SPANISH	0.20
FRENCH	0.20
PHY ED 242	0.20

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007.

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FACS 250	0.20
IND TECH 255	0.25
MUSIC-INSTR 258	0.15
SCIENCE 260	0.20
SOCIAL ST 270	0.20
SPEC ED-EBD 408	0.20
SPEC ED-DAPE 420	1.20
MEDIA 620	0.05
KINDERGARTEN	0.50
ELEMENTARY 1-6	2.00
SPEC ED-SUPVR	1.00
SPEECH	0.60
SPED ECSE	1.00
Total	9.20
All Title I Teachers	9.5 FTE
ECFE	1.60 FTE
Learning Readiness	1.35 FTE
Total for the Early Childhood Program	2.95 FTE

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

And the following voted against: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Superintendent Rick commented that we are taking this action with the Title I program because of the funding involved and with the ECFE program as a precautionary reduction.

Board Member C. Larson commented that he thought proms should be approved by the Superintendent and no longer needed board approval.

Board Member Salmela indicated that policy will have to be changed before this can happen.

Discussion followed.

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Krog to approve the **AlBrook School's 2007 prom to be held aboard the Vista King on Saturday, May 12, 2007.**

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Krog to **amend the 2007 School Board Meeting Calendar for the months of March, April, and May for a starting time from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Fowler to **offer Michael L. Thyen a .2 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2006-2007 school year, effective January 22, 2007**, 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- Bjerklie, Bruns, Fowler, Krog, A. Larson, B. Larson, Salmela  
Against-None

Motion by Salmela and seconded by B. Larson to **approve the 2006-2007 Spring coaching staff as presented, and dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation as follows:**

*AlBrook*: Baseball-Damien Paulson-Head; Travis Paulson-Assistant; Softball-Head-Open (Coop/Cotton); Assistant-Open (Coop/Cotton); Track-Jeremy Polson-Head; *Babbitt-Embarrass/Tower-Soudan*: Baseball-Tom Coombe-Head; Lon Lamppa-Assistant; Softball-Ron Marinaro-Head; Greg Eisenhuth-Assistant; Golf (Boys/Girls)-Brian Lamppa-Head; Linda Brula-Assistant; *Cherry*: Baseball-Jeff Smerud-Head; Zachary Swardt-Assistant; Softball-Darrell Bjerkle-Head; Open-Assistant; *Cook/Orr*: Baseball-Dan Manick-Head; Open-Assistant Softball-Liz Beseke-Co-Head; Loretta Whiteside-Rankila-Co-Head; Golf-Will Fierke-Kleppe; *Cotton*: Baseball-Pending Background Check-Head; and Track (Boys/Girls) Jill Schofield-Head.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Salmela to **accept Judith A. Politano's letter of intent to retire / resignation as instructional aide, effective May 31, 2007.**

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

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to **accept Kay Marie I. Jones letter of resignation as van driver, effective February 21, 2007.**

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by a. Larson to **approve the Principals contract, effective the 2006-2007 year.**

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

Board Chair Bruns indicated that the board needed to schedule a Special School Board Meeting for Monday, March 5, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the District Office for a student expulsion.

Motion by Fowler and seconded by Salmela to **schedule a Special School Board Meeting for Monday, March 5, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the District Office.**

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

Comments from the board:

Board Member Bjerklie congratulated Cherry School student Erienne Bright, for receiving the ExCel Award in Girls Basketball from the MSHSL. Mr. Bjerklie spoke briefly on the PTO grant application. Finally he commented on the reductions and the procedure; hopefully we will be able to work together to change that.

Board Member B. Larson indicated that it was a productive day.

The school board meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk