

CONSENT AGENDA ENCLOSURE 6.11

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008.

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

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 25, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) February 25-29, 2008 is School Board Recognition Week. The Superintendent read the MSBA declaration to the board. A certificate was given to each board member and they were acknowledged for the jobs they do; 2.) Strategic Planning – Meeting with the principals/deans, February 26, 2008, to complete the master schedules. Will also work on curriculum mapping and staff development; 3.) There will be a Board Study Session on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 12:00 noon at the District Office. The board will discuss holding a levy referendum, which will be followed by situation analysis; 4.) Tomorrow, February 26, 2008 the Superintendent will be attending a meeting on changes in the 403B laws; 5.) Today the Superintendent attended a meeting with St. Louis County Attorney, Melanie Ford. The meeting focused on looking at systemic changes that are needed to prevent truancy. School officials, Social Services, Probation and St. Louis County officials would be working collaboratively; 6.) On Friday, March 14, 2008 there will be an early release for the Tower-Soudan School to attend Spring Conferences at the Vermilion Center from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 7.) Transfer Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 5:00 p.m. at the Cherry School; 8.) The Superintendent spoke with Joe Flynn today and is working on dates for the next Teacher negotiations.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson reported the following: 1.) Currently working on student recognition for students that exceeded in testing standards; 2.) There will be MAPP testing next week; 3.) Reviewing all teachers that worked on the MAPP testing; 4.) There was a lock-down at the Orr School today with local law enforcement with dogs. The school was found to be drug free.

Board member B. Larson asked if we have done enough for the success on AYP.

The Assistant Superintendent responded and said “if everyone does everything as scheduled, yes it should.”

Superintendent Rick indicated that we can do it, but things have to continue as planned.

Discussion followed.

The Assistant Superintendent acknowledged the remarkable job that Lowanna Greensky has done.

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Foster to approve the consent agenda: February 11, 2008 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; Policy: Donations: 1.) \$271.00 from the Funding Factory for the Cook School; 2.) \$1,895.00 from the Southern Poverty Law Center for the AlBrook School; 3.) \$12.00 from the Dixie Food Service promotion for the AlBrook School; 4.) \$200.00 from Mittal Steel USA-Minorca Mine, Inc. for the Cook School maintenance and repair shop; 5.) \$64.11 from Coca-Cola Bottling Company for the Cotton School; *The following donations are for the AlBrook School all-night graduation party:* 6.) \$200.00 from St. Mary’s/Duluth Clinic Health Systems of Duluth; 7.) \$100.00 from the Town of Arrowhead of Brookston; 8.) \$25.00 from Brian R. Landrigan, D.D.S., M.S. of Duluth; 9.) \$50.00 from St. Luke’s of Duluth; 10.) \$75.00 from Community Memorial Hospital Sunnyside Health Care Center of Cloquet; 11.) \$100.00 from Duluth Bethel Society, Inc. of Duluth; 12.) \$50.00 from Northland Vietnam Veterans Assn. of Duluth; 13.) \$25.00 from Cloquet Chapter No. 256, Women of the Moose of Cloquet, MN; 14.) \$25.00 from Proctor Builders Supply of Proctor; 15.) \$50.00 from New Page Wisconsin System, Inc. of Wisconsin Rapids; 16.) \$100.00 from Uncle Dunbar’s Auto Body of Duluth.

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

Superintendent Rick explained the calendar with “Option B” to the board and how it matched with other school districts in the area.

Motion by Fowler and seconded by A. Larson to approve the “Option B” 2008-09 School Calendar as presented.

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

Against- None

Member Foster 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 7, 2008, 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:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>REDUCTIONS (FTE'S)</u>
Art	1.00
ESL	0.10
French	0.20
Spanish	0.20
Family and Consumer Science	0.60
Industrial Technology	1.20
Business	0.20
Music Instrumental	0.40
Music Vocal	0.40
Social Studies	0.60
Elementary 1-6	5.50
Special Education	2.40
Deans	3.00
Title I Teachers	8.89
ECFE	2.90

The motion for the 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, Foster, Fowler, A. Larson and B. Larson.

Absent: Bjerklie

And the following voted against: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Fowler to award the light replacements for the Tower-Soudan School library to Hometown Electric of Northern MN, Inc. of Eveleth, in the amount of \$6,800.00.

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

Motion by Foster and seconded by B. Larson to approve the 2007-08 Spring coaching staff as presented, and dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation, as follows: *AlBrook*: Head Softball-Tim Anvid; Assistant Softball-Jodi Collelo; Head Baseball-Damien Paulson; Assistant Baseball-Travis Paulson; Head Track-Jeremy Polson; Assistant Track-Donavan Fremling; *Babbitt-Embarrass/Tower-Soudan B-E/T-S*: Head Softball-Ron Marinaro; Assistant Softball- *Open*; Head Baseball-Tom Coombe; Assistant Baseball-Lon Lamppa; Head Golf (Boys/Girls) Brian Lamppa; Assistant Golf-Linda Korhonen-Brula; *Cherry*: Head Baseball-Jeff Smerud; Assistant Baseball-Zach Swardt; Head Softball-Darrell Bjerklie; Assistant Softball-Scott Sauter; *Cotton*: Head Track (Boys/Girls)-Jill Schofield; Assistant Track (Boys/Girls)-John Williams; Head Baseball-Robert Stevenson; *Cook / Orr*: Head Baseball-Daniel Manick; Assistant Baseball-*Open*; Softball Co-head coaches-Alizabet Beseke/Loretta Whiteside-Rankila; Head Golf (Boys)-Will Fierke-Kleppe.

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

Motion by Foster and seconded by B. Larson to accept Deneen M. Gunderson's letter of resignation as In School Suspension Monitor, effective February 14, 2008.

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

Motion by Foster and seconded by B. Larson to accept Rikki Watson's letter of resignation as van driver, effective February 26, 2008.

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

Motion by Foster and seconded by Fowler to hire Gage Ratio as assistant boys basketball coach for the Cotton School for the 2007-2008 winter season, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grade 9-12) participation.

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

Comments from board:

Board member B. Larson indicated that he would like to have a presentation given to the board on technology. Mr. Larson commented on the conditions of the buildings and also the safety in the buildings. Mr. Larson concluded that the AlBrook School robotics team, made up of teachers, parents, students and former graduates, have sent a robot to the University of Minnesota. They will compete with 60 other teams.

Comments from visitors:

Erika Hoheisol, Babbitt-Embarrass student, addressed the board about her concerns of a lack of cheerleading at the Babbitt-Embarrass School. Ms. Hoheisol read a statement in support for cheerleading and indicated that they could do fundraisers to support their own squad. She also indicated that they have someone who would be willing to be an advisor, Devin Lind.

Shanna Sampson, Babbitt-Embarrass student, read Ms. Lind's statement in support of the effort.

Ms. Hoheisol presented a petition to the board with supporter's signatures. She also found 9 other 11th grade students that would be willing to be involved with cheerleading.

Discussion followed.

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.