

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Larson
Beaudry
B. Larson
Bruns
C. Larson

ABSENT: Bjerklie
Fowler

ALSO PRESENT: Rick
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, November 10, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Yes- A. Larson, Beaudry, B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson

Absent- Bjerklie, Fowler

Against- None

Dr. Charles Rick, Superintendent reported the following: 1.) Disappointed in the results of the failed levy referendum. The district will have to live and rely on state money. The status quo is no longer acceptable. Since the referendum failed three times in a row, the people have spoken. This will now call for action on the board's part. How we will deliver education in the future, will be the question; 2.) Johnson Controls will be scheduled at a board study session to discuss Phase II of the strategic planning process; 3.) Welcome to the new board members; 4.) On December 4, 2008 there will be Phase I training in Virginia for new board members; 5.) Phase II training will be in January, 2009 at the MSBA conference; 6.) The boys hockey agreement between Babbitt-Embarrass/Tower-Soudan/Ely School District is on the consent agenda to dissolve the agreement. This needs to be approved at the board level in order to notify the Ely School District for the 2009-2010 school year; 7.) The Federal bailout will affect the school district, in that we will be receiving \$168,000. The District is awaiting official notification on the determination; and 8.) There was a fatal car accident this morning involving a Tower-Soudan School student.

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by A. Larson to approve consent agenda:
October 27, 2008 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; *Policy: 5.21 Donations: 1.)*

\$982.90 from Target “Take Charge of Education” for the Cook School; 2.) \$6,814.00 from C.C. Riders Snowmobile Club for the Cotton School; 3.) \$1,500.00 from the Cook Lions Club for the Cook School ECFE program; 4.) \$500.00 from Exxon Mobil Corporation for Cook School elementary field trips; 5.) \$200.00 from Hill Wood Products, Inc. for the Cook School ECFE program; 6.) \$250.00 from the Cook Fireman’s Relief Association for the Cook School ECFE program; 7.) \$300.00 from the Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club for the Cook School ECFE program; 8.) \$600.00 from the Cook PTO for the Cook School ECFE program; 5.3 Program: 5.31 2008-009 East Range Athletic Association Hockey Agreement; 5.32 Permission granted for Girls Hockey team to travel out of state on or about December 10, 2008 to Webster, Wisconsin and January 13, 2009 to Ft. Francis, Canada; 5.33 Dissolution of the Boys Hockey Agreement between Babbitt-Embarrass / Tower-Soudan / Ely School District for the 2009-2010 school year.

Yes- A. Larson, Beaudry, B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson

Absent- Bjerklie, Fowler

Against- None

Member C. Larson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION**

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

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 4, 2008, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 11,063 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of five school board members for four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election, with the exception of candidate Thomas H. Beaudry, whose term will begin immediately due to a school board member vacancy:

Candidate Zelda Bruns

Candidate Thomas H. Beaudry **

Candidate Joseph Wm. Bailey, Sr.

Candidate Gary A. Rantala

Candidate Chester (Chet) Larson

Candidate Robert J. Larson

3. Candidate Zelda Bruns, Candidate Thomas H. Beaudry, Candidate Gary A. Rantala, Candidate Chester (Chet) Larson, and Candidate Robert J. Larson, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2009. **With the exception of Candidate Thomas H. Beaudry, whose term will begin immediately due to a school board member vacancy.
4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor(s) of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by B. Larson. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: A. Larson, B. Larson, C. Larson, Bruns, and Beaudry.

and the following voted against: None

Absent: Bjerklie, Fowler

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member C. Larson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

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

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this district held on November 4, 2008, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 11,063 voters of the district voted at said election on the question of “The board of Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$300 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for five years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law”, of which 4,882 voted in favor, 5,856 voted against the same, and there were 325 completely blank or defective ballots relating to this question.
3. Said proposition, having *not* received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have *failed*.
4. The school district clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the country auditor(s) of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by B. Larson. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: A. Larson, B. Larson, C. Larson, Bruns, and Beaudry.

and the following voted against: None

Absent: Bjerklie, Fowler

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE AS TO ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS

COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING THE DULY QUALIFIED AND ACTING Clerk
of

Independent School District No. 2142, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached copy of the abstract and Return of Votes Cast in the November 4, 2008 election, with the original thereof on file and of record in my office and the same is a full, true and complete copy thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as Clerk of said School District this 10th day of November 2008.

School District Clerk

Member C. Larson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF
ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO PERFORM
OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES**

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held on November 4, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 2142 to the following candidates:

- a. Candidate Zelda Bruns
- b. Candidate Thomas H. Beaudry **
- c. Candidate Gary A. Rantala

d. Candidate Chester (Chet) Larson

e. Candidate Robert J. Larson

Who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass, **with the exception of Candidate Thomas H. Beaudry, whose term will begin immediately due to a school board member vacancy.

2. The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.
3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.
4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by B. Larson. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: A. Larson, B. Larson, C. Larson, Bruns, and Beaudry.

and the following voted against: None

Absent: Bjerklie, Fowler

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

(Full 4 Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 2142 on November 4, 2008, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 4, 2008.
2. Zelda Bruns received the largest number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 for a full four year term.
3. There are four full four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.
4. Therefore Zelda Bruns is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142. for a full four year term beginning the first Monday in January, 2009 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2013.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142, pursuant to resolution dated November 10, 2008.

Dated: _____

Chair

Dated: _____

Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

(Full 4 Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 2142 on November 4, 2008, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 4, 2008.
2. Gary A. Rantala received the largest number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 for a full four year term.
3. There are four full four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.
4. Therefore Gary A. Rantala is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 for a full four year term beginning the first Monday in January, 2009 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2013.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142, pursuant to resolution dated November 10, 2008.

Dated: _____

Chair

Dated: _____

Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

(Full 4 Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 2142 on November 4, 2008, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 4, 2008.
2. Chester (Chet) Larson received the largest number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 for a full four year term.
3. There are four full four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.
4. Therefore Chester (Chet) Larson is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 for a full four year term beginning the first Monday in January, 2009 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2013.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142, pursuant to resolution dated November 10, 2008.

Dated: _____

Chair

Dated: _____

Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

(Full 4 Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 2142 on November 4, 2008, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 4, 2008.
2. Robert J. Larson received the largest number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 for a full four year term.
3. There are four full four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.
4. Therefore Robert J. Larson is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 for a full four year term beginning the first Monday in January, 2009 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2013.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142, pursuant to resolution dated November 10, 2008.

Dated: _____

Chair

Dated: _____

Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

(Unexpired Term Expiring 1st Monday of January, 2011)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 2142 on November 10, 2008, canvassed the special election of school board members held on November 4, 2008, in conjunction with the school district general election.
2. Thomas H. Beaudry received the largest number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 for an unexpired term expiring the first Monday in January, 2011.
3. Therefore Thomas H. Beaudry is elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 for an unexpired term expiring the first Monday in January, 2011.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142, pursuant to resolution dated November 10, 2008.

Dated: _____

Chair

Dated: _____

Clerk

**ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
AND OATH OF OFFICE**

To: Thomas H. Beaudry

The following acceptance and oath of office must be filed with the school district clerk within 30 days of the date of mailing or personal service of the certificate of election.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

I HEREBY ACCEPT THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OF Independent School District No. 2142 for a term beginning November 5, 2008 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2011.

Date: November 10, 2008.

Signature

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10th day of November, 2008 by Thomas H. Beaudry.

Notary Public

OATH OF OFFICE

I swear/affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, and that I will discharge faithfully the duties of the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2142 to the best of my judgment and ability.

Date: November 10, 2008

Signature

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10th date of November, 2008 by Thomas H. Beaudry.

Notary Public

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to accept Koreen Sokoloski's resignation as van driver effective, October 27, 2008.

Yes- A. Larson, Beaudry, B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson
Absent- Bjerklie, Fowler
Against- None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to approve leave of absence for Danielle Mankus, site secretary I, under the medical leave act, commencing on or about December 4, 2008, pursuant to Article 12, Sect. 1,2,3, in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

Yes- A. Larson, Beaudry, B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson
Absent- Bjerklie, Fowler
Against- None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to offer Holly Dragisich a .3 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2008-2009 school year, effective September 2, 2008, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- A. Larson, Beaudry, B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson
Absent- Bjerklie, Fowler
Against- None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to offer Steven M. Larson a .6 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2008-2009 school year, effective November 3, 2008, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes- A. Larson, Beaudry, B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson
Absent- Bjerklie, Fowler
Against- None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to hire Todd M. Fackenthall as van driver, bargaining unit, AM / PM Route, up to 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective November 11, 2008, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers #70.

Yes- A. Larson, Beaudry, B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson
Absent- Bjerklie, Fowler
Against- None

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by B. Larson to approve the 2008-2009 winter coaching staff as presented, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12)

participation: *Cook*: Assistant boys basketball-Brian Anderson; *Tower-Soudan*: Head boys basketball-Joshua J. Quick; and *Babbitt-Embarrass*: Assistant girls basketball: Joseph Scherer.

Yes- A. Larson, Beaudry, B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson

Absent- Bjerklie, Fowler

Against- None

Board Chair Bruns scheduled a board study session for Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office.

Comments from the board:

Board Member C. Larson suggested a hiring freeze due to the failed referendum. Congratulations to Tom Beaudry on winning the election.

Board Member Beaudry said that he is excited to be on the school board.

Board Member A. Larson indicated that he attended the Tower-Soudan School Veteran's Day program. Instructor Rouse did a great job with the students.

Board Member B. Larson said that the failed referendum is on his mind and asked is the District Office has information regarding scheduling hearings.

Superintendent Rick indicated that the district will be looking at the reduction of monies and changes in the schedules and curriculum.

Board Chair Bruns said that she is hoping to have the revenues of all the buildings by November 18, 2008.

Discussion followed.

Board Chair Bruns indicated that she was disappointed at the failed referendum, when you look at \$1.00 per week, it doesn't seem like much, but the people have spoken.

Superintendent Rick informed the board that there would be an administrators meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Topic of discussion would be: Education philosophy; School grade configuration; Use of technology; Curriculum and programming; Competitive excellence with adjoining districts.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.