

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, NOVEMBER 24, 2008.

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

ABSENT: Bjerklie

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 24, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Absent- Bjerklie

Against- None

Dr. Charles Rick, Superintendent reported the following: 1.) The Superintendent spoke about the board study session of November 17, 2008; Johnson Controls talked about what will happen in the next few months. We will now need to move ahead and take action. The superintendent is meeting with administration tomorrow to discuss action and criteria needed for the future. The failed referendum was discussed and now we need to move ahead. The budget was discussed. The District Office has been scrutinizing all expenses; Anna Pederson in accounts payable and Tamara Hanson in transportation are also watching expenses. Swimming pool expense information was discussed and is now being worked on. The District Office being located in Virginia or somewhere else was discussed. The district audit is almost complete and should be ready to be mailed tomorrow; 2.) On November 21, 2008 ARCC sponsored a Truth in Taxation meeting; information will be sent to the board; 3.) MSBA Phase I training is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2008; 4.) Last Thursday, November 20, 2008, the board attended a Legislative forum. The legislators indicated that that the next 2 years will be tough with the state facing a 4 billion deficit; 5.) The 2009 school board meeting

calendar was given to the board for review and will appear on the December agenda; and 6.) The attendance for 2009 was handed out to the school board for their review.

Board Chair Bruns said she hoped that the administration will come to the meeting on December 10th with good ideas.

Discussion followed.

Board Member B. Larson indicated that the district should never disregard future referendums and look at the possibility of reorganizing the district.

The Superintendent advised the school board that a date should be looked at for holding negotiations with the teachers.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Fowler and seconded by Beaudry to approve consent agenda: November 10, 2008 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; Policy: 5.21 Donations: 1.) \$220.00 from an anonymous donor to the Orr School student council; 2.) \$150.00 from Fortune Bay Resort Casino for the Tower-Soudan School Veterans Day essay prizes; 3.) \$23.77 from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. of Ohiopyle, PA for the Babbitt-Embarrass School; 4.) \$100.00 from Women of the Elca, Hope Lutheran Church of Embarrass, MN for the Babbitt-Embarrass School to be used for mittens, hats or other clothing as needed for students; and 5.) \$161.70 from the Tower-Soudan School PTO and Eugene Wagner for can collection to be used for the Tower-Soudan School Library fund.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to accept Linda Stahlberg's letter of retirement / resignation as bus driver, effective December 31, 2008.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to hire Deb McGee as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective November 17, 2008, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Fowler to hire Christine Vuicich as instructional aide, non-bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, 2 days per week, effective October 20, 2008.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to hire Lisa Hill as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective November 18, 2008, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to hire Lynn Johnson as teacher aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective October 27, 2008, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to offer Susan Lindmeier a .05 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2008-2009 school year, effective September 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, Fowler
Absent- Bjerklie
Against- None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to accept John Sieving's letter of resignation as a teacher, effective November 19, 2008.

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

Comments from the board:

Board Member Fowler commented on the legislative forum meeting.

Board Member C. Larson said that he thought it strange that the state had a balanced budget last year and now we're being told that we could have a 6 billion dollar deficit.

Board Chair Bruns indicated that President elect Obama keeps mentioning the importance of schools and is wondering if he schools might receive federal money.

Discussion followed.

The board meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.