

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009.

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

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 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Beaudry to approve the agenda.

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

Edie Carr, Family Collaborative Director and Kristin Lofgren from Range Mental Health gave a report on School-based mental health. They explained that the District's Collaborative has become a model program for the State of Minnesota. Statistics show that only 10% of children come to school ready to work. To improve the academic success of our children, we must also improve their social, emotional and behavioral success. The presentation indicated state policy objectives: 1. Early identification and early, effective intervention in children's MH difficulties; 2.) Access to the right service at the right time (in schools); and 3.) High quality services with the best possible outcomes for children and families.

Discussion followed.

Superintendent Rick reported the following: 1.) The Superintendent congratulated the Orr School on going to the Fargo Dome state football playoffs. The Orr School was well represented and Cherry and Orr Schools had a great following; 2.) Minnesota Public Health is holding an H1N1 short clinic at the Cook School media center tomorrow; 3.) The 21st Century Educational Plan is now holding committee meetings; 4.) The Fiber grant is progressing. The NESC has been notified that they are in the 18 percentile of being picked; 5.) A Bond Referendum informational meeting will be

School District Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this ____ day of _____, 2009.

Notary Public

**NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142
(ST. LOUIS COUNTY)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County) shall perform a public accuracy test of the optical scan voting system to be used in the District's December 8, 2009 special election. The test shall be conducted at:

1. AlBrook School, Saginaw, MN on Monday, November 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
2. Babbitt-Embarrass School, Babbitt, MN on Monday, November 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
3. Cherry School, Iron, MN, Cherry, MN on Monday, November 30, 2009, 8:00 a.m.
4. Cook School, Cook, MN on Monday, November 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
5. Cotton School, Cotton, MN on Monday, November 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
6. Orr School, Orr, MN on Monday, November 30, 2009, 2:30 p.m.
7. Tower-Soudan School, Tower, MN on Monday, November 30, 2009, 2:30 p.m.
8. ISD #2142 District Office, 1701 North 9th Avenue, Virginia, MN on Monday, November 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the election judges for Independent School District No. 2142 shall count the ballots cast in the School District's December 8, 2009 special election at the following locations:

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Orr School
10690 Highway 23
Orr, Minnesota

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Cook School
306 E. Vermilion Blvd.
Cook, Minnesota

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Tower-Soudan School
415 N. 2nd Street
Tower, Minnesota

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Babbitt-Embarrass School
30 South Drive
Babbitt, Minnesota

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Cherry School
3943 Tamminen Road
Iron, Minnesota

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Cotton School
9165 Highway 53
Cotton, Minnesota

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: AlBrook School
7427 Seville Road
Saginaw, Minnesota

Dated: September 14, 2009

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/
School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 2142
(St. Louis County)
State of Minnesota

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to schedule a Special Board Meeting to Canvass Returns of Votes of School District Special Election for Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 5:00 p.m. at ISD # 2142 District Office.

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by Bruns to approve Dan Olsen as custodian, bargaining unit, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective November 17, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers #70.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Beaudry to approve Brandi Lislegard as teacher aide, non-bargaining unit, 1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective November 16, 2009.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by C. Larson to accept Sharon Lantz's letter of resignation as instructional aide, effective November 4, 2009.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to accept David A. Desannoy's letter of intent to retire / resignation as bus driver, effective December 31, 2009.

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

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Beaudry to approve the 2009-2010 winter coaching staff as presented and dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation as follows: Orr School: Assistant boys basketball-Troy King.

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

Adopted: _____

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603

Orig. 1995

Revised: November 23, 2009

Rev. 2008

603 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

[Note: Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 requires school districts to adopt certain policies and procedures regarding the review of curriculum, instruction, and student achievement. Model Policies 601, 603, and 616 address these policy

requirements. In addition, Model Policies 613-615 and 617-620 provide procedures to further implement the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 120B.11.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for continuous review and improvement of the school curriculum.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Curriculum development shall be directed toward the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the education program of the school district.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The superintendent shall be responsible for curriculum development and for determining the most effective way of conducting research on the school district's curriculum needs and establishing a long range curriculum development program. Timelines shall be determined by the superintendent that will provide for periodic reviews of each curriculum area.
- B. A district advisory committee shall provide assistance at the request of the superintendent. The advisory committee membership shall be a reflection of the community and, to the extent possible, shall reflect the diversity of the district and its learning sites, and shall include parent, teacher, support staff, student, community residents, and administration representation.
- C. Within the ongoing process of curriculum development, the following needs shall be addressed:
 - 1. Provide for articulation of courses of study from kindergarten through grade twelve.
 - 2. Identify minimum objectives for each course and at each elementary grade level.
 - 3. Provide for continuing evaluation of programs for the purpose of attaining school district objectives.
 - 4. Provide a program for ongoing monitoring of student progress.
 - 5. Provide for specific, particular, and special needs of all members of the student community.

6. Integrate required and elective course standards in the scope and sequence of the district curriculum.
 7. Meet all requirements of the Minnesota Department of Education and the No Child Left Behind Act.
- D. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to keep the school board informed of all state-mandated curriculum changes, as well as recommended discretionary changes and to periodically present recommended modifications for school board review and approval.
- E. The superintendent shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to curriculum development.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120B.10 (Findings; Improving Instruction and Curriculum)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
 Minn. Rules Part 3500.0550 (Inclusive Educational Program)
 Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Graduation Standards – Reading and Mathematics)
 Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-3501.0290 (Graduation Standards – Written Composition)
 Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0505-3501.0745 (K-12 Standards)
 20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (No Child Left Behind Act)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 614 (School District Testing Plan and Procedure)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 615 (Basic Standards Testing, Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP, Section 504 Accommodation, and LEP Students)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 (School District System Accountability)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 617 (School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 618 (Assessment of Standard Achievement)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 619 (Staff Development for Standards)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 620 (Credit for Learning)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 623 (Mandatory Summer School Instruction)

Motion by Rantala and seconded by C. Larson to approve Policy 603 Curriculum Development.

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

Adopted: _____

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605

Orig. 1995

Revised: November 23, 2009

Rev. 1999

605 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the need for alternative education programs for some school district students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board recognizes the importance of alternative program options for some students. Circumstances may be such that some students are put at risk of being able to continue or to complete their education programs. It is the policy of the school board that options shall be made available for some students to select educational alternatives that will enhance their opportunity to complete their education programs, recognizing that some students may become successful learners if given an opportunity to learn in a different environment and through a different learning style.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to identify alternative program opportunities to be made available to students who may be at risk, to recommend such alternative programs to the school board for approval, and to familiarize students and parents with the availability of such alternative programs. The superintendent shall, through cooperative efforts with other schools, agencies and organizations, periodically recommend additional or modified alternative educational programs to the school board.
- B. The superintendent shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to alternative programs.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.22, Subd. 8 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.41, Subd. 11 (Definitions – Alternative Educational Services)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.45, Subd. 1 (Grounds for Dismissal)
Minn. Stat. § 123A.06 (Center Programs and Services)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.66 (Assurance of Mastery Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.68 (Graduation Incentives Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.74 (American Indian Language and Cultural Educational Programs)
Minn. Stat. § 125A.50 (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to approve Policy 605 Alternative Programs.

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

Comments from the board:

Board Member Rantala said that it is now down to the wire; the big day December 8, 2009. Mr. Rantala indicated that there is still a lot of misinformation out there, however, our residents are being well informed. We are hoping for the best.

Board Member C. Larson congratulated Orr School on going to state. The Bond Referendum is looking pretty good in Cotton.

Board Member A. Larson questioned the school sports statistics.

Board Member Bjerklie indicated that the Cherry / Orr displayed good sportsmanship from the fans. Mr. Bjerklie thanked all who got information out to the residents in the district. Over the last 3 months Mr. Bjerklie has noticed a shift from people viewing us as a district of schools to a school district.

Board Member Beaudry said that last week's parent / teacher conferences went well and the atmosphere was positive.

Board Member Bruns thanked Edie Carr for her interesting presentation. Congratulations to the Orr School football team, they are a good bunch of kids.

Board Member B. Larson congratulated the Orr School football team. Mr. Larson found the statistics presented by Edie Carr disturbing. Mr. Larson stated that the bond referendum is going to pass and that it has good momentum, however, he is still running into people that need more information.

Comments from visitors:

Jeff Schiltz of Johnson Controls reported to the board that they are working on the project implementation due to timelines, when the referendum passes. They are also working on the legal land description, which must be done by December 28, 2009. Mr. Schiltz said that the student rally at the Clinton Town Hall was very positive and mentioned the Babbitt-Embarrass yes organization holding a December 5th concert.

Superintendent Rick reported that the Tower-Soudan School head basketball coaching position was now open. Mr. Rick also indicated that an instant alert was sent from the Babbitt-Embarrass School due to a small fire which was quickly contained.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.