

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 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, August 24, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) The Superintendent explained the direction the district is going with the "Designing Framework for 21st Century Education approach.

Todd Rapp of Himle Horner, Inc. explained the survey conducted by Decision Resources, Ltd. between August 5-17, 2009, on "Public Attitudes about the Restructuring of St. Louis County Schools. The company called 467 district residents and over sampled the Tower-Soudan and Cotton areas. 75% of respondents' state they are following the issue closely and 64% state that they will definitely vote in November. Mr. Rapp indicated that residents understand the seriousness of the issues facing the District and that the district is looking for the best plan to keep the District together. The report will be posted on the District's website for public information.

Board Member Rantala said that this gives us an idea of what the board has to do.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Bruns to approve the consent agenda: August 10, 2009 Regular School Board Minutes; August 17, 2009 Special School Board Minutes.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to award the fleet insurance bid to the Reliable Agency for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Superintendent Rick said that we need to find ways to fund these retirees, but he had reservations about the OPEB bonds since we are not giving the issue to the voters. The timeline for OPEB bonds is October 1st.

Motion by C. Larson seconded by Beaudry to approve the OPEB bonds.

Board Member Rantala indicated that he has spent a lot of time struggling with this issue, but at this time it sends a wrong message.

Board Member Bjerklie said that we already have a plan that is already financially stable.

Board Member Bruns questioned the small amount of \$5.00 per \$100,000. on the public's taxes.

Discussion followed.

Yes- Bruns, C. Larson
Against- A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, B. Larson, Rantala

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Beaudry to approve the bus lease agreement with Banc of America Public Capital Corp.

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by Rantala to increase the athletic ticket prices for the 2009-2010 school year to \$4.00 for Students and \$6.00 for Adults.

Board Member Bjerklie indicated that he opposed raising the cost of ticket prices.

Discussion followed.

Yes-C. Larson, Beaudry, B. Larson
Against- Bjerklie, Bruns, A. Larson, Rantala

Motion by Rantala and seconded by C. Larson to authorize the Superintendent to dispose of unused/unwanted equipment/supplies.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Bruns to offer Stephanie Beaudry a .4 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None
Abstained-Beaudry

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Bruns to offer Joel Anderson a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract, at Step C, Lane BA, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to offer Amanda J. Leppala a .8 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Beaudry to offer Amanda Pascuzzi a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract, at Step G, Lane MA, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to offer Lori Hutchins a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract, at Step G, Lane MA, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to offer Thomas J. Ray a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to offer Cassandra Rogers a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bruns to offer Brian Kemp a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by A. Larson to offer Amber Van Hale a .4 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Beaudry to offer Tucky Dill a .5 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Beaudry to offer Trudy Halverson a .7 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to offer Michael Rouse a .05 FTE tenured teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to offer Liam Conger a .2 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to offer Kelly Chick a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, 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-A. Larson, Beaudry, Bjerklie, Bruns, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala
Against- None

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to offer Christine Majerle a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by A. Larson to recall Mark Fabish to a .1 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009,

with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to recall Carolyn Olson to a .1 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to recall Carl Grussendorf to a .1 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to recall Michael Rouse to a .35 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 2, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Beaudry to amend Sheryl Tokarczyk's retirement / resignation date as teacher to be effective June 4, 2010.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to amend Helen Indihar's retirement / resignation date as teacher to be effective June 4, 2010.

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

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Rantala to hire Bret Wardas as a van driver, bargaining unit, not to exceed 4 hours per day for this position, effective September 8, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers #70.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to hire Vicky Preston as ITV Teaching Assistant, bargaining unit, 1 additional hour per day, effective September 8, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by C. Larson to approve the 2009-2010 Fall coaching staff as presented and dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation, as follows: Cook: Assistant Football-Joel Anderson; Assistant Volleyball-Courtney Johnson; Cotton: Head Volleyball-Sara Matusak; and Orr: Assistant Volleyball-Michelle Long.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to accept Paula Wolfe's letter of resignation as an instructional aide, effective the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to approve a medical leave of absence for Kristi Berlin as Principal, effective September 22, 2009 to on or about November 3, 2009, in accord with Master Agreement Article V, Section 5, between ISD # 2142 and the ISD # 2142 Principals' Association.

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

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Rantala to approve a medical leave of absence for Lois Luce as bus driver, effective August 20, 2009, in accord with master agreement Article VIII, Section 1, Subd. 5, between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers Local #70.

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

Board Member Bjerklie questioned the times at the polling places.

Superintendent Rick indicated that we can open at 7:00 a.m.

Board Member Rantala indicated that he would like the polls open at 7:00 a.m.

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to amend the hours that the polling places would be open from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

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

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142
(ST. LOUIS COUNTY)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

HELD: AUGUST 24, 2009

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County), State of Minnesota, was duly held in said school district on August 24, 2009, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose, in part, of calling an election to authorize the issuance of school building bonds.

Member Bjerklie moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF
SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON**

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

1. The board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to borrow money in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$78,800,000 and not to exceed any limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness which shall be applicable on the date or dates of the issuance of any bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including, the construction and equipping of a new school to serve the Alborn-Brookston-Cotton-Meadowlands attendance areas; the construction and equipping of a new school to serve the Cook and Orr attendance areas; and the remodeling and renovation of the Cherry, Babbitt-Embarrass and Tower-Soudan Schools. The question on the borrowing of funds for these purposes shall be School District Ballot Question 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to authorize said borrowing.

2. The actions of the administration in consulting with the Minnesota Department of Education, causing a proposal to be prepared for submission on behalf of the board to the Commissioner of Education for the Commissioner's Review and Comment and taking such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended, are hereby ratified and approved in all respects. The actual holding of the special election specified herein shall be contingent

upon the receipt of a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Commissioner's Review and Comment to be published in the legal newspaper of the school district at least twenty (20) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the special election as specified in paragraph 3 of this resolution.

3. The ballot question shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the school district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the school district combined polling places and the precincts served by those polling places, as previously established and designated by school board resolution for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election, are hereby designated for this special election.

5. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be given to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education, at least fifty-three (53) days prior to the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause a sample ballot to be posted in the combined polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the school district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in each combined polling place on election day.

6. The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election.

7. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form, color and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system:


SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION BALLOT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142

**(ST. LOUIS COUNTY)
SPECIAL ELECTION**

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

**To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question.
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ISSUE**

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| <input type="radio"/> | YES | Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$78,800,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including, the construction and equipping of two new PreK-12 schools; and the remodeling and renovation of the Cherry, Babbitt-Embarrass and Tower-Soudan Schools? |
| <input type="radio"/> | NO | |

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU
ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

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

Absent: None

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Comments from the board:

Board Member Beaudry thanked Todd Rapp for his presentation.

Board Member Bjerklie thanked Mr. Rapp and indicated that it was very informative. Thank you to the residents for coming to the board meeting tonight. Mr. Bjerklie stated that this bond referendum will make the district a full service campus.

Board Member Bruns thanked Todd Rapp for his presentation. Ms. Bruns reminded the board that one of the questions we need to work on is the back-up plan.

Board Member Rantala said that the survey gives us insight on what we have to do.

Board Chair B. Larson indicated that a board study session should be scheduled to talk about a back-up plan. Mr. B. Larson scheduled a board study session for Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at ISD # 2142 District Office.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to move to a closed board study session for negotiation strategy, immediately following the regular school board meeting at ISD # 2142 District Office.

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

Against- None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.