

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009.

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

ABSENT: Beaudry

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, June 22, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) Dr. Rick commented on his meeting with the Principals. Assignments and educational programs for schools in the 21st century were discussed; 2.) We are experiencing a busy summer; 3.) Dr. Rick thanked Sidney L. Simonson for his 35 years of service to students and for all of his help when he came on board; 4.) We are presently working on hiring teachers; a K-12 Principal and a District Transportation Coordinator; 5.) In the area of transportation, Dr. Rick said that we have interest from people outside the district, about transporting their students. We need to open our boundaries to students. Parents need to contact the district office so we can address transportation issues. The Superintendent indicated that we are heading in that direction for next fall.

Board Member Bjerklie stated that he has had inquiries from parents for transportation of students outside of the District.

Board Member Bruns commented on the phones being answered by staff at the District Office. Ms. Bruns also indicated that the district should advertise for transporting students.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson reported the following: 1.) Mr. Simonson gave the board an update and handout on grad testing for written composition for grade 9; Reading for grade 10 and Mathematics for grade 11. The results of the MCA grades 3-8 are not available yet.

Discussion followed.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bruns to approve the consent agenda: June 8, 2009 Regular School Board Minutes; *Policy*: Donations 5.21: 1.) \$100.00 from the Tower-Soudan PTO for the Tower-Soudan School National Honor Society; 2.) \$200.00 from the Cook / Orr High School Baseball Booster Club for the Cook Elementary School; and 3.) \$200.00 from the Cook / Orr High School Baseball Booster Club for the Orr Elementary School.

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

Member Bjerklie introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
TO SIGN PHASE III PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted the Long Range Facilities Plan and associated timeline to complete all the necessary task for implementation of said Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED, to complete the work necessary pursuant to the Long-Range Facilities Plan Development & Implementation, the Board authorizes the District's administrative staff to sign Phase III Professional Services Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc.

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

Absent: Beaudry

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Clerk

Chairperson

Motion by Rantala and seconded by A. Larson to approve the Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement for Boys Hockey with Babbitt-Embarrass, Tower-Soudan and Ely Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Superintendent commented that after reconsideration and meeting with parents involved in the hockey program, the Athletic Director recommended that the Boys Hockey Cooperative Sponsorship be approved.

Discussion followed.

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

Business Manager Kim Johnson addressed the board regarding the 2009-2010 Revenue and Expenditure Budget. Ms. Johnson indicated that we are still in the red, but it is much better than previously projected. The reason for the current budget figures is because the district laid off 16-1.0 FTE teachers, 5 teachers have taken early retirement incentives and there are no major health and safety or capitol projects.

Discussion followed.

The Superintendent commented that we will need to increase Food Service prices, which will be on the next agenda.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bruns to approve the 2009-2010 Revenue and Expenditure Budget.

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

Board member Bruns thanked Business Manager Kim Johnson for the job that she is doing.

Board Chair B. Larson said that the board needs to set up a site committee which will be assisted by Johnson Controls, to search for school sites for the New North K-12 and New South K-12 Schools.

Discussion followed.

Board member Bruns indicated that she thought it should be C. Larson and B. Larson for the Southern Site and Beaudry and herself for the Northern Site. Ms. Bruns said that the board members can then assign the other community members for the advisory committee.

Superintendent Rick instructed the board to move quickly on this and finalize their committees by the end of the week.

Discussion followed.

It was decided that C. Larson and B. Larson would be the site search committee members for the Southern Site and Beaudry and Bruns would be the site search committee members for the Northern Site.

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Bjerklie to hire Kerrisa Malstrom as health assistant, bargaining unit, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on days school is in session, effective September 8, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346, pending approved background check information.

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

Superintendent Rick explained the purpose of the MOU, which would give the assistant superintendent the opportunity to move his cash severance into a post retirement health care savings plan (HCSP).

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142
and
Sidney L. Simonson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools**

WHEREAS,

the parties agree to implement a post retirement health care savings plan (HCSP) in lieu of cash severance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

All severance benefits will be placed in the retiring employee's personal HCSP account. Should the employee choose to participate, at any time, in any / all of the district's health insurance programs or any other plan of his choosing beyond the provisions provided in contract for the employee, the employee shall be responsible for all premiums.

This MOU, when approved, will become part of the employee's contract as was approved by the District # 2142 Board of Education for the contract period beginning on July 1, 2005 and ending on June 30, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as follows:

FOR: District # 2142 Employee

FOR: Independent School District # 2142

Sidney L. Simonson
Assistant Superintendent

Chairperson

Clerk

Date: June 22, 2009

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Motion by Rantala and seconded by C. Larson to approve the Assistant Superintendent MOU to implement a post retirement health care savings plan (HCSP) in lieu of cash severance.

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

Motion by Bjerklie 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: **AL BROOK:** Head Football-Larry Anderson; Assistant Football-Brent Johnson; Head Volleyball-Bradley Olesiak; Assistant Volleyball-Laura Sylvester; Cross Country-Jeremy Polson; **BABBITT-EMBARRASS:** Head Football-Ronald Marinaro; Assistant Football-Greg Eisenhuth; Head Co-Volleyball-Jim Mackai/Misty Roseth; Assistant Volleyball-Kristen Cornwell; Head Swimming * - Rose Spehar (Coop/T-S); Assistant Swimming * - Julie Suihkonen (Coop/T-S); **CHERRY:** Head Football-Daniel Zubich; Assistant Football-Joseph Krtnich; Head Volleyball-Pamela Pioske; Assistant Volleyball- Heather Parenteau; **COOK:** Head Football-Mark Fabish; Assistant Football-Brian Anderson; Head Volleyball-Kandi Olson; Assistant Volleyball-Wendy McFerran; **COTTON:** Head Volleyball-Heather Kowarsch; Assistant Volleyball-Laurel Olson; **ORR:** Head Football-John Jirik; Assistant Football-Matthew Rutchasky; Head Volleyball- Thomas Burnett; Assistant Volleyball-OPEN; **TOWER-SOUDAN:** Head Football-Scott Chiabotti; Assistant Football-Edward Dougherty; Head Volleyball-Jodi Rogers-Reichensperger; Assistant Volleyball-Ryan Lindsay; Head Swimming * - Rose Spehar (Coop/B-E); and Assistant Swimming * - Julie Suihkonen (Coop/B-E).

Comments from the board:

Board Member Rantala indicated that he has spoken to an Ely Board Member and they are serious about paring and sharing with our district. Mr. Rantala said that public interest is good and positive in support of the bond referendum.

Board Member C. Larson shook hands with Sidney L. Simonson and wished him well in whatever he would do.

Board Member B. Larson commented that he appreciated the things that he has done for the district.

Board Member B. Larson scheduled a Board Study Session for Monday, July 20, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Agenda topics will be district marketing and back-up plan for the district.

Board Member B. Larson said that marketing handouts should be available for the McDavitt Youth Softball Tournament on July 10-12.

Board Member Rantala indicated that another place for public exposure would be the St. Louis County Fair and Embarrass Regional Fair.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson thanked the school for all the time he has had at District 2142.

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.