

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

ABSENT: Beaudry

ALSO PRESENT: Rick  
Cox

The special 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, March 30, 2009**, at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair B. Larson explained why this meeting was scheduled so quickly. Mr. Larson explained it was because of the time factor for money savings to the district and an technology upgrade.

Superintendent Rick explained that this upgrade in new ITV equipment was part of the RUS grant. The District is working with NESCC, who has already bided out this technology upgrade and this is the lowest bid. In order to take advantage of the lowest bid, we need to act immediately.

Markus Hoche, Technology technician, spoke to the board on how it will improve and enhance our ITV system. The present analog system has not been up-dated for 10 years. The system is used quite a bit and the upgrade will be a faster digital version that will allow video and teleconferencing, will be available at all sites and have a better capability. Mr. Hoche emphasized however, that in order to get this upgrade it would have to be shipped by April 1, 2009.

Discussion followed.

Superintendent Rick discussed the potential usage for community meetings.

Board member Bjerklie asked if this will be the best HD Conferencing tool available up here in the area?

Mr. Hoche indicated that it would be.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to **approve the new ITV equipment purchase from Video Guidance in the amount of \$126,135.24, with the district being reimbursed 1/2 the cost by the USDA RUS grant.**

Board member A. Larson asked one additional question. Mr. Larson indicated that in the past we've gotten equipment in the past and there has always been bugs in the system. Mr. Larson asked if the district foresees any problems in this system?

Mr. Hoche replied that 3 years of technical support have been included in the system for both hardware and software.

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

The special board meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk