

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Simonson  
Cox

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2142, St. Louis County Schools, was held at the Cotton School on Monday, May 11, 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

Cotton School Principal Jeff Carey reported the following: The principal welcomed the school board and public to the Cotton School; 1.) The softball cooperative, baseball and track are all successful this year; 2.) The winner of the St. Louis County Attorney Melodie Ford, "Stay in School" poster contest is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader from the Cotton School this year, Kendra Mashuga; 3.) All 13 Cotton seniors are graduating this year and all are involved in the PSEO program and graduating with honors; 4.) Mr. Carey gave a brief power point presentation on the Odyssey program. The district was awarded a RUS grant which provided the campus learning. Mr. Carey demonstrated the different phrases of curriculum; explorer; math intervention that are used in this program. He explained the capabilities of the program and how it can stimulate learning for students by rewarding them. There will be ongoing staff development projects going on throughout the spring / summer.

Discussion followed.

Assistant Superintendent Sidney L. Simonson reported the following: 1.) Mr. Simonson explained the absence of the Superintendent at the board meeting; 2.) The NWEA MAPS testing information goes into the campus program that was demonstrated by Mr. Carey, and will track the students progress; 3.) The school board meeting with the Ely school board scheduled for May 12, 2009 has been cancelled and will be re-

scheduled for a later date; 4.) There will be a board study session on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office. Agenda items will be: Early Retirement Incentives; Long Range Planning; and Student Advisory.

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to approve the consent agenda: April 27, 2009 Regular School Board Minutes; *Policy: 5.21 Donations:* 1.) \$250.00 from American Legion Post #480 of Orr for the Orr School elementary playground accessories; 2.) \$250.00 from Northshore Mining for the Babbitt-Embarrass School swimming pool; **The following donations are for the District Office Silent Auction "2009 Families in Need Project:"** 3.) \$100.00 from Queen City Federal of Tower, MN; 4.) One night's lodging at Grey Wolf Lodge on Pelican Lake (based on availability); 5.) Four (4) movie passes for the Comet Theater, in Cook, MN; 6.) Two (2) free yoga lessons at River Street Cook with Carol; 7.) \$10.00 gift certificate from Virginia Surplus; 8.) One tanning package of ten (10) tans from Supreme Court of Virginia; 9.) Two (2) tickets for a Minnesota Twins game from Gary Albertson of Cook; 10.) One (1) Harley-Davidson t-shirt from Gary Albertson of Cook; 11.) One (1) year subscription for the Tower News from Gary Albertson of Cook; 12.) One (1) free oil change from Master's Wrench of Virginia; 13.) \$10.00 gift certificate from Silver Lake Floral of Virginia; 14.) One (1) free oil change from Washche Chevrolet of Cook; 15.) \$20.00 gift certificate from Range Office Supply of Virginia; 16.) Five (5) – 3 gallon ice creams from Jon Aysta Distributing Company of Virginia; 17.) Two (2) 20 lb. LP gas grille containers with free refills from Ferrellgas of Virginia; 18.) One (1) gift certificate for a free grooming (\$33.00 value) from Grooming by Jane of Virginia; 19.) Two (2) \$15.00 gift certificates from Natural Harvest of Virginia; 20.) One (1) large pizza from Pizza Hut of Virginia; 21.) One (1) welding jacket and welding gloves from Praxair of Virginia; 22.) One (1) deer table lamp (\$139.00 value) from Showcase Lighting of Virginia; 23.) One (1) hooded sweatshirt from the Babbitt-Embarrass School; 24.) One (1) 18 hole round of golf for two (2) *and* two (2) one (1) night stays from Fortune Bay Casino and Resort of Tower; 25.) Gift Basket from Herbergers, Thunderbird Mall, Virginia; 26.) Two (2) \$5.00 gift certificates from Northgate Café & Catering, Virginia; 27.) Tabletop weathervane from Floor to Ceiling Store, Virginia; 28.) One (1) Purple Pride long sleeve t-shirt from Babbitt-Embarrass School; 29.) One (1) hooded/zipper sweatshirt from the Cook School; 30.) One (1) baseball cap from the Orr School; 31.) One (1) year subscription from the Timberjay Newspaper of Tower; 32.) Two (2) nights hotel lodging for four (4) *and* two (2) buffets for four (4), (\$266.00 value) from Black Bear Hotel & Casino, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, of Cloquet; 33.) One (1) sightseeing cruise for 4 (\$56.00 value) from the Vista Fleet Harbor Cruise & Gifts of Duluth; 34.) Two (2) gift certificates for two (2) rounds of golf for 4 from the Virginia Golf Course, Virginia; 35.) One (1) Double Dance Mania game from the Grande Ace Hardware of Virginia; 36.) One (1) tabletop black/white lamp (\$169.99 value) from Firelight, Virginia; 37.) Two (2) \$25.00 gift certificates for The Lodge at Giants Ridge, Biwabik; 38.) Vision Pro 8000 Thermostat from Honeywell; 39.) One (1) Superior-Quetico map and certificate for one (1) free map (\$10.00 value) from W. A. Fischer of Virginia; 40.) Basket of fishing equipment & gear from Lucky 7 Sports, Virginia; 41.) One (1) \$15.00 gift certificate from Michaels on the Course Restaurant, Virginia;

42.) One (1) \$25.00 gift certificate from Virginia Floral of Virginia; 43.) Hydrangea bath product basket from Marylou Sixberry, teacher at the Cherry School; 44.) One (1) \$20.00 gift certificate from Perpich TV of Virginia; 45.) One (1) \$100.00 gift certificate from Engstrom Studio of Bovey; 46.) Tie Downs & Flashlight from Skubics of Virginia; 47.) Snowman stocking holder and necklace from Tamara Hanson of the District Office; 48.) One (1) Floral Wreath from Cook's North Country Floral of Cook; 49.) Two (2) tickets for the October 16<sup>th</sup> Monroe Crossing Concert at the Babbitt-Embarrass School from Mike & Billie Rouse of Babbitt; 50.) One (1) portable golf putter; one (1) box of Nike distance golf balls and mug from Johnson Controls of Duluth; 51.) One (1) \$25.00 gift certificate from Pelican Bay IGA of Orr; 52.) Two (2) \$25.00 gift certificates from GR Greenhouse of Embarrass; 53.) Two (2) \$50.00 gift cards from Wal-Mart of Hibbing; 54.) Two (2) \$5.00 gift certificates from Country Kitchen of Virginia; 55.) Shoe Shining Kit from Sidney L. Simonson of the District Office; 56.) Two (2) large pizzas from Poor Gary's of Virginia; 57.) Cherry Tiger Sweater from the Cherry School; 58.) Tower-Soudan T-shirt from the Tower-Soudan School; 59.) Cotton T-shirt from the Cotton School; 60.) One (1) 50 lb. bag of Tuffy's dog food and One (1) 18 lb. bag of Purina One Cat food from New London Warehouse of Virginia; 61.) Five (5) Assorted T-shirts from Kathy Wiegert, teacher at the Cherry School; 62.) Four (4) \$5.00 gift certificates from Grandmas Restaurant of Virginia; 63.) One (1) night lodging for two *and* one (1) buffet for two at the Grand Casino, Hinckley; 64.) One (1) 60 minute massage (\$75.00) from The Pebble Spa Company of Virginia; 65.) One (1) \$15.00 gift certificate from Adventurers Restaurant of Virginia; 66.) One (1) bald eagle picture and one (1) flowering cactus picture hand painted by Darilyn Ronn, teacher at the Babbitt-Embarrass School; 67.) One (1) coffee & Scones gift basket (\$25.00 value) from Olde Country's Home & Garden Showplace of Gilbert; 68.) Two (2) Youth hooded sweatshirts from the Cotton School; 69.) One (1) year subscription for the Cook News Herald from Gary Albertson of Cook; 70.) One (1) Tiger T-shirt from the Cherry School; 71.) One (1) Crown Victoria collector car (\$25.00 value) and one (1) American Heroes collector race car (\$40.00 value) from Bob Swanfeld of ProSource, Duluth; 72.) Five (5) key small rings; three (3) key large rings; four (4) jump drives (\$10.00 value) and two (2) shirts (\$40.00 value) from ProSource of Duluth; 73.) One (1) gift certificate for a 3 month membership from the Mesabi Family YMCA of Virginia; **The following donations are for the AlBrook School All-Night Graduation Party:** 74.) \$50.00 from Midwest Transport & Excavating, Inc. of Brookston; 75.) \$150.00 from the St. Mary's / Duluth Clinic Health System of Duluth; 76.) \$100.00 from the Hallett Dock Company of Duluth; 77.) \$200.00 from the AlBrook Goal Line Booster Club of Saginaw; 78.) \$100.00 from the Faith Lutheran Church Women of Culver; 79.) \$500.00 from the Township of Alborn; 80.) \$500.00 from the Township of Culver; 81.) \$100.00 from the Alborn Sno-Devils of Alborn; 82.) \$50.00 from West Duluth American Legion Post #71 of Duluth; and 83.) \$25.00 from Enstrom Studio, Inc. of Bovey.

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

Motion by Bruns and seconded by C. Larson to accept Debra Magee's letter of resignation as instructional aide effective, April 29, 2009.

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by Bruns to accept Susan DeBreto's letter of resignation as health assistant effective, June 3, 2009.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by C. Larson to approve the July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 Teamsters Clerical contract.

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

Comments from the school board:

Board member Rantala gave his condolences to the Superintendent and his family. Mr. Rantala complimented Jeff Carey on his presentation and indicated that it was exciting news.

Board member Bruns publicly extended her condolences to Superintendent Rick and his family.

Board member A. Larson extended his condolences to the Superintendent and family. Mr. A. Larson complimented Mr. Carey on his good presentation.

Board member C. Larson gave his condolences to the Superintendent and indicated that he also has experienced the loss of a daughter. Mr. C. Larson invited the public to the District Office Silent Auction and credited Ms. Cox for receiving the numerous donations.

Board member Beaudry gave his sympathies to the Rick family and thanked Jeff Carey for his presentation.

Board member Bjerklie extended condolences from his family to the Rick family. Mr. Bjerklie expressed to Mr. Cary that he gave a good presentation. Mr. Bjerklie indicated the district formed an elementary softball tournament which took place 2 weeks ago. All schools participated except Cotton with approximately 400 people in attendance. AlBrook School won the tournament and everyone enjoyed themselves

Board Chair B. Larson indicated that he is thinking about Dr. Rick and his family at this time. A School Board Study Session is scheduled for Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office. Also on Wednesday there will be an long range planning meeting in the Brookston area beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Mr. B. Larson said that another meeting has been requested in the Makinen area.

Board member Rantala added that he would like to hold a meeting in the Embarrass area.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.