

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009.

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

ABSENT: Bruns
C. Larson

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 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

St. Louis County Attorney, Melanie S. Ford spoke on delinquency in St. Louis County. Ms. Ford explained that St. Louis County received a grant for \$90,000 from the MN Office of Justice Programs and the Annie E. Casey Foundation to explore alternatives to detention. The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative is now working with volunteer committees to explore these alternatives. Volunteers are still needed to fill all the subcommittees.

Superintendent Rick reported the following: 1.) Congratulations to the Orr School football team on going to the State football tournament. The game will be played on Thursday, November 12, 2009 in Fargo, ND at 3:00 p.m. and there will be no school in Orr; 2.) The Superintendent gave an up-date on the AYP Report for the 2009-2010 school year. DaNeil Sirjord, Director of ECFE Federal Projects, added that we are teaching staff to help students improve their test specifications; 3.) The Superintendent explained the Educational Design for the 21st Century committees. Jeff Carey, Cotton/Tower-Soudan School Principal explained the new designed tentative schedules for both high school and elementary; 4.) Jeff Carey has set up blogs for the teachers as a communication tool. And a staff development day will be scheduled for Individual Educational Plans.

Business Manager Kim Johnson, explained the 2010 Revenue Budget which included funding sources from state and local sources.

Discussion followed.

Jeff Schiltz from Johnson Controls explained taconite relief of \$809,000 because of the Babbitt-Embarrass and Cherry Schools. A mineral tax will most likely be modeled like the taconite relief for companies coming into the area.

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by Bjerklie to approve the consent agenda: October 26, 2009 Regular School Board Minutes; 6.21 Donations: 1.) \$750.00 from Exxon Mobil Corporation for the Cook School student council; 2.) Two (2) clarinets valued at \$50.00 each and one (1) music stand valued at \$10.00 from Bonnie Meier of Embarrass, MN, for the Orr School music program; Program: 5.31 Permission granted for the East Range Girls Hockey team (Babbitt-Embarrass/Tower-Soudan/Ely Schools) to travel to Ft. Francis, Ontario, Canada for a girls hockey game on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

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

There was a first reading of Curriculum Development Policy 603. No action was taken.

There was a first reading of Alternative Programs Policy 605. No action was taken.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Beaudry to grant permission to the Superintendent to sell district used vehicles as follows: 1.) 1989 Ford van, # 56; 2.) 1996 Chevrolet, Lumina, # 72; 3.) 1998 Dodge Caravan, # 68; 4.) 2000 Oldsmobile, # 74; 5.) 1995 International/AM Tran School Bus, # 19; and 6.) 1993 Ford/Ward, # 12 (To be scrapped).

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by Bjerklie to approve a reduction in hours for the Indian Home School Liaison position held by Diane Brunner, from 7 hours per day to 6 hours per day, effective November 5, 2009.

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by Rantala to approve the change in hours for the custodian position held by David Dutton, from 6 hours per day to 8 hours per day, effective November 9, 2009, for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to accept Terrence K. Driscoll's letter of retirement / resignation as head custodian, effective December 31, 2009.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to approve a leave of absence for Ryan Lindsay, effective on or about January 11 to 15, 2010, in accord with Master Agreement Article XI, Section 4, Subd. 3, between ISD # 2142 and EDMNSLCT.

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by Rantala to approve the 2009-2010 Winter coaching staff as presented and dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation as follows: **AlBrook:** Head Girls Basketball-Stacia Marsolek; **Cook:** Assistant Boys Basketball-Joel Anderson; **Cotton:** Head Boys Basketball-David Erickson; and Assistant Boys Basketball-Gage Rautio.

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

Comments from the board:

Board Member Rantala indicated that he noticed in the media, information about the meeting in Tower late week. He appreciated the discussion, but was disappointed that no one in the local townships were invited so there could have been more participation. Saw the ALI classes at the Babbitt-Embarrass School last week, and was very impressed.

Board Member Beaudry thanked all presenters for coming and stated that it was good to see all the improvement plans for education.

Board Member A. Larson said that the scheduling that was presented was innovative which will make us unique. Congratulations to the Orr School on going to State.

Board Member Bjerklie indicated that the presentations were great and we are going to continue to move forward. Thank you to Kim for explaining the budget.

Board Member B. Larson stated that the individual plans sound exciting and the presentations were positive. Mr. Larson said that he was disappointed that no one from St. Louis County School was invited to the Tower meeting last week.

Board Member Bjerklie added that there will be a Iron Range Youth In Action rally on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Clinton Town Hall.

Superintendent Rick explained that the district is continuing to hold community meetings: Cotton, Monday, November 16, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Cotton School Gym; Babbitt-Embarrass, Monday, November 16, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Babbitt-Embarrass School Media Center; Cherry, Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 5:00 p.m. at the Clinton Town Hall; Tower-Soudan, Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Tower-Soudan School multi purpose room; Cook, Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Cook School Cafeteria; AlBrook, Thursday, November 19, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the AlBrook School gym; Orr, Thursday, November 19, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Orr School Media Center; and Meadowlands, Monday, November 30, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Meadowlands Community Center.

Board Member Rantala stated that both the Town of Embarrass and the Town of Waasa passed resolutions fully supporting the school bond referendum.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.