

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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, October 26, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Schiltz of Johnson Controls introduced people that would be involved in the closed session: Natalie J. Hoff of F. I Salter Co., Inc., Mark Gothard, PE and Paul D. Burley, PE, PG both of Braun Intertec, Jim Shoberg, Mike Patchin attorney for the district.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by C. Larson to close the open meeting to discuss property purchase at 5:06 p.m.

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

The closed meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The regular school board meeting was re-opened at 6:23 p.m.

Board Chair B. Larson added to the agenda 4.1 to consider the purchase of properties for the North and South agreements.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to add to the agenda the consideration of Northern and Southern property purchase agreements.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to approve the amended agenda.

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

Against- None

Superintendent Rick explained the 3 properties: 1.) The Northern property of 80 acres owned by LeRoy Tschida; Southern properties: 2.) 26.05 acres located at 8236 Swan Lake Road in Alborn owned by James and Darlyne Zywicki and 3.) property of 43+ acres owned by James & Joi Sowle.

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by Rantala to purchase the Northern property of 80 acres owned by LeRoy Tschida.

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

Against- A. Larson, Bruns

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to purchase the Southern property of 26.05 acres owned by James and Carlyne Zywicki.

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

Against- Bruns

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by C. Larson to purchase 43+ acres owned James and Joi Sowle.

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

Against- A. Larson, Bruns

Superintendent Rick introduced Mary Spang, District Nurse who up-dated the board on the H1N1 virus. Ms. Spang indicated that information has been printed in the District Newsletter and parents, staff, and coaches have also been directly informed. Information is also available through the Minnesota Department of Health website and a hotline is also in place to assist people with questions. We are starting to see more cases in the district. There is currently a shortage of vaccines for both the H1N1 and the seasonal flu.

Superintendent Rick reported the following: 1.) An explanation was given to the board about the involvement the district has in the NE middle mile fiber project which is seeking a federal grant for ARRA funding. It will make broadband services viable for the NE Minnesota geographic region and will serve approximately 221 sites and 831.4 miles of fiber within eight (8) counties. If approved our district will be apart of it. The Superintendent will try to get a person from the NESC to come and speak to the board; 2.) Administration attended a meeting on October 21, 2009 at the Coates Hotel on the Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education Approach. Committees were established which will go out and report back in the spring. The committees are on Community Orientation; Life-Career Readiness; Respect; Rigor; Individualized Learning; Flexible Programming and Student Advisories; 3.) The Superintendent has been attending several meetings. Crane Lake Township meeting on October 20, 2009; Range 11/Channel 9 on marketing our schools on October 22, 2009; RAMS meeting on Thursday evening, October 22, 2009; and on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 a meeting going green in our communities at the Wilber Café.

Board Chair B. Larson corrected the October 13, 2009 minutes to reflect that Bjerklie abstained on the John Villebrun non-renewal motion.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Beaudry to approve the amended consent agenda:  
October 13, 2009 Regular School Board Minutes; 6.21 Donations:

- 1.) \$1,000.00 from the Robert S. Rutar Scholarship Fund for the Orr School yearbook;
  - 2.) \$516.35 from the Babbitt-Embarrass PTO for carpet at the Babbitt-Embarrass School;
- Program: 6.31 Permission for the East Range Girls Hockey team to travel out of state to Webster, WI on December 28 to 30, 2009; 6.32 Permission for the Babbitt-Embarrass School to apply for a MSHSL Foundation Grant in the amount of \$5,000; 6.33 2009-2010 Fond du Lac College Concurrent Enrollment Renewal agreement; and 6.34 Permission for Babbitt-Embarrass / Tower-Soudan School students to travel out of state to UWS, Superior, WI for Chorfest Honors Choir on Friday, November 6, 2009.

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

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES RELATING  
TO  
SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

ISSUER: INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142 (ST. LOUIS COUNTY)  
VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA

GOVERNING BODY: SCHOOL BOARD

KIND, DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:

A regular school board meeting held October 26, 2009, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., at the ISD # 2142 District Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Documents attached: Extract of Minutes of said meeting.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES  
FOR THE DECEMBER 8, 2009  
SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation issuing the obligations referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to said obligations; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and

was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such recording officer this 26th day of October, 2009.

Andrew Larson

School District Clerk

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

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular board 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 October 26, 2009, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose, in part, of adopting a resolution appointing election judges.

Member Rantala moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES  
FOR THE DECEMBER 8, 2009  
SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

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

1. The individuals specified on EXHIBIT A attached hereto, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election for the school district's special election on December 8, 2009 to act as such at the combined polling places listed on said exhibit.

2. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast, and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by

C. Larson. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Beaudry, Bjerklie, A. Larson, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala and Bruns.

and the following voted against: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

## EXHIBIT A

### COMBINED POLLING PLACES

### ELECTION JUDGES

Orr School

Head Election Judge Amy Jo Shuster  
Shirley Sanborn  
Joan Olson  
Ron Burland  
Barb Christensen  
Margie Wallin  
Dan Conaway  
Marion Long

Cook School

Head Election Judge Lori Peetsch  
Ruth Jacobson  
Pat Chapman  
Rachel Chapman  
Patti Naughton  
Julie Grahn  
Jeanine Emmons  
Karen Lind

Tower-Soudan School

Head Election Judge Mickey White  
Alvina Ferrian  
Doris Mosher  
Edith Eidelbes  
Janet White  
Carol Knuti  
Karen Brandt  
Katherine Mayo

Babbitt-Embarrass School

Head Election Judge Bonnie Keller  
Lois Asleson  
Kim Daughtery  
Fran Pulkinen  
Arlene Eckman  
Sandra Gibson  
Kim Bjork  
Pat Monson

Cherry School

Head Election Judge Ruth Finch  
Jeannie Alvrecht  
Delores Bjerklie  
Patricia Moyle  
Marion Robinson  
Ruth Ollila  
Elaine Maruska  
Pamela Kick

Cotton School

Head Election Judge Terry Nelson  
Doris Dedina  
Debbie Leppala  
Blanche Meinke  
Janis Wendell  
Dolores Randall  
Pat Meyer  
Linda Tuhkanen

AlBrook School

Head Election Judge Shirley Davis  
Carlye Olson  
Timothy Fosness  
Sean Sundquist  
Sandra Olson  
Arlene "Jean" Antonovich  
Florence Ganter  
Cheryl Brander

Alternate Election Judges

Michelle (Mickey) Maki  
Sandra Keister  
Judy Ario  
Cheryl Skraba

## NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

TO: St. Louis and Koochiching County Auditors

FROM: Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County)  
Virginia, Minnesota

SUBJECT: Special Election

Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County) will be holding a special election on December 8, 2009. The form of question shall be as specified on the attached Notice of Special Election. Please consider this official notification as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.07. Please prepare the necessary polling place rosters for use at this election.

Charles Rick  
Superintendent

(attach Notice of Special Election)

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142  
(ST. LOUIS COUNTY)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

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

YES

NO

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 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?

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

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The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Orr School  
10690 Highway 23  
Orr, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2142 located in the City of Orr; Crane Lake, Leiding, Linden Grove, Morcom, Portage, Sturgeon, Willow Valley, Camp 5 and Kabetogama Townships; and Unorganized Precincts 8 (60-20), 11 (62-21), 12 (63-19) and 21 (63-21) (64-21 part not in Nett Lake Res.) (65-21 part not in Nett Lake Res.) (66-20) (66-21 part not in Nett Lake Res.) (67- 18, 19, 20 & 21) (68-18, 19, 20 & 21) (69-17, 18, 19 & 20) (70-18, 19, 20 & 21) and (71-20 & 21); St. Louis County, Minnesota. Unorganized Precincts Silverdale-Summerville and Nett Lake; Koochiching County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Cook School  
306 E. Vermilion Blvd.  
Cook, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2142 located in the City of Cook; Alango, Angora, Beatty, Field and Owens Township; and Unorganized Precincts 10 (61-17) and 15 (60-18); St. Louis County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Tower-Soudan School  
415 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Tower, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2142 located in the City of Tower; Breitung, Eagle's Nest, Greenwood, Kugler, Pike and Vermilion Lake Townships; and Unorganized 63-14 and Unorganized Precincts 13 (62-17) (63-15 & 17) (64-14, 15, 16 & 17) (65-12 & 15) (66-13, 14, 15 & 16) (67-12, 13, 14, 15 & 16) (68-13, 14, 15 & 16) and 20 (61-14); St. Louis County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Babbitt-Embarrass School  
30 South Drive  
Babbitt, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2142 located in the City of Babbitt; Embarrass and Waasa Townships; and Unorganized 64-12 and Unorganized Precinct 9 (South 1/2 of 61-12 & 61-13); St. Louis County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Cherry School  
3943 Tamminen Road  
Iron, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2142 located in Cherry, Clinton, Lavell and McDavitt Townships; St. Louis County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Cotton School  
9165 Highway 53  
Cotton, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2142 located in the City of Meadowlands; Cotton, Ellsburg, Elmer, Kelsey, Northland, Toivola Townships; and Unorganized Precincts 2 (53-15, 53-16 & 54-15), 5 (56-17) and 17 (56-16); St. Louis County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: AlBrook School  
7427 Seville Road  
Saginaw, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2142 located in the City of Brookston; Alborn, Arrowhead, Brevator, Culver, Industrial, Ness, New Independence and Stoney Brook Townships; St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will be opened at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: September 14, 2009

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/Andrew Larson  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 2142  
(St. Louis County)  
State of Minnesota

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

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| STATE OF MINNESOTA  | )   | <b>AFFIDAVIT SHOWING POSTING OF<br/>NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN<br/>INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142<br/>(ST. LOUIS COUNTY)<br/>STATE OF MINNESOTA</b> |
|                     | )SS |  |
| COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS | )   |  |

Andrew Larson, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that he did on the 27th day of October, 2009, which date is at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the election, post the Notice of Special Election, a true and correct copy of which is hereby attached and by reference made a part hereof, at each of the following public and conspicuous places within Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County), State of Minnesota, including the administrative offices of the school district, to wit:

- One at        AlBrook School
- One at        Babbitt-Embarrass School
- One at        Cherry School
- One at        Cook School
- One at        Cotton School
- One at        Orr School
- One at        Tower-Soudan School
- One at        ISD # 2142 District Office

Further affiant saith not.

Andrew Larson  
School District Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

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Notary Public

STATE OF MINNESOTA    )  
  )SS  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS    )

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

I, Andrew Larson, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Clerk of Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County) and acting in behalf of said school district, I deposited in the United States mails at Virginia, Minnesota, on November 10, 2009, copies of the attached Notice of Special Election with postage thereon fully prepaid, addressed to each household within the school district with at least one registered voter as revealed by the records of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part. The addresses to which the Notices were mailed are on file in the office of the Clerk of the school district.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 26 day of October, 2009.

Andrew Larson, School Board Clerk

(Attach copy of Notice of Special Election)

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 26 day of October, 2009

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(Notary Public)

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING  
SAMPLE BALLOT**

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| STATE OF MINNESOTA  | )   | <b>AFFIDAVIT SHOWING POSTING OF<br/>SAMPLE BALLOT WITHIN<br/>INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142<br/>(ST. LOUIS COUNTY)<br/>STATE OF MINNESOTA</b> |
|                     | )SS |   |
| COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS | )   |   |
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Andrew Larson, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that he did on the 27 day of October, 2009, which date is at least four (4) days prior to the date of the election, cause the Sample Ballot, a true and correct copy of which is hereby attached and by reference made a part hereof, to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district, and did cause said Sample Ballot to be posted at each combined polling place for said election on or prior to December 8, 2009, the date of the election. The Sample Ballots were posted at the following places within the school district:

- One at AlBrook School
- One at Babbitt-Embarrass School
- One at Cherry School
- One at Cook School
- One at Cotton School
- One at Orr School
- One at Tower-Soudan School
- One at ISD # 2142 District Office

Further affiant saith not.

Andrew Larson  
School District Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 26 day of October, 2009

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Notary Public

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Beaudry 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 boys basketball-Damien Paulson; Assistant boys

basketball-Travis Paulson; Head girls basketball-**OPEN**; Assistant girls basketball-Earl Otis; **Babbitt-Embarrass**: Head boys basketball-Jon Anderson; Assistant boys basketball-Ron Marinaro; Head girls basketball-Greg Eisenhuth; Assistant girls basketball-Joseph Scherer; **Cherry**: Head boys basketball-Robert Asuma; Assistant boys basketball-Brad Mayry; Head girls basketball-Tim Sauter; Assistant girls basketball-Kirk Johnson; **Cook**: Head boys basketball-Will Fierke-Kleppe; Assistant boys basketball-**OPEN**; Head girls basketball-Ashlee Strandberg; Assistant girls basketball-Bill Lehto; **Cotton**: Head girls basketball-Mike Frye; Assistant girls basketball-Melissa Randall; **Orr**: Head boys basketball-Chris Raridon; Assistant boys basketball-**OPEN**; Head girls basketball-Matt Rutchasky; Assistant girls basketball-Jackie Villebrun; **Tower-Soudan**: Head boys basketball-Josh Quick; Assistant boys basketball-Derik Bjorgo; Head girls basketball-Steve Moodie; and Assistant girls basketball-John Lilya.

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

Comments from the board:

Board Member Bjerklie indicated that he has been busy the past few weeks.

Board Chair B. Larson commented that Bjerklie has been working great with the yes committee.

Board Member Rantala said that they need to go out and help people vote.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.