

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 the Tower-Soudan School on Monday, September 28, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Dean of Students Scott Chiabotti reported: 1.) Today was picture day at the Tower-Soudan School; 2.) Enrollment is holding it's own; 3.) English teacher, Kandi Olson, will have an individual reading plan for all of her students by the end of the next week; 4.) The Science teacher working on ALI has been block scheduling his class. He indicated that it has been adventitious and has allowed more time. Future projects include: forest point quarter analysis, geo-caching, surveying marker visits, macro invertebrate stream sampling; 5.) Elementary students will be receiving special time in Spanish and Physical Education; 6.) Mr. Chiabotti has started talking with high school students about mentors and advisors. He is asking the students who they would be comfortable talking with when setting goals on issues and recognizing problems. Mr. Chiabotti is half way through the high school students and indicated that this is a way of letting students have meaningful relationships with teachers / mentors; 7.) Next week is Homecoming week at the Tower-Soudan School.

Superintendent Charles Rick reported the following: 1.) Dr. Rick said that he has been consumed with the public meetings; 2.) On September 30, 2009 there will be an Administrators meeting at the District Office. The agenda will concentrate on individual learning; 3.) We are trying to get the District's technology in place. The technicians have been very busy and have been running into problems with the old wiring in the buildings;

4.) This Thursday there will be a RAMS meeting; 5.) There will be two more Public Informational Community Meetings this week: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Cook School and Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at the Cherry School. Both meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to approve the consent agenda: September 14, 2009 Regular School Board Minutes; Program: 5.31 Permission for Cherry School Band to travel out of state to the Applefestival on Sunday, October 4, 2009; Permission for Michelle Metzger, Indian Education Coordinator to travel to Montreal, Quebec, Canada to attend the AEE International conference in October, 2009.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bruns to approve the dissolution of MSHSL Cooperative Sponsorship for boys track & field for the Cotton/Cherry/Cook/Orr Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by C. Larson to approve the dissolution of MSHSL Cooperative Sponsorship for girls track & field for the Cotton/Cherry/Cook/Orr Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by A. Larson to approve the dissolution of MSHSL Cooperative Sponsorship for boys track & field for the AlBrook/Tower-Soudan/Babbitt-Embarrass Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by C. Larson to approve the dissolution of MSHSL Cooperative Sponsorship for girls track & field for the AlBrook/Tower-Soudan/Babbitt-Embarrass Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to approve the MSHSL Cooperative Sponsorship for speech for the AlBrook/Cotton Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to approve the MSHSL Cooperative Sponsorship for boys track & field for the AlBrook/Cotton/Cherry/Tower-Soudan Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to approve the MSHSL Cooperative Sponsorship for girls track & field for the AlBrook/Cotton/Cherry/Tower-Soudan Schools for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to grant permission for quotes to purchase two (2) ten passenger vans for district use.'

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by C. Larson to approve the project labor agreement.

Board Member Beaudry indicated that he was not comfortable to approve something that he had not read yet.

Mr. John Grahek, Business Manager for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 589, explained the agreement. Mr. Grahek indicated that it stabilization and harmony agreement which would insure against no strikes or walk outs on the up-coming projects.

Mr. Craig Olson, President of the Duluth Building and Construction Trades Council indicated to the board, that they are looking at local labor to hire so local monies will stay in the community.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by A. Larson to offer Mary Larson a .4 FTE probationary teaching contract, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 14, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to recall Wanda Bevis to a .15 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 21, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Beaudry to hire Debra Kumferman as a van driver, bargaining unit, not to exceed 4 hours per day for this position, effective September 23, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers #70.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Bruns to hire Sharon Lantz as an instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 28, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to hire Jennifer Peterson as an instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 8, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to hire Donna Brisbois as a teacher aide, bargaining unit, 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 9, 2009, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to eliminate the cook aide position held by Betsy Ringhofer, effective September 21, 2009.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to accept Paula A. Lanhart's resignation as teacher aide, effective September 24, 2009.

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

Comments from the board:

Board Member Rantala said that it has been a very interesting week. Mr. Rantala commented that any project that we undertake involves risk and we need to make an attempt.

Board Member Bjerklie thanked Dean of Student's Scott Chiabotti for his report and indicated that both Scott and Principal Jeff Carey are doing a good job. Mr. Bjerklie also thanked everyone for the project labor comments and for John Grahek and Craig Olson attending the meeting and answering questions from the board. He agreed with Member Rantala that it has been an interesting week, but that there are now a lot of people interested in the project.

Board Member C. Larson thanked Dean of Students Scott Chiabotti for his report, John Grahek, Craig Olson and Principal Jeff Carey.

Board Member A. Larson said that he was interested in hearing about the Science class projects and glad to see that we are tapping into the available local resources.

Board Member Beaudry echoed all the board members thanks and said that he's looking forward to the meeting at the Cook School tomorrow night.

Board Member Bruns indicated that she liked the report from Scott Chiabotti about mentoring the students with advisors that the students feel comfortable with. Ms. Bruns also emphasized that we should be offering foreign language to elementary students, instead of just to the high school students.

Board Member B. Larson said that we now have a lot of people thinking about education. Mr. Larson also said that it was a positive report on the reading program and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Superintendent Rick also thanked everyone for coming.

Comments from visitors:

Marshall Helmberger, Tower-Soudan School parent, complimented Science teacher, Ryan Lindsey for the block scheduling Science projects. Mr. Helmberger indicated that his son now has a new found interest and actually looks forward to going outdoors gathering data information for Science.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.