

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010.

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

ABSENT: Bjerklie

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, March 22, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to approve the agenda.

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

Absent - Bjerklie

Against - None

Superintendent Rick reported the following: 1.) The Superintendent attended a Minnesota Department of Education meeting in Ogilvie, MN regarding the Orr School. The district will be required to write a letter of intent for the School Improvement Grant. Another meeting will be scheduled when the MDE assessment team will come to the Orr School. The application for the grant and submission process should be completed by August; 2.) A second Student Advisory Meeting is being scheduled; 3.) April 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> is spring break; 4.) The April 12<sup>th</sup> Regular School Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office; 5.) The board will be scheduling a Board Study Session regarding the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educational Plan.

John Henry of Johnson Controls reported the following: 1.) The North and South design team and initial community meetings have been completed; 2.) Site packages are going out for bid on April 16, 2010 (South site) and April 23, 2010 (North site). A Cherry School community meeting is in the process of being scheduled; 3.) Johnson Controls and ARI met Friday, March 19, 2010 with the Bio-Mass boiler distributor, the fuel source supplier, and owner of the technology for the units from Sweden; 4.) The county land use committee meeting will be held at the Northland Office Building in Virginia on

Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (South site) and 10:45 a.m. (North site); 5.) Salo Engineers, Braun Intertec, and Matrix Engineering are on both the South and North sites this week surveying new geotech borings, drilling geotech borings, and wastewater exploration for the South site.

Board Committee(s) reported the following: 1.) Board Member Bruns reported the March 16, 2010 trip to meet and make a presentation to the iron range legislatures' in St. Paul, MN. The comments from the legislatures ranged from delaying the Northern project to continue moving forward with the plan; 2.) Board Member Rantala reported that he has been speaking to the City of Babbitt officials regarding the Babbitt land issue. The board is scheduled to meet with officials at a Board Study Session on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the Babbitt-Embarrass School, prior to the Regular School Board Meeting; 3.) Board Member Bruns indicated that the board met with the Nett Lake School Board on Thursday, March 18, 2010. Ms. Bruns said from all indications it looks like the students will be attending at the Northern site, but the Nett Lake Board has some concerns. They would like the school to be built for all students and more communication between school boards is desired.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Beaudry to approve the consent agenda: March 8, 2010 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; Policy-Donations: 1.) \$320.00 from the Tower-Soudan Athletic Association for the Tower-Soudan School boys basketball program; 2.) \$160.00 from the Tower-Soudan Athletic Association for the Tower-Soudan School girls basketball program; 3.) \$500.00 from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota for the Tower-Soudan High School volunteerism during the Athletic Association Fall Auction for a Blue Cross Team Recognition award, aimed at recognizing leadership in group volunteer projects; 4.) \$200.00 from Federated Co-ops, Inc. of Princeton, MN for a Cotton School Scholarship; Programs: 2010-2011 Vermilion Community College Concurrent Enrollment Agreement.

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

Athletic Director Scott Chiabotti explained the athletic transition plan and answered questions from the board.

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by Bruns to approve the athletic transition plan for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years.

### **ISD 2142 Athletic Transition Plan**

*Plan outlines athletic options as our school district moves from seven high schools to four high schools in 2011-2012. Specifically, transfer options for our high school student athletes.*

### **2010-2011 School Year:**

- Maintain extra-curricular offerings at all sites dependent on appropriate levels of participation.

- Establish cooperative agreements combining programs as dictated by numbers for the 2010-2011 school year.
- All student transfers during the 2010-2011 school year would fall under the provisions of MSHSL bylaw 111 – Transfer and Residence.

**2011-2012 School Year:**

- A **one-time intra-district transfer** for students entering grades 10-12 (2011-2012 school year) should be declared and school board of approved by May 1, 2011, with a list of approved intra-district transfers submitted to the MSHSL by May 15, 2011.
- Any transfers that are not school board approved or do not meet the aforementioned time lines will be subject to the provisions of MSHSL bylaw 111-Transfer and Residence.
- Once a student completes an approved intra-district transfer any subsequent transfers would fall under the provisions of MSHSL bylaw 111 – Transfer and Residence.

*All Transfers outside of ISD 2142 will be subject to MSHSL bylaw 111-Transfer and Residence.*

*An intra-district transfer form will be developed for students choosing this option.*

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

Absent - Bjerklie

Against - None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by A. Larson to approve the 2010 spring coaching staff as presented and dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation as follows: *AlBrook*: Assistant Softball-Earl Otis; *Cotton / Cherry/ AlBrook/Tower-Soudan*: Assistant Track-Jeff Carey; *Cook / Orr*: Assistant Baseball-Jeff Chaulklin.

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

Absent - Bjerklie

Against - None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to approve the 2009-2011 Teamsters contracts for Aides, Food Service and Health Service (COTA).

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

Absent – Bjerklie

Abstained – A. Larson

Against - None

Board Comments:

Board Member C. Larson said that it was a good meeting today and he learned a lot.

Board Member Bruns indicated that it was a good meeting.

Board Chair B. Larson said that spoke to Markus Hoche and he was available to speak with the board.

Superintendent Rick indicated that Christy Berlin could also conduct a report with Markus Hoche.

Board Chair C. Larson said that he would like to explore the policy on retaining children for a consistency within the district.

Board Member Rantala extended an invitation to the board for the final round of Knowledge Bowl on March 23, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Northeast Service Coop.

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.