

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010.

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, March 8, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Superintendent Rick reported the following: 1.) The board study session today, reviewed the new North building, the Cherry School building and heating plants for both. There will be a meeting at the Orr School on March 9, 2010 and at the Cook School on March 18, 2010. The Cherry School meeting has been delayed; 2.) There were 21 students in attendance at the education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century meeting at the District Office. The students had a working lunch with many brainstorming activities and were excited about what is happening. One of the students will be writing an article for the District newsletter. Two more meetings are planned and will talk about input in the educational plan and the transition plan; 3.) The district is presently working on a transition plan in setting up the sports for next year and the following year; 4.) The Superintendent had a handout for the board explaining the Minnesota Department of Education Low Achieving Schools. a.) The school must be in one of the following stages as outlined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act: needs improvement, corrective action, or in pre-structuring or restructuring; and b.) The achievement level of the school is among the lowest 5% within this group of schools based on proficiency and student growth in math and reading on the MCA-II assessments; or c.) The high school has less than a 60% graduation rate. The Department is committed to improving the performance of all schools, particularly those identified as persistently low achieving schools. Department staff will be meeting to discuss the process for implementation of one or more turnaround

strategies: a.) Turnaround Model; b.) Restart Model; c.) Close or Convert School; or d.) Close the School. The District has discussed the situation with MDE officials regarding the Orr Secondary. As of last week, MDE has applied for a school improvement grant to work with the 34 identified schools in the state. After a meeting with MDE the District will be able to write a school improvement grant funded by the state.

AlBrook School Art Specialist Carolyn Olson thanked the board for letting the art teachers display the student's art work. Ms. Olson explained that the Capp grant is now finished but it taught the teachers how to apply for grants and helped coordinate teaching efforts between schools. Art is being used as a vehicle for learning in math, reading and technology for students. Ms. Olson expressed the need for an IT person in each one of the schools because of the constant changes occurring in technology.

Discussion followed.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Beaudry to approve the consent agenda: February 22, 2010 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; February 25, 2010 Special School Board Meeting Minutes;

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Bruns to hire Chasity Platt as an instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective February 19, 2010, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Beaudry to hire Kathy Vraa as a teacher aide, non-bargaining unit, 1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective March 5, 2010.

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

Motion by Beaudry and seconded by C. Larson to approve the 2010 spring coaching staff as presented and dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation: **AlBrook:** Head Softball-Tim Anvid; Assistant Softball-*OPEN*; Head Baseball-Damien Paulson; Assistant Baseball-Travis Paulson; Head Track-Jeremy Polson; Assistant Track-Don Fremling; **Babbitt-Embarrass (B-E/T-S):** Head Softball-Ron Marinaro; Assistant Softball-Jim Mackai; Head Baseball-Tom Coombe; Assistant Baseball-Lon Lamppa; Head Golf (Boys / Girls)-Brian Lamppa; Assistant Golf-Linda Brula; **Cherry:** Head Baseball-Jeff Smerud; Assistant Baseball-Zach Swart; Head Softball-Darrell Bjerklie; Assistant Softball-Scott Sauter; **Cotton:** Head Baseball-Robert Stevenson; **Cook / Orr:** Head Baseball-Dan Manick; Assistant Baseball-*OPEN*; Co /

Head Softball-Liz Beseke / Loretta Whiteside-Rankila; Head Golf-William Fierke-Kleppe.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to approve the job description for the Benefits Clerk as presented.

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

Comments from the School Board:

Board member Bruns indicated that it was a good day at the Board Study Session today.

Board Member Bjerklie said that the status quo is no longer an option for the district.

Board Member C. Larson indicated that the building committee still needs a person for the New Northern site.

Board Member Rantala thanked AlBrook teacher Carolyn Olson for her presentation.

Mr. Rantala has been involved in Babbitt community meetings for a public library. In addition, the City of Babbitt would like to meet with the school board again concerning the Babbitt land sale. The City of Babbitt is hoping to meet with the board on April 26, 2010 when the school board meeting location is in Babbitt.

Board Chair B. Larson said that committee reports should be listed on the agenda after the Superintendent report. Mr. Larson indicated that the school board will be meeting with the state legislators. In the summer the board will know more about the district's overall administrative team. Finally, Mr. Larson spoke on a committee for changes in academics.

The Superintendent thanked all the art teachers for the art display.

Board Chair B. Larson mentioned that the Superintendent should issue certificates for the art students involved in the art show.

Discussion followed.

The regular school board meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.