

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 23 2010.

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

ABSENT: Beaudry

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, August 23, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Superintendent Rick asked Kevin Abrahamson to speak on the teacher meetings. Mr. Abrahamson gave a progress report on the Educational Plan. Teachers have attended 2 days of Mondo training with approximately 90% of the teachers in attendance. Today the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Planning group met at the District Office. There will be training on September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Babbitt-Embarrass School and training will continue in September and October. Information will be available to parents in November.

Superintendent reported the following: 1.) There will be a new teacher workshop on Friday, August 27, 2010 at the District Office; 2.) On September 1, 2010 there will be an All Staff In Service at Babbitt-Embarrass School. The Superintendent extended an invitation to the board to attend; 3.) Dr. Rick explained the Federal Jobs bill which could direct \$160. million to Minnesota. The money would be received once and could be used at the school building level for any of a wide range of staff positions. The application must now be signed by the Governor by September 9, 2010; 4.) Dr. Rick read the list of candidates running for school board: Cook, District #2: Corrie Hoeschen Ehrbright and

Jody Feist; Tower-Soudan, District #3: Troy Swanson; Cherry, District #5: Lynette Zupetz. Dr. Rick will be inviting all the candidates to attend future board meetings.

John Henry of Johnson Controls reported: 1.) Bids were received last Thursday for the Cherry School and will be awarded tonight; 2.) We are moving forward for the Southern site we are in the process of removing the trees. The Southern site bids will also be awarded tonight.

Board Member Rantala asked when the Babbitt-Embarrass and Tower-Soudan School would be moving forward.

Mr. Henry replied, by September.

Board Committee Report:

Board Member A. Larson reported on the Highway 169 project. There are current safety issues between Tower and Ely. Plans are to do 2 sections at a time to make the road safer. The construction start time should be by 2012 and must be completed by 2013.

Board Chair B. Larson spoke on the meeting last week with the City of Cook. The district is complying with a request from St. Louis County Zoning and Planning to contact the City of Cook regarding sewer and water. There will be a city council meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The school board was asked to be in attendance. It would be a gathering of local leaders to see what the benefits would be.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by C. Larson to approve consent agenda: August 9, 2010 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to approve the dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship for girls hockey for the 2010-2011 school year between Babbitt-Embarrass / Ely / Tower-Soudan Schools.

Board Member Rantala questioned what would happen if we see more student numbers.

Superintendent indicated that there are not sufficient numbers.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to award the bread bid to Sara Lee for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to approve the School Resource Officer agreement with St. Louis County for the amount of \$51,028.06 effective September 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011.

Board Member Bruns said that this program was very good when we had the grant, however, we cannot afford this now. Ms. Bruns indicated that we should not be spending the money.

Board Member A. Larson asked if there was money in the budget to cover this.

Business Manager Kim Johnson said that there is enough money to pay for half.

Discussion followed.

Superintendent Rick explained that this program has been very valuable for the district.

Board Member Bjerklie told his understanding of spending money to supply the School Resource Officer and emphasized that the students need to feel safe at school.

AlBrook School Principal Kristi Berlin spoke to the board about grants that they are currently working on. Ms. Berlin said that the officer reinforced the sense of community and worked on safety issues with staff and students.

Yes – Bjerklie, Rantala, B. Larson  
Absent – Beaudry  
Against – A. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson

The motion for the School Resource Officer did not pass.

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to award bids for the Cherry School construction project as follows: Concrete, masonry and excavation: Hammerlund Construction, Inc., Grand Rapids, MN-\$472,000.00; Structural precast concrete plank: Molin Concrete Products Company, Circle Paines, MN-\$49,900.00; Structural precast concrete wall panels: Fabcon, Inc., Savage, MN-\$336,772.00; Structural & misc. steel-supply: Dynamic Structural Steel, LLC., Duluth, MN-\$238,000.00; and Structural & misc. steel-erection: Red Cedar Steel Erectors, Inc., Menomonie, WI-\$113,000.00 – Total Contracts in the amount of \$1,209,672.00.

Board Member A. Larson indicated that he liked the details that were given on the bids. Mr. Larson also asked if the same contractor bid on this project as did the Floodwood School project. The contractor had serious cement issues.

John Henry replied that we will have a state inspector on site at all times.

Board Member A. Larson asked if we have all the necessary permits.

John Henry replied that we do.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to award bids for the South K-12 Campus as follows: Carpentry: Northside Construction, Inc., Hugo, MN-\$351,000.00; Casework: Haldeman-Homme, Inc., Minneapolis, MN-\$259,877.00; Metal Panels / Roofing & Sheet Metal: Jamar Company, Duluth, MN \$1,430,485.00; Caulking & Sealants: Seal-Treat, Inc., Eden Prairie, MN-\$44,840.00; HM Doors & Frames, Wood Doors & Hardware-Supply: Northern Door & Hardware, Inc., Duluth, MN-\$264,500.00; Aluminum Doors, Curtainwalls & Glazing Aluminum Windows: Mesabi Glass Window & Door, Hibbing, MN-\$479,607.00; Skylights & Translucent Wall Panels: W.L. Hall Company, Hopkins, MN-\$155,727.00; Coiling & Overhead Doors: Lipe Brothers Construction, Inc., Duluth, MN-\$39,850.00; Drywall: Custom Drywall, Inc., St. Paul, MN-\$283,700.00; Acoustical, Specialty Ceiling & Wall Systems: Twin City Acoustics, Inc., Plymouth, MN-\$262,587.00; Ceramic & Quarry Tile: Northland Flooring & Design, LLC, Grand Rapids, MN-\$298,000.00; Wood Athletic Flooring: Haldeman-Homme, Inc. DBA Anderson Ladd, Minneapolis, MN-\$121,998.00; Fitness/Athletic Flooring: Northland Flooring & Design, LLC, Grand Rapids, MN-\$19,300.00; Carpet/Resilient Flooring: Northland Flooring & Design, LLC, Grand Rapids, MN-\$133,000.00; Terrazzo Flooring: Advance Terrazzo & Tile Company, Coon Rapids, MN-\$364,000.00; Painting & Vinyl Wall Covering: Steinbrecher Painting, Princeton, MN-\$147,000.00; Marker Boards, Tack Boards & Display Cass: W. E. Neal Slate Company, Watertown, MN-\$92,270.00; Misc. Specialties-Supply: Building Material Supply, Inc., Golden Valley, MN-\$41,835.00; Operable Partitions: Acoustics Associates, Inc., Golden Valley, MN-\$9,900.00; Angle Iron Athletic Lockers/Metal Corridor Lockers: Lyon Workspace Products, Minneapolis, MN-\$127,000.00; Food Service Equipment: Dakota Food Equipment, Fargo, ND-\$335,134.00; Musical Instrument Cabinet System-Supply: LSI Corporation of America, Minneapolis, MN-\$13,350.00; Gymnasium Equipment: H & B Specialized Products, Inc., Eden Prairie, MN-\$99,400.00; Gymnasium Seating & Telescoping Bleachers: Seating & Athletic Facility Enterprises, Ellendale, MN-\$80,503.00; Fire Protection: Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection, LLC, St. Joseph, MN-\$149,025.00; HVAC: Thelen Heating & Roofing, Inc., Brainerd, MN-\$1,894,000.00; Electrical Systems: Lanyk Electric, Inc., Virginia, MN-\$1,539,000.00; Lighting Controls (All Schools): Graybar Electric Company, Duluth, MN-\$373,200.00; Variable Air

Volume & Thermal Equalizers-Supply: Midwest Mechanical Solutions, Minneapolis, MN-\$22,200.00; Boilers & Accessories-Supply: Ryan Company, Inc., St. Louis Park, MN-\$159,200.00; Condensing Units-Supply: SVL, Inc., Shoreview, MN-\$9,782.00; Plate Type Energy Recovery Units/Modular Energy Recovery Units/Air Handling Units-Supply: Johnson Controls, Inc., Plymouth, MN-\$179,605.00; and Window Shades: Modern Window Shad Company, Minneapolis, MN-\$66,659.00; for Total Contracts in the amount of \$9,847,534.00.

Board Member A. Larson had questions on the bids and asked if all the necessary permits were issued.

John Henry responded that all permits were received except the MPCA permit.

Board Member Bruns said that she has a problem with that.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – A. Larson, Bruns

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to rescind the hiring of Rachel Pastoor as a .8 FTE probationary teacher, effective September 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Bruns to accept Roger Esterby's letter of resignation as bus driver, effective September 1, 2010.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Bruns to accept Brian Lamppa's letter of resignation as teacher, effective August 31, 2010.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Bruns to accept Kathleen Ray Undeland's letter of resignation as a teacher, effective August 31, 2010.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by C. Larson to approve Jennifer Kaufenberg's request for a medical leave of absence as instructional aide, effective January 3, 2011 through the end of the school year.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to offer Mary Larson a .5 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 1, 2010 with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by C. Larson to offer Monica Parenteau a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2010-2011 school year, at Step C BA, effective September 1, 2010 with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by C. Larson to Brett Holland a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2010-2011 school year, at Step C BA, effective September 1, 2010, contingent upon securing variance or provisional licensure from the Department of Education, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to offer Blake Peterson a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 1, 2010 with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to offer Jill Eidenschink a .8 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2010-2011 school year, at Step C BA15, effective September 1, 2010 with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to offer Erin Peisto a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2010-2011 school year, at Step E BA, effective September 1, 2010 with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bjerklie to offer Andrea Buvarp a .8 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2010-2011 school year, at Step L BA, effective September 1, 2010 with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by Bjerklie and seconded by Rantala to approve Bridget A. Paulson as the assistant volleyball coach at the AlBrook School and Albert Soxman as assistant football coach at the Babbitt-Embarrass School for the 2010-2011 fall season, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Bruns to terminate Mandy Northrup as instructional aide effective June 4, 2010 due to the position being eliminated.

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

Motion by A. Larson and seconded by Rantala to hire Ashley Thiel as a probationary Title I teacher for the 2010-2011 school year, to the extent of 4 hours per

day, 5 days per week, effective September 1, 2010, with terms and conditions in accord with Master Agreement between ISD # 2142 and EDMNSLCT.

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

Absent - Beaudry

Against – None

Comments from the board:

Board Member Bjerklie indicated to the board that with all the upcoming changes for next year, the board needs to pass a resolution regarding open enrollment for the Minnesota State High School League.

Board Chair B. Larson instructed the Superintendent to prepare.

Board Member Rantala explained that the Kohls Corp. is donating \$500,000 to schools. Mr. Rantala asked the board to go online and register for their school. Mr. Rantala also suggested that maybe all of our schools could be combined for a larger affect.

Board Chair Larson asked the board is they would like to schedule a meeting for the Community of Tower. Two topics that could be addressed would be: 1.) The design of the new building; and 2.) Is an elementary school feasible in Tower? Does the community want an elementary school.

Discussion followed.

A community meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tower-Soudan School.

The Board Chair announced the ground breaking ceremony for the Southern Site will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.