

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Larson  
Bruns  
C. Larson  
Feist  
Rantala  
Swanson  
Zupetz

ALSO PRESENT: Strong  
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 School on December 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Feist and seconded by B. Larson to approve the agenda.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Craig Olson, business representative of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 82 gave a handout to the school board. He thanked the board for the long range facility plan and for the opportunity to hire local people in the community. Mr. Olson explained that the Painters Union established the PATCH Foundation for the purpose of improving the lives of children in need and ensuring their futures are as bright and productive as possible. Since 2001 the Painters District Council 82 has raised over \$70,000. for children. Mr. Olson presented a check to the district for the amount of \$1,500.00 to St. Louis County Schools and stated that they have had a great partnership with the district.

Superintendent Strong report: 1.) Superintendent has been focusing on principals as instructional leaders asking them to keep a principal's log documenting instructional leadership efforts in their school building. The Superintendent will be meeting with each principal monthly to review. Principals will be putting together a plan to improve student achievement in their school site and will also be looking at opportunities to build the after school opportunities with in their school to incorporate SMART. Principals will be reviewing data with teachers and looking at using data from NWEAs as a predicator of MCAs. New focus area of standards base instruction; training for principals and staff in January. Continuing support of Professional Learning Communities and putting together

resource materials for teachers to access on technology integration and standards based instruction. Superintendent also working closely with q-comp coordinator. The Superintendent will select a group to develop a guide for the Personal Learning Plans for students. DaNeil Sirjord has been doing a good job on the AYP plan which will be sent in tomorrow; 3.) Professional Learning (Q-Comp) is working well and has been a benefit for the district; 4.) The Superintendent requested money for marketing purposes up to the amount of \$5,000.

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to approve up to \$5,000. for marketing purposes.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Discussion followed.

The Superintendent congratulated Gary Rantala for receiving the MSBA Directors award.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by B. Larson to approve consent agenda: November 28, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; Bill Lists from November 29, 2011 to December 12, 2011; Program: Donations: 1.) \$325.00 from the Cotton Music Booster Club for the South Ridge School music program; 2.) \$476.00 from McDonald's for the South Ridge School student council; 3.) \$399.99 refrigerator, \$107.86 Blu-ray, and \$37.75 for Blu-ray cables, totaling \$545.60 from an anonymous donor for the Cherry School; 4.) \$961.44 from the Pamida Foundation for the Northeast Range / Tower-Soudan School(s) fundraiser.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by c. Larson and seconded by Zupetz to certify the 2011 Payable 2012 school district levy in the amount of \$7,387,529.48.

Business Manager Kim Johnson had a handout for the school board and explained the Comparison of Levy Revenue to Budgeted total Revenue.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

## ISD # 2142 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 2012 CALENDAR

*THE SCHOOL BOARD CALENDAR FOR JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2012 AT  
5:00 P.M.*

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Monday, January 9, 2012

(Reorganizational meeting)

ISD # 2142 District Office

Monday, January 23, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, February 13, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, February 27, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, March 12, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, March 26, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, April 9, 2012	South Ridge School
Monday, April 23, 2012	Tower-Soudan School
Monday, May 7, 2012	Northeast Range School
Monday, May 21, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, June 11, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, June 25, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, July 9, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, August 13, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, August 27, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, September 10, 2012 *	North Woods School
Monday, September 24, 2012	Cherry School
Tuesday, October 9, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, October 22, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, November 12, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, November 26, 2012	ISD # 2142 District Office
Monday, December 10, 2012 **	ISD # 2142 District Office

\* Certify proposed Tax Levy (on or before September 30, 2012.)

\*\* Adopt Final Levy Budget Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. (prior to December 30, 2012.)

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Swanson to approve the 2012 School Board Meeting Calendar.

Discussion followed.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to grant permission to dispose of the 1995 GMC van #64 and the 1998 Chevrolet Venture #69.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz

Against – None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Zupetz to grant permission to purchase a 2012 Chevrolet ten (10) passenger van from Mike Motors for \$27,842.12 and a 2012 Dodge Grand Caravan from Nelson Auto for a total price of \$23,147.45.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to approve the change orders for the South Ridge School as follows: Lanyk-\$1,020.50; Northland Flooring-\$749.00; Haldeman-\$847.00; Veit-\$14,220.00; Northland LFlooring-\$475.00; Parallel-\$5,245.80;

Parallel/Haldeman-\$1,471.50; Veit-\$6,301.25; Custom Drywall-\$4,216.00; Lyon-\$195.00); Modern Window-\$(13,135.00); Lanyk Electric-\$(3,800.00); Karppinen Construction-\$38,850.00; Karppinen Construction-\$7,350.00; Karppinen Construction-\$8,000.00; for a total recommended amount of \$71,616.05.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to approve change orders for the Cherry School as follows: Mesabi Bituminous-\$900.00; Red Cedar Steel Erectors-\$1,600.00; Red Cedar Steel Erectors-\$2,280.00; MCI-\$260.00; for a total recommended amount of \$5,040.00.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by Feist and seconded by Swanson to approve the change orders for the North Woods School: Ben's/Red Cedar-\$0.00; Parallel-\$300.00; Northern Paint-\$4,989.00); Acoustics Associates-\$(4,406.00; Ben's-\$439.00; Ben's-\$(1,241.00); Grazzini-\$(14,633.00); Thelen/Parallel-\$0.00; Modern Window-\$(13,135.00); Nelson-Collie-\$1,964.00; for a total recommended amount of \$(35,701.00).

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to approve change orders for Northeast Range School as follows: Max Gray Construction-\$1,356.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$924.00; for a total recommended amount of \$2,280.00.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to approve a medical leave of absence for Shannon Benson, bus driver, effective December 28, 2011 for up to 8 weeks, in accord with master agreement Article VIII, Section 4, Subd. 1, between ISD # 2142 and the Operating Engineers Local #70.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by Swanson and seconded by Rantala to hire James Carlson as a probationary Title I teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, to the extend of 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective December 5, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz

Against – None

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to approve the 2011-2012 coaching staff as presented, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation as follows: North Woods: 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant girls basketball-Julie Midthun.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz

Against – C. Larson

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to accept Ann Bidle's letter of retirement / resignation as teacher, effective December 20, 2011.

Discussion followed.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz

Against – None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to offer Peter Myre a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step C BA, effective November 18, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz

Against – None

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to recall Joani Bergstrom as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, (M, T, TH, F)/5.5 hours per day (W), effective December 12, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Teamsters Local #346.

Yes – B. Larson, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz

Against – None

Comments from the board:

Board Member Feist congratulated Gary Rantala on his award.

Board Member Zupetz also congratulated Gary Rantala on the award and indicated that the schools are coming along.

Board Member Swanson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and congratulated Mr. Rantala. Mr. Swanson said that we should start running television ads and see how that works for us.

Board Member B. Larson congratulated Gary Rantala.

Board Member C. Larson also congratulated Gary Rantala and congratulated the sports teams and players.

Board Member Rantala indicated that the award was unexpected and thanked everyone. Mr. Rantala said that he spent the day at Northeast Range School and went on a tour of the building. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Superintendent Strong invited everyone to the North Woods School “Great Grizzly Get Together” on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. There will be tours of the new school.

Board Chair Bruns thanked the Superintendent for sending up-dates to the school board.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.