

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2011.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Rick
 Cox
 Johnson

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 June 27, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Superintendent Rick report: 1.) Dr. Rick said that he had an opportunity to visit South Ridge and Cherry Schools last Friday and they are both moving along; 2.) On the state budget the legislators are presently at an impasse, which could impact our projects and also money flowing into the district; 3.) Dr. Rick thanked the board for the experiences with them. The Superintendent said that he remembers the strategic plan and bond referendum and he believes that the district is in better condition then when he came. He indicated that he appreciates everyone and that change is good. Dr. Rick said that he remembers when the quote “Small Schools with Bid Opportunities – Where Everybody is Somebody,” was created. He also read the following quotes: “Don’t be humble, you’re not that great” and “Do not let perfect become the enemy of good.”

John Henry of JCI gave a construction progress report: South Ridge: Will start paving and finishing this week; Cherry: Working on room finishes and footings will be going in; Tower-Soudan: Pouring floor where the pool was and putting in new duct work and new windows; Northeast Range: Majority of demo is finished and new entry is being constructed. John Henry told the board of the weekly construction meetings which take place in the Krause Anderson trailers again and invited them to attend if they wished: Tower-Soudan-Monday mornings: North site Mondays at 2:00 p.m.; Cherry-Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.; South Ridge-Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Northeast Range-Tuesdays at 1:00

p.m. North Woods-Footings are in; Hallway walls and secondary wings are almost completed. Will be pouring floors starting this Thursday and next week. Mr. Henry also outlined possible problems that might occur with the inspectors if the state has a shutdown.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Zupetz to approve the consent agenda: June 13, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; Policy: Bill List June 14, 2011 to June 27, 2011; Donations: 1.) \$35.00 from Janelle M. Perrizo and Joseph C. Johnson of Babbitt, MN for the Babbitt-Embarrass School 4th grade field trip; 2.) \$5.00 from, Virg Fierstine of Babbitt, MN for the Babbitt-Embarrass School field trip; 3.) \$30.00 from Lana Bjork for the Babbitt-Embarrass School field trip; 4.) \$40.00 from Ben and Beth Morgan of Babbitt, MN for the Babbitt-Embarrass School field trip; 5.) \$50.00 from Daniel Ehman of Embarrass, MN for the Babbitt-Embarrass School field trip; 6.) \$1,556.31 from the AlBrook Academic Boosters of Saginaw, MN for the AlBrook School America's Got Talent – Honor Roll Trip; 7.) \$210.50 from the Cook Booster Club for softball equipment; 8.) \$423.55 from the Lions Club of Babbitt for the Babbitt-Embarrass School Spring fling; 9.) \$54.00 from the Cook Lady Gopher Basketball Boosters for the Cook School elementary medals; 10.) \$100.00 from the AlBrook Academic Boosters for the AlBrook School All Night Graduation Party; 5.31 AEOA Head Start renewal at Northeast Range School for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Rantala to approve and issue a WW II diploma to Carl William Gustafson.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to approve iPads for Learning in the amount of \$235,424.00 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Board Member Rantala asked for the district technician's comments because of his concerns.

Board Member Bruns also questions the amount of 60 units in each of the schools, regardless of the size.

Superintendent Rick commented that the amount of units can always be reallocated for different amounts at the schools. Dr. Rick emphasized that these iPads are excellent learning tools.

Superintendent Strong indicated that this would go above and beyond the current technology plan to make our students well rounded.

Board Member Rantala said that he is just questioning the compatibility of the Apple iPads with our current technology.

Markus Hoche said that he has some concern that the iPads won't support our new curriculum. None of the applications will work with it and also there is limited tech support for iPads.

Discussion followed.

Superintendent Strong said that she supports the recommendation to purchase the iPads.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by B. Larson to approve increasing early childhood by \$30,000.00 and learning readiness for the amount of \$105,000.00.

Board Chair Bruns asked the Business Manager if this was in the budget.

Business Manager Kim Johnson indicated that it was.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to approve the revised 2010-2011 Revenue and Expenditure Budget.

Business Manager Kim Johnson explained the revised 2010-2011 Revenue and Expenditure Budget and the proposed 2011-2012 Revenue and Expenditure Budget.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to approve the proposed 2011-2012 Revenue and Expenditure Budget.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to approve change orders as recommended for the following schools: South Ridge School - \$27,153.18; North Woods School - \$55,238.21; Cherry School - \$66,933.43 and Tower-Soudan School - \$111,108.59.

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

Against – None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to approve the electric service agreement with Minnesota Power in the amount of \$95,448.00 annually for five (5) years for the South Ridge School.

Board Member B. Larson asked if we are sure that the bill will be that much and not more.

Business Manager Kim Johnson answered yes, and explained the agreement with Minnesota Power.

Discussion followed.

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

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142
(ST. LOUIS COUNTY)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the school board of Independent School District No. 2142, State of Minnesota, was duly held on the 27th day of June, 2011 at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Member Feist introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO ENTER
INTO A LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT
WITH A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, upon review of financial projections and in the event of a State Shutdown on or after June 30, 2011, the Board has determined that Independent School District No. 2142 (the "District") may face cash flow problems in 2011-2012;

WHEREAS, District staff has entered into negotiations and has reached a tentative agreement, subject to Board approval and Bank acceptance, with Queen City Federal Saving_Bank (financial institution) in Virginia, Minnesota (the "Bank"); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enter into such an agreement with the Bank, as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.12 (b), as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Upon the effective date of this resolution, the District hereby agrees to establish a revolving line of credit (the "Line") with the Bank whereby the Bank will advance funds to the District to resolve cash flow problems.

2. The amount advanced at any time under the Line will not exceed (a) \$2,200,000.00 or (b) ninety-five percent (95%) of the District's average expenditure per month of operating expenditures in the previous fiscal year (\$2,238,757.00 per month for fiscal year 2010).

3. Each advance under the Line will be repaid no later than forty-five (45) days after the day of advancement, but in no event later than June 30, 2012, whichever is earlier with taxable interest on the outstanding principal amount at a daily interest rate not to exceed 5.5% per annum.

4. The Superintendent or his/her designated agent is directed to prepare or execute such documents as may be necessary to comply with the above paragraphs or any other requirements for this Agreement.

5. The amounts advanced under the Line are not designated as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for the purposes of Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

6. This resolution shall be effective upon receipt by the Superintendent on behalf of the Board of written acceptance of its terms by an authorized official of the Bank, and thereafter shall constitute the terms of the Line of Credit Agreement.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Zupetz and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Feist, B. Larson, C. Larson, Rantala, Swanson and Zupetz.

and the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

ACCEPTANCE STATEMENT

The Bank has received and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the resolution of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142 (St. Louis County) authorizing the District to enter into a Line of Credit Agreement with a financial institution pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.12 (b), and that the resolution included therein is a full, true and correct copy of the original thereof. The officer executing this Acceptance is authorized to sign on behalf of the Bank. The Bank understands that the interest on the amounts advanced shall be taxable and that the amounts advanced have not been designated as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for purposes of Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to approve Lisa A. Callister as the Personnel / Payroll Coordinator, 8 hours per day, 5 days per week (year round position), effective July 18, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Board Member B. Larson asked the question when we look at our budget, do we continue to look at the staff in this office to make changes.

Business Manager Johnson explained that we are looking at this all the time.

Discussion followed.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Feist to offer Amanda Pascuzzi a .1 FTE tenured teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, effective August 31, 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 C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to offer Blake Peterson a .95 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, effective August 31, 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 Swanson and seconded by Rantala to offer Erin Peitso a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, effective August 31, 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 C. Larson to amend the effective date of retirement / resignation for Reuben Rosnau as a bus driver from July 31, 2011 to June 15, 2011.

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

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to eliminate the instructional aide position, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, held by Lisa Hill effective the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to recall Vickie Preston as instructional aide, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective 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

School Board Chair Bruns scheduled a board study session for Monday, July 18, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at ISD # 2142 District Office.

Comments from the board:

Board Chair Bruns thanked Dr. Rick for all his work over the past 6 years and for getting the reorganization plan up and running. Mr. Bruns wished Dr. Rick the very best in retirement.

Board Member Rantala stated turning problems into opportunities and Superintendent Rick has proved many opportunities.

Board Member C. Larson wished Dr. Rick good luck.

Board Member B. Larson indicated that Dr. Rick was always friendly even with all our problems. Mr. Larson wished Dr. Rick good luck. Mr. Larson asked about ground breaking for the North site?

John Henry of JCI indicated that he will be taking care of the ground breaking.

Board Member B. Larson asked how we make our schools more accessible in the summer.

Business Manager Johnson said that the public is being directed to the District Office.

Board Member B. Larson also addressed concerns about the gas line at the Cherry School site.

Discussion followed.

Board Member Swanson wished Dr. Rick good luck.

Board Member Zupetz also wished Dr. Rick good luck and enjoy your retirement.
Ms. Zupetz said that without Dr. Rick we wouldn't be looking at our schools.
Board Member Feist said good luck to Dr. Rick in whatever is he is doing.

Business Manager Johnson said that it has been wonderful having Dr. Rick here.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.