

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011.

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

ABSENT: Bruns  
Feist

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 November 28, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Change order total for North Woods School enclosure 6.25 was corrected to read \$13,357.61.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Zupetz to approve the amended agenda.

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

Bruno Zagar and Charles Hartley of the Fond du Lac Reservation gave a power point presentation on the up-coming wood pellet manufacturing project. The presentation covered the following: 1.) Fuel Comparison; 2.) Brief description of project; and 3.) Benefits of wood pellets and emissions. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Strong report: 1.) The Superintendent welcomed the Little Rangers Childcare personnel; 2.) The Staff Development was a successful today. Covered topics included: Vision of the District; Student Advisory and Technology integration; 3.) There will be a fitness center meeting tomorrow at the District Office at 10:00 a.m.; 4.) Superintendent currently working on security; 5.) The audit will be done on Thursday. The audit report will be reviewed at the next board study session; 6.) Truth in Taxation meeting will be December 12, 2011.

Kevin Abrahamson spoke on the schedules and had a few handouts for the board.

Mr. Abrahamson covered the comparison of the number of courses for school years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. He reviewed the list of courses and list by grade levels with Wednesday flex option.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to approve consent agenda: November 14, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; Bill Lists from November 15, 2011 to November 28, 2011.

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

Absent – Bruns, Feist

Against – None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Zupetz to approve the change orders for Northeast Range School as follows: Tromco Electric-\$5,700.00; Max Gray Construction-\$15,396.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$2,497.29; Tromco Electric-\$26,800.00; Tromco Electric-\$832.00; Max Gray Construction-\$1,391.25; Max Gray construction-\$264.60; Tromco Electric-\$3,790.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$1,659.52; Max Gray Construction-\$5,214.00; Max Gray Construction-\$4,268.25; Max Gray Construction-\$6,160.00; Bob Hecimovich-\$219,780.00; Tromco-\$4,454.00, for a total recommended amount of \$298,206.91.

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

Absent – Bruns, Feist

Against – None

Motion by Swanson and seconded by C. Larson to approve the change orders for the Tower-Soudan School as follows: Lenci Construction-\$2,330.00; Lenci Construction-\$2,558.00; Lenci Construction-\$332.00, for a total recommended amount of \$5,220.00.

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

Absent – Bruns, Feist

Against – None

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Rantala to approve change orders for the Cherry School as follows: Mesabi Glass-\$3,556.00; Hammerlund Construction-\$26,812.00; L & K Masonry-\$1,245.00; Seppala Electric-\$145.20; Haldeman-Homme-\$822.80; Max Gray Construction-\$274.11; Seppala Electric-(\$997.87); Haldeman-Homme-\$160.00; Northern Door & Hardward-\$1,835.00; Regional Painting-\$1,978.00; Max Gray Construction-(\$566.50); Regional Painting-\$1,323.00; Max Gray Construction-(\$845.00); Seppala Electric-(\$260.00); Regional Painting-\$1,300.00; Custom Drywall-(\$260.00); Seppala Electric-\$672.00; Mesabi Glass-\$1,035.00; Hammerlund Construction-(\$1,325.00); Seppala Electric-(\$1,126.00); Mesabi Bituminous-\$940.00; Hammerlund Construction-(\$940.00); Mesabi Bituminous-\$105.00;

Mesabi Bituminous-\$600.00; Hammerlund Construction-(\$600.00); Max Gray Construction-\$7,510.51; Haldeman-Homme-(\$7,510.51); Seppala Electric-\$1,404.47; Seppala Electric-\$1,204.67; Custom Drywall-\$883.00; Custom Drywall-\$300.00; Custom Drywall-\$664.00; Custom Drywall-\$964.00; Custom Drywall-\$646.00; Custom Drywall-\$1,022.00; Custom Drywall-\$1,875.00; Custom Drywall-\$455.00; Mesabi Glass-\$4,910.00; Regional Painting-\$319.00; Regional Painting-\$325.00; Regional Painting-\$1,365.00; Regional Painting-\$465.00; L & K Masonry-\$700.60; L & K Masonry-\$731.68; Max Gray Construction-\$288.43; Twin City Acoustics-(\$500.00); Mesabi Bituminous-\$500.00; Twin City Acoustics-(\$200.00); Miscellaneous Contractors-(\$19,195.84); Max Gray Construction-(\$240.00); Max Gray Construction-(\$61.00); Max Gray Construction-(\$378.00); Max Gray Construction-(\$681.00); Regional Painting-\$195.00, for a total recommended amount of \$33,834.75.

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

Absent – Bruns, Feist

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Zupetz to approve the change orders for the South Ridge School as follows: Northside-\$1,387.00; Northside/Parallel-\$1,725.00; TCA-\$2,855.00; Veit-\$2,338.00; Northside/BMSI-\$955.25; and Parallel-\$360.00, for a total recommended amount of \$9,620.25.

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

Absent – Bruns, Feist

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Swanson to approve change orders for the North Woods School as follows: Ben's/Red Cedar-\$1,218.00; Thelen-\$2,068.00; AJ's-\$1,716.00; Thelen-\$1,637.00; Hammerlund-(\$207.00); Ben's/Red Cedar-\$3,113.00; Ben's/Red Cedar-\$0.00; Nelson-Collie-\$1,155.00; HCM/Mulcahy-\$1,337.61; Hammerlund/Bens-\$703.00; Bens/Harbor City-\$0.00; Parallel/Alpha-\$410.00, for a total recommended amount of \$13,357.61.

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

Absent – Bruns, Feist

Against – None

Board Member C. Larson objected the hiring of a 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant girls basketball coach.

Superintendent Strong stated that this recommendation is based on the athletic director's recommendations.

Motion by Swanson and seconded by Rantala to approve the 2011-2012 coaching staff as presented, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12)

participation as follows: South Ridge: 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant girls basketball coach-David Erickson.

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

Motion by Swanson and seconded by Zupetz to accept Donna Brisbois's letter of retirement as cook aide and teacher aide, effective October 1, 2011.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to hire Renee Switajewski as an instructional aide, bargaining unit, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, effective November 15, 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, C. Larson, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Absent – Bruns, Feist  
Against – None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Zupetz to hire Trisha Bielejeski as an instructional aide (on the NLC van), bargaining unit, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 5 days per week, effective November 29, 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, C. Larson, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Absent – Bruns, Feist  
Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Zupetz to offer Josh Hudspith a .1 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step C BA, effective October 17, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Rantala to approve Lynn Dee Lehto's request for an unpaid medical leave of absence extension until December 9, 2011.

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

Comments from the board:

Board Member Zupetz commented that it has been a busy couple of weeks. Ms. Zupetz said that she attended the technology meeting and everyone was excited that everything is getting completed.

Board Member Rantala said that it was a trying meeting concerning the Little Rangers Childcare Center. Mr. Rantala also expressed concern over the materials in the shop classes.

Board Vice Chair B. Larson scheduled a board study session for Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the District Office at 3:00 p.m. Agenda items will include the budget, demographics from Randy Anderson (if available) and Little Rangers Childcare Center.

Comments from visitors:

Board Chair for Little Rangers Childcare Center, Kendra Sandy, thanked the board for allowing her to speak. Ms. Sandy had a hand-out about the organization and addressed the school board. Ms. Sandy said that she was here on behalf of Little Rangers to discuss the future of their organization and explained their position.

Little Rangers Childcare will be on the board study session at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Strong asked Kendra Sandy to send a copy of their 501c3 non-profit status form right away, prior to the board study session.

Board Member Zupetz states that the school board was excited about the Little Rangers Childcare Center in the beginning.

The regular school board meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.