

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011.

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

ABSENT: Bruns

ALSO PRESENT: Strong
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 School on October 24, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Rantala added the Tromco Electric, Inc. change order in the amount of \$12,980.00 for Northeast Range School to enclosure 6.21.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to add the Tromco Electric, Inc. change order in the amount of \$12,980.00 for Northeast Range School to enclosure 6.21.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Swanson to approve the amended agenda.

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

Superintendent Strong report: 1.) Last week we had MEA break for students and teachers; 2.) The ipads will be coming out into the buildings soon; 3.) The administration is working on instructional goals; 4.) On Thursday there will be a meeting on AYP goals setting with coordinators; 5.) Principals are in the process of expanding their Wednesday flex schedules; 6.) An update on the enrollment of the ECFE program is 177 students with 181 parents from 128 different families; 7.) The Minnesota Supreme Court will

review the case of Abrahamson/Kotzian/Petitioners against ISD # 2142; and finally good luck to all the volleyball and basketball teams.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to approve consent agenda: October 11, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; Bill Lists from October 12, 2011 to October 24, 2011; Policy: Donations: 1.) 745.59 from target "Take Charge of Education" for North Woods School; 2.) \$405.00 from Waschke Family Chevrolet for the North Woods boys and girls basketball, volleyball and football programs.

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

Absent - Bruns

Against – None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to approve change orders for Northeast Range School as follows: Max Gray Construction-\$1,645.60; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$9,050.53; Tromco Electric-\$600.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$2,639.90; Max Gray Construction-\$4,191.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$2,366.07; Tromco Electric-\$4,190.00; Tromco Electric, Inc.-\$12,980.00, for a total amount of \$37,663.10.

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

Absent - Bruns

Against – None

Motion by Swanson and seconded by Feist to approve change orders for the Tower-Soudan School as follows: Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-(\$62,500.00); Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$436.80; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$3,650.00; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$10,815.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$5,367.50; Nelson Collie Electric-\$5,188.00; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-(\$2,715.00); Nelson Collie Enterprises-\$1,240.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$7,458.57; Nelson Collie Electric-\$506.00; and Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-(\$25,000.00), for a total of (\$55,553.13).

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

Absent - Bruns

Against – None

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Rantala to approve change orders for the Cherry School as follows: Lipe Brothers Construction-\$350.00; Haldeman-Homme-\$4,888.00; Haldeman-Homme-\$300.30; and Mesabi Glass-(\$300.00), for a total amount of \$5,238.30.

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

Absent - Bruns

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to approve change orders for the South Ridge School as follows: Parallel-\$2,241.00; and Parallel-\$7,405.40, for a total amount of \$9,646.40.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Swanson to approve change orders for the North Woods School as follows: Peterson-\$7,054.00; Peterson-\$3,205.00; Hammerlund, Peterson-\$7,485.00; Mulcahy-(\$1,972.00) and Ben's-(\$167.00), for a total amount of \$15,605.00.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to grant permission to dispose of 1996 International Bus #41.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to grant permission to receive bids to purchase a minivan and a ten (10) passenger van.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to approve a medical leave of absence for Theresa LaVigne, Title I teacher, effective October 12, 2011 until January 3, 2012, in accord with master agreement Article XXVIII, Section 3, Subd. 3, between ISD # 2142 and EDMNSLCT.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Rantala to approve medical leave of absence for Laura B. Kowarsch, Title I teacher, effective October 19, 2011 until November 28, 2011, in accord with master agreement Article XXVIII, Section 3, Subd. 3, between ISD # 2142 and EDMNSLCT.

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

Absent - Bruns
Against – None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to amend leave of absence for Peg Makkyla, teacher, *from* October 12, 2011 for 3 weeks *to* an effective date of September 12, 2011 until December 2, 2011 (12 weeks), in accord with master agreement article XI, Section 4, Subd. 10, between ISD # 2142 and EDMNSLCT.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to approve medical leave of absence for Kristen Cooper, teacher, effective on or about January 5, 2012 until March 26, 2012, in accord with master agreement Article XI, Section 4, between ISD # 2142 and EDMNSLCT.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to offer Al Soxman a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step CBA, effective October 4, 2011, contingent upon applying and 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 – B. Larson, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz
Absent - Bruns
Against – None

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to hire Debra Johnson as a probationary Title I teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, to the extent of 4 hours per day, effective October 17, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to offer Edwynna Scouton a .1 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, effective October 6, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Absent - Bruns
Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to offer Megan Caine .2 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, effective September 6, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to hire Megan Caine as a probationary Title I teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, to the extent of 4 hours per day, effective October 26, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Rantala to hire Twyla Race as a probationary Title I teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, to the extent of 4 hours per day, effective October 25, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to hire Stephanie Clairmont as a probationary Title I teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, to the extent of 4 hours per day, effective October 31, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to offer Josh Hudspith a .5 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, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz
Absent - Bruns

Against – None

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to hire Mindy Sauter as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day (M, T, TH, F) / 5.5 hours per day (W), effective October 24, 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, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz
Absent - Bruns
Against – None

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to hire Megann Class as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day (M, T, TH, F) / 5.5 hours per day (W), effective October 24, 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, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz
Absent - Bruns
Against – None

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to hire Eve Barry as cook aide, bargaining unit, 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective October 24, 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, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz
Absent - Bruns
Against – None

Motion by Feist and seconded by Swanson to recall Rebecca Shermer as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day (M, T, TH, F) / 5.5 hours per day (W), effective October 17, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Swanson and seconded by Feist to hire James Stella as a custodian, bargaining unit, 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective October 24, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142 and Operating Engineers #70.

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

Against – None

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to accept Tim Olson's resignation as head basketball coach at North Woods School, effective October 11, 2011.

Vice Chair B. Larson informed the board that he spoke with Board Chair Bruns and she asked that the resignation not be accepted. Mr. Larson added that the Superintendent is recommending that it be accepted.

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

Absent - Bruns

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to approve the 2011-2012 coaching staff as presented, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation: South Ridge School: Head boys basketball-Carl Grussendorf and Assistant boys basketball-Kelly Karpinnen.

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

Absent - Bruns

Against – None

Comments from the Board:

Board Member Rantala commented that at the board study session he is glad to see things progressing. Congratulations to all of our teams.

Board Member C. Larson said that he will be rooting for all of our teams.

Board Member B. Larson asked about the status of the Tower-Soudan playground.

John Henry of JCI replied that it is being installed.

Board Member Swanson said that he was glad that the road by the Tower-Soudan School is being worked on.

Board Member Zupetz indicated that she was glad to see the curriculum reports.

Board Member Feist said that she likes the direction we are going as shown in the Board Study Session.

Board Member B. Larson indicated that he would like to see banks at all of our schools.

John Henry of JCI informed the board that the asphalt is being put down at the North Woods School site today.

Board Member Rantala announced that the group Monroe Crossing will be performing at Northeast Range School on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

The board meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.