

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

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

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 Northeast Range School on September 12, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to approve the agenda.

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

Superintendent Strong report: 1.) The Superintendent commended the staff for the start of school. Enrollment is growing everyday and the staff is happy with the new buildings; 2.) Superintendent explained the change from Instant Alert to Campus Messenger in order to make an easier flow for secretaries and staff; 3.) Superintendent Strong informed the board that the district presently has a total of 5.9 teachers on variances; 4.) She advised the board the need for a board study session to be scheduled; 5.) The Before/After School Programs are now up and running in South Ridge. North Woods is taking enrollment and will start the program shortly. Cherry has had the program in place since last year. Northeast Range is making plans and Tower-Soudan shows little interest at this time and is using Volunteers in Education where needed. The program appears to be very successful so far.

Discussion followed.

Principal Gary Friedlieb report: 1.) The start-up of school, which appeared to be impossible just one week ago, has been successful, thanks to a number of individuals who worked very hard. The Principal commended the people involved in the start-up; 2.) Enrollment is up from 312 last year to 346 this fall; 3.) The Principal indicated that there is still a lot of work that is being done to complete the building; 4.) Mr. Friedlieb

thanked everyone, especially board member Gary Rantala and the Superintendent in their assistance in getting the school year off to a smooth start.

Business Manager Kim Johnson report: Ms. Johnson had a handout on enrollment and went over details with the board. In October she will bring the financials to the board.

John Henry of JCI report: Mr. Henry commended all the staff in the schools that helped the contractors for the start-up of school. It was a joint effort. At North Woods School the walls are up the floors are poured; There still is work in the schools. Lockers will be coming in for all the schools along with the bleachers. The contractors are trying to work in the afternoons to not interfere with the students.

Principal Friedlieb indicated that there are boiler issues at Northeast Range yet and the playground needs an accessibility walk.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to approve the consent agenda: August 22, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; August 29, 2011 Special School Board Meeting Minutes; September 2, 2011 Special School Board Meeting Minutes; Policy: Donations: 1.) \$1,000.00 from the Memorial Blood Centers for the South Ridge School; 2.) \$2,073.95 from the Tiger Club of Cherry for the Cherry School football equipment order.

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

Superintendent Strong distributed the CGI agreement to the school board for their review.

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Swanson to approve the CGI Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Director of ECFE DaNeil Sirjord gave a report to the school board on the ECFE and Learning Readiness Programs. Ms. Sirjord gave details of the needs for funding and space due to additional enrollment in the district.

Discussion followed.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to approve Learning Readiness funding for up to \$35,000. and ECFE funding up to \$65,000. 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 change orders for the Cherry School as follows: Max Gray Construction-\$191.40; Max Gray Construction-\$1,947.42; Max Gray Construction-(\$1,972.00); Red Cedar Steel-\$400.00; Custom Drywall-\$854.00; MCI-\$11,576.81; Klamm Mechanical-\$578.64; Seppala Electric-\$1,615.19; Klamm Mechanical-\$3,685.14; Max Gray Construction-(\$4,941.55); Klamm Mechanical-\$4,941.55; The Caulkers Company-\$2,950.00; Louhi & Kivela Masonry-\$769.16; Max Gray Construction-\$3,875.08; Max Gray Construction-\$264.00; Hammerlund Construction-(\$264.00); Max Gray Construction-\$2,046.00; Haldeman-Homme-(\$2,046.00); Louhi & Kivela Masonry-\$8,433.00; Hammerlund Construction-\$5,607.76; Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection-\$470.00; Louhi & Kivela Masonry-\$1,087.10; Klamm Mechanical-\$13,935.70; Seppala Electric-\$9,883.50; Custom Drywall-\$5,175.00; Regional Painting-\$2,730.00; MCI-Rubber Flooring-\$9,536.75; Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection-\$433.55; and Seppala Electric-\$2,315.38, for a total amount of \$86,088.58.

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: Tromco Electric-\$4,050.00; Bob Hecimovich-(\$708.00); Max Gray Construction-\$4,587.00; Bob Hecimovich-\$1,198.05; Tromco Electric-\$10,226.00; Bob Hecimovich-\$1,933.11; Tromco Electric-(\$13,240.00); Max Gray Construction-\$4,283.40; Bob Hecimovich Mechical-\$6,002.48; for a total amount of \$18,332.04.

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

Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to approve the change orders for the North Woods School as follows: Midwest Fence-\$32,395.00; and BMSI/Northside-(\$160.00), for a total amount of \$32,235.00.

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

Against – None

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to approve change orders for the South Ridge School as follows: Lanyk-\$3,000.00; Culinex-\$3,454.69; Northland Flooring-\$28,950.00; Modern Window-(\$12,481.00); Red Cedar Steel-\$1,100.00; Wagner-\$1,870.00; Max Gray-\$954.80; Northside & BMSI-(\$225.00); Northside & Haldeman-\$0.00; Parallel-\$1,353.00; Northland Flooring-\$2,607.00; and Custom Drywall-\$10,223.00, for a total amount of \$40,806.49.

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

Against – None

Motion by Swanson and seconded by Rantala to approve change orders for the Tower-Soudan School as follows: Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$551.00; Nelson Collie Electric-\$23,732.00; Lenci enterprises, Inc.-\$18,380.00; Bob Hecimovich-\$2,310.00; Bob Hecimovich-\$612.40; and Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$5,007.00, for a total amount of \$50,592.40.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to approve the 3 year lease agreement with Metro Sales for 17 copier/printer/scanners for the amount of \$87,408.00 annually.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to approve the change order for the North Woods School as follows: PTI Cabling (Networking) / Simplex/Fire (Alarms) / JCI BAS/HVAC (Heating/Air Conditioning/Security), for a total amount of \$798,000.00.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Rantala to approve Audio Visual (*Alpha Video*) \$440,453.00 / Cabling-(*Parallel Technologies*)-\$59,260.00, for a total amount of \$499,713.00.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to approve the 2011-2012 coaching staff as presented, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation: Northeast Range: 2<sup>nd</sup> Volleyball Coach-Susan Hams; South Ridge: Assistant Cross Country-David Erickson.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to accept Mindy Adkin's letter of resignation as cook aide, effective September 2, 2011.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to accept Jennifer Kaufenberg's letter of resignation as instructional aide, effective the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Feist to accept Corrie Foster-Little's letter of resignation as COTA, effective September 12, 2011.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to approve Jennifer Kaufenberg as a Youth Activity Coordinator, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to approve Diane Soxman as an Enrichment Club Supervisor, 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., 5 days per week, effective, September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by B. Larson to approve Tyler Newberg as assistant cook, bargaining unit, 7 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective, September 6, 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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to approve Mindy Adkins as a site II secretary, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week and Cook Aide, 2 hours per day, 5 days per week, bargaining unit, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement between ISD # 2142, Operating Engineers Local # 70 and Teamsters Local #346.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Feist to approve Beth McClimek as an Indian Home School Liaison, bargaining unit, 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., 5 days per week, effective, September 6, 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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to approve Sarah Packa as an Indian Home School Liaison, bargaining unit, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 5 days per week, effective, September 21, 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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to approve Dennis Brantner as a bus driver, bargaining unit, not to exceed full time equivalency for this position, effective, September 12, 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, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by Feist and seconded by B. Larson to approve Joani Bergstrom as a Youth Activity Coordinator, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., 5 days per week, September 7, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by B. Larson to approve Rita Barnett as an Enrichment Club Supervisor, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (M T TH F) and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on (W), effective, September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Swanson to offer Gina Anderson a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step C BA, effective August 31, 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, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to offer Sheri Carlson a .4 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step C BA, effective August 31, 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, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Rantala to offer Jim Mackai a .5 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 B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to offer Paula Wolfe a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, effective August 31, 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, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by Swanson and seconded by Feist to offer Cathy Anderson a .4 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 hire Cathy Anderson as a probationary Title I teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, to the extent of 4 hours per day, 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 Rantala and seconded by Feist to offer Beth Denzer-Johnson a .5 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step C BA, effective August 31, 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, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to offer Edwyna Scouton a .8 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step C MA, 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 Zupetz and seconded by Feist to offer Ashley C. Kesanen a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step C BA, effective August 31, 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, Bruns, C. Larson, Feist, Rantala, Swanson, Zupetz  
Against – None

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to offer Amy L. Sirjord a 1.0 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, at Step C BA, effective September 1, 2011, with terms and conditions of employment in accord with master agreement ISD # 2142 and SLCTEM.

Motion by Feist and seconded by Swanson to accept Loretta White-Rankila's letter of resignation, as a Title I teacher, effective the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Swanson and seconded by Rantala to recall Fran Larson as a teacher aide, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to recall Vicky Preston as an instructional aide, 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Against – None

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by B. Larson to recall Vicky Preston as a teacher aide 2 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Swanson to recall Lisa Hill as an instructional aide, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for 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 Kariann Kolocek as an instructional aide, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by B. Larson to recall Chris Gabrielson as an instructional aide, 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to recall Brandi Lislegard as an instructional aide, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Swanson to recall Regina Shere as an instructional aide, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by B. Larson to recall Thomas Burnett as an instructional aide, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Zupetz to recall Melinda Warren as an instructional aide, 1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to recall Sharon Swenson as a teacher aide, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to recall Maxine Solberg as a teacher aide, 4.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to recall Lori Nurmi as a teacher aide, 1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for 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 Koreen Sokoloski as a teacher aide, 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Swanson and seconded by Zupetz to recall Agnes Sundahl as a teacher aide, 2 hours per day (M/T/TH/F) and 1.5 hours per day (Wed), effective September 6, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to recall Melinda Warren as an In School Suspension Monitor, 1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 6, 2011, for 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 terminate Lisa Squires, as teacher aide, effective the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Board Member Swanson added Range City Realty for Permission to Sell the AlBrook / Cotton / Orr Schools.

Board Member Rantala recused himself for voting due to a conflict of interest.

Discussion followed.

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Feist to approve selling the AlBrook / Cotton and Orr Schools through z'Up North Realty for a listing period of 6 months.

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

Comments from the board:

Board Member Zupetz thanked John Henry for the work on Cherry School. Ms. Zupetz said that they pulled off a miracle, but just need to get the kitchen going.

Board Member Swanson said that his kids had a great first week at Northeast Range School.

Board Member C. Larson toured the Tower-Soudan and Northeast Range Schools today.

Board Member B. Larson said that he saw the Tower-Soudan School today and was impressed with the improvements in the school. Mr. Larson suggested to have added to the study session the topic of how the district is going to make the schools available to the public.

Board Member Rantala indicated that there are communications issues that they need to take care of. Mr. Rantala commended the staff and workers on the opening of the school. He thanked Troy Swanson for the district publicity campaign.

Board Chair Bruns scheduled a board study session for Monday, September 26, 2011 at the Tower-Soudan School starting at 10:00 a.m. Agenda items should include: Little Rangers Daycare; City of Orr; Cherry School expansion; Strategic Plan; and Policy 616.

Comments from the public:

Morgan Klatt owner/operator of Little Rangers Daycare will come with her board to the study session and explain some issues they have, such as rent.

John Henry gave a new update for Northeast Range on carpeting in the library; start-up of the boiler; and the gym.

Ami Keene stated that she was disappointed at the lack of elementary orientation and is hoping that there will be one in the future. Ms. Keene spoke on several other concerns, but indicated that she was excited about the expansion.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.