

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Tower-Soudan School on September 26, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair Bruns amended the September 12, 2011 minutes as presented in the consent agenda. Ms. Bruns also added enclosure 7.11 (Old Business) to amend the real estate contract with z'Up North Realty for 12 months.

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

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

Superintendent Strong report: 1.) Superintendent Strong has visited all the schools and everything is going well. Superintendent has observed the CGI process at the Tower-Soudan School and it is going good.

Principal Kevin Abrahamson report: Mr. Abrahamson welcomed everyone to the Tower-Soudan Elementary School. Sue Anderson was added with a short Ipad presentation. 1.) Mr. Abrahamson indicated that AYP will be resolved shortly. The district will also have a new assessment vendor as of November; 2.) Staffing at Tower-Soudan is complete but is bare bones and staff will be added as needed. Mr. Abrahamson added that he thinks that they are off to a great start of school.

Board Chair Bruns noted that the next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at South Ridge School.

John Henry of JCI report: Mr. Henry thanked all administration for their patience. At South Ridge School the gym floor is going down; Cherry School the lockers will be going in at the end of the week; Northeast Range School the bleachers are in; the Library is getting completed; and the gym is now complete; North Woods School the highway 53 entryway is complete and the walls are going up and should be ready for winter work by October 30, 2011.

Tower-Soudan School teacher, Sue Anderson did a short presentation showing the capabilities of the Ipad and demonstrated the applications that the elementary students are using.

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to approve the consent agenda: September 12, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; Bill List from August 23, 2011 to September 26, 2011; Policy: Donations: \$500.00 from Saturday Night Country...Live! for the Cherry School music program; Program: Permission for Northeast Range honors choir students to travel out of state to participate in Chorfest on November 4, 2011 at the University of Wisconsin Superior Campus.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to approve the attendance area boundary lines as presented.

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

Business Manager Kim Johnson explained the tax levy to the school board and recommended that they approve the levy at maximum.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Zupetz to approve the 2011 Payable 2012 Proposed Levy at maximum.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Swanson to approve giving the city of Orr the first right of refusal on the sale of the Orr School property.

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 for South Ridge School as follows: Parallel-\$1,340.00; Haldeman-\$577.50; Haldeman-\$682.00; Haldeman-\$1,349.70; Haldeman-\$924.00; Haldeman-\$303.60; Haldeman-\$660.00; Haldeman-\$577.50; Parallel-\$5,272.30; Wagner-\$3,000.00; Parallel-\$875.00;

Steinbrecher-\$(2,754.00); Parallel-\$11,492.84; Parallel-\$980.00; BMSI-\$520.00; Haldeman-\$2,882.00; Haldeman-\$6,440.50; Parallel/WI Neal-\$3,375.00; Mesabi Glass-\$987.00; Parallel-\$4,046.00; Culinex-\$230.00; Parallel-\$760,446.24; Thelen-\$488.00; Max Gray-\$310.80; Twin City Acoustics-\$16,967.09; Steinbrecher-\$1,980.00; Northland Flooring-\$2,102.19; Northside-\$6,912.00; for a total amount of \$832,967.26.

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

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to approve change orders for North Woods School as follows: Acoustics, Mulchy, Northern Paint-\$(166.13); Peterson, SAAFE, Hammerlund-\$(1,080.00); Mulcahy-\$(7,791.00); Harbor City Masonry-\$1,240.21; Nelson-Collie-\$78,085.00; Nelson-Collie-\$15,684.00; for a total amount of \$85,972.08.

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.-\$4,931.00; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$2,260.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$2,803.50; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$5,803.84; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$937.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$32,663.40; Nelson-Collie Electric-\$5,419.00; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$46,470.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$8,829.25; Nelson-Collie Electric-\$706.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$2,953.79; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$45,319.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$9,059.86; Nelson Collie Electric-\$1,745.00; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-(\$165.00); Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$4,888.00; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$2,260.00; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$2,803.50; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$332.00; Lenci Enterprises, Inc.-\$2,477.00; Bob Hecimovich-\$6,132.00; for a total amount of \$188,628.14.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by C. Larson to approve change orders for Northeast Range School as follows: Tromco Electric-\$78,960.00; Bob Hecimovich mechanical-\$6,002.48; Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$8,947.05; Tromco Electric-\$1,700.00; bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$1,366.50; Max Gray Construction-\$108.15; Tromco Electric-\$5,890.00; Tromco Electric-\$2,186.00; and Bob Hecimovich Mechanical-\$558.60; for a total amount of \$105,718.78.

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: Louhi & Kivela Masonry-\$671.39; Houhi & Kivela Masonry-\$487.11; Louhi & Kivela Masonry-\$295.45; Louhi & Kivela Masonry-\$122.48; Louhi &

Kivela Masonry-\$918.19; Louhi & Kivela Masonry-\$950.68; Louhi & Kivela-\$1,161.46; Louhi & Kivela Masonry-\$213.30; Louhi & Kivela Masonry-\$1,662.34; Grazzini Brothers & Company-\$3,824.00; Klamm Mechanical-\$509.85; Max Gray Construction-\$605.00; Klamm Mechanical-\$2,494.43; Seppala Electric-\$9,840.60; for a total amount of \$23,756.28.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Feist to hire Diane Soxman as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 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 Rantala and seconded by Feist to hire Renee Switajewski as instructional aide, bargaining unit, 2 hours AM / 2 hours PM, 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 hire Cheryl Umberger as a van driver, bargaining unit, AM / PM route, not to exceed 7 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 26, 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 Rantala to hire Barb Hage as a van driver, bargaining unit, AM / PM route, not to exceed 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 26, 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 B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to hire Dennis Hage as a van driver, bargaining unit, AM / PM route, not to exceed 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 26, 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 C. Larson and seconded by B. Larson to hire Rob Marvel as a van driver, bargaining unit, AM / PM route, not to exceed 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective September 26, 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 Rantala and seconded by Zupetz to approve a medical leave of absence for Cassandra Rogers, teacher, effective on or about October 24, 2011 for up to 12 weeks, in accord with master agreement article XI, Section 4, Subd. 3, between ISD # 2142 and EDMNSLCT.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by Feist to approve the 2011-2012 coaching staff as presented, dependent upon appropriate levels of high school (grades 9-12) participation: Cherry: 2nd assistant volleyball-Heather Kowarsch; South Ridge: head cross country-Jeremy Polson.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to accept Natalie Graves letter of resignation as instructional aide, effective September 2, 2011.

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

Motion by B. Larson and seconded by C. Larson to offer Thomas J. Ray as a .2 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 Rantala and seconded by Feist to offer Peter Backstrom as a .3 FTE probationary teaching contract for the 2011-2012 school year, effective September 26, 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 amend the real estate contract with z'Up North Realty for 12 months.

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

Comments from the school board:

Board member Feist said that she loves the Tower-Soudan School and enjoyed the Ipad presentation. Member Feist expressed that her heart goes out to the Babbitt community.

Board member Zupetz also indicated that she loves the beautiful Tower-Soudan School.

Board member Swanson said that he likes the Tower-Soudan School technology, building and lighting. Member Swanson said that it is a beautiful building.

Board member B. Larson indicated that the board had a pleasant day here during their board study session. Thanks to all the Tower-Soudan staff for their hospitality.

Board member C. Larson also thanked the staff for their hospitality today and enjoyed the smiling little faces.

Board member Rantala repeated the comments and commended all the community members and staff and us impressed with the Tower-Soudan building and staff. The people had a devastating loss in Babbitt.

Board chair Bruns commented that the building is beautiful and amazing. Thank you to the Tower-Soudan School staff.

The board meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.