

THE REORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2142, ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS, HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Strong
Cox
Johnson

The reorganizational 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 January 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Strong called for nominations for Chairperson. Member Rantala nominated Robert J. Larson as Chairperson.

Superintendent Strong called again for nominations for Chairperson. Member Swanson nominated Zelda Bruns as Chairperson.

Superintendent Strong called for nominations for Chairperson.

Member Zupetz asked that the nominations be closed. Member C. Larson seconded the motion.

Superintendent Strong called for a vote for Robert J. Larson as Chairperson.

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

Robert J. Larson was voted as Chairperson.

Board Chair B. Larson called for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Member Swanson nominated Zelda Bruns as Vice Chairperson.

Board Chair B. Larson asked for any other nominations two (2) times.

Member C. Larson asked that the nominations be closed. Member Zupetz seconded the motion.

Zelda Bruns was voted for Vice Chairperson unanimously.

Board Chair B. Larson called for nominations for Clerk. Member C. Larson nominated Troy Swanson for Clerk.

Board Chair asked for any other nominations. Member Zupetz nominated Gary Rantala for Clerk.

Board Chair asked for any other nominations and called for a vote.

Troy Swanson was voted for Clerk unanimously.

Board Chair called for nominations for Treasurer. Member C. Larson nominated Gary Rantala as Treasurer.

Board Chair asked for any other nominations twice and called for a vote.

Board Chair B. Larson declared the nominations closed.

Member Gary Rantala was voted for Treasurer unanimously.

The reorganizational school board meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

The regular school board meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2142, St. Louis County Schools, began at 5:12 p.m.

Superintendent Strong report: Ms. Strong congratulated the new board chairperson, Robert J. Larson. 1.) On Monday, January 16, 2012 there will be a district-wide staff development meeting. Staff will receive all day training on standard based instruction. It will give the staff an opportunity for understanding the standards for instruction and learning; 2.) Working with the principals on an all day training and will start working on the schedules; 3.) There will be a meeting at the Tower-Soudan School tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. to discuss student behaviors regarding bullying.

Tyler Lossing, student at the North Woods School, read a report on the North Woods School Forest Ecology class to generate support from the school board. Mr. Lossing explained the goals of the class and future projects.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Swanson to support the school forest project on the North Woods School property.

Member Rantala indicated that he was glad to see that this was happening.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to approve consent agenda:
December 12, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes; December 27, 2011 Special School Board Meeting Minutes; Bill Lists from December 13, 2011 to January 9, 2012;
Program: Donations: 1.) \$500.00 from an anonymous donor for the Tower-Soudan School student activity fund; 2.) \$25.00 from an anonymous donor for the Tower-Soudan School student activity fund; 3.) \$25.00 from Jeanne's Cards & Gifts for the Tower-Soudan School for the student activity fund; 4.) \$100.00 from the Tower-Soudan Agency, Inc. for the Tower-Soudan School student activity fund; 5.) \$100.00 from the Frandsen Bank & Trust for the Tower-Soudan School student activity fund; 6.) \$500.00 from Saturday Night Country...Live! for the South Ridge School music program; 7.) \$26.90 from Ron Houghton, Inc. for Northeast Range School fitness center; 8.) \$500.00 from Saturday Night Country...Live! for Northeast Range School music program; 9.) \$1,460.76 from Enstrom Studio, Inc. for the South Ridge School; 10.) \$261.31 from Enstrom Studio, Inc. for the Tower-Soudan School; 11.) \$450.00 from Ordway Center for the Performing Arts for the South Ridge School art program; 12.) \$50.00 from Darlene R. Pecha for the Tower-Soudan School; and 13.) \$200.00 from an anonymous donor for the Tower-Soudan School.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Zupetz to approve Frandsen Bank & Trust as the district bank for 2012.

Discussion followed.

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

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Feist to approve Liquid Asset Fund (Cadre Services) as designated depositories for district funds for 2012.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bruns to approve 2012 school board salaries, mileage and keep the school board per diem the same only when there is no receipt.

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

Board Chair B. Larson kept the appointments for the board the same with the exception of eliminating the on-line learning committee and adding himself to the Title I MOU committee.

Discussion followed.

Appointments made by Board Chair B. Larson for 2012 calendar year:

<i>Continuing Education</i>	Troy Swanson
<i>Staff Development</i>	Bob Larson
<i>Human Rights Officer (s)</i>	Gary Rantala Jody Feist
<i>MSHSL Board Representative</i>	Lynette Zupetz
<i>Legislative Liaison</i>	Troy Swanson Zelda Bruns
<i>Board Representation for Negotiations Contract Renewals:</i>	
<i>Teachers -</i>	Zelda Bruns Bob Larson Chet Larson
<i>Teamsters – (Aides, Food Service, Health Services (COTA)</i>	Jody Feist Gary Rantala
<i>Operating Engineers – (Custodians, Bus Drivers, Clerical)</i>	Bob Larson Chet Larson
<i>Principals -</i>	Chet Larson Troy Swanson
<i>Non-bargaining Unit Employees -</i>	Lynette Zupetz Gary Rantala
<i>403b MOU Committee -</i>	Zelda Bruns and Chet Larson
<i>Title I MOU Committee -</i>	Troy Swanson B. Larson

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to recognize Colosimo, Patchin, Aronson, Kearney & Brunfelt, Ltd. Law Firm as legal counsel for ISD # 2142 for the year 2012.

Board Member Rantala indicated that he disapproved of the advice that was not received concerning the Little Rangers Childcare Center from John Colosimo.

Board Member C. Larson was in agreement with Member Rantala.

Superintendent Strong said that her experience with John Colosimo has been satisfactory.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Feist and seconded by Zupetz to amend the previous motion to recognize Colosimo, Patchin, Aronson, Kearney & Brunfelt, Ltd. Law Firm as legal counsel for ISD # 2142 for the year 2012 and included the removal of direct authority for Colosimo Law Firm to represent the school district in potential disputes, without having to obtain separate school board actions on an event basis.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Bruns to recognize Knutson, Flynn & Deans P. A. Law Firm as legal counsel for ISD # 2142 for the year 2012 and included the removal the direct authority for the law firm to represent the school district in potential disputes, without having to obtain separate school board actions on an event basis.

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

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Rantala to award the official district newspaper bid to the Cook News Herald at \$1.05 per column inch on 14 column, for 2012.

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

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Swanson to accept final ISD # 2142 audit for year ending June 30, 2011.

Business Manager Johnson told the school board that the auditor can come anytime and explain the audit.

Discussion followed.

Business Manager Johnson explained the audit to the board and indicated that the audit can be discussed at a board study session.

Discussion followed.

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

Superintendent Strong explained the pending Little Rangers Childcare Center lease. The Little Rangers Childcare Center rent would be \$350.00 per month to cover the district's expenses and would be a lease for one (1) year, after that time they would be evicted. The district would also need to be listed as an additional insured on their insurance policy. Little Rangers would also be responsible for their own custodial services. Even though this is against Mr. Colosimo's recommendation, the rent will be the fair market value.

An undisclosed person from Little Rangers Childcare Center asked if the lease could be revised to a 3 year lease with a 1 year review.

Discussion followed.

Superintendent Strong commented that the district is supporting this Childcare Center since it benefits the children, ISD # 2142 resident student, and families. The Superintendent also indicated that all back rent is due and they would have 3 months to pay the December 2011 rent. Rent is due on the 1st of the month. The Superintendent outlined the district's expectations:

1. Add St. Louis County Schools, ISD # 2142 as an additional insured to Little Rangers Childcare Center insurance policy.
2. They would receive a three (3) year lease with a one (1) year review.
3. The rent would be \$350.00 per month with three (3) months to pay the December 2011 rent.
4. Rent will be due the 1st of every month.
5. A 30 day notice would be given to leave property for any non-compliance to the lease agreement.

Board Member Rantala asked the Little Rangers Childcare Center group if they were OK with this outline of expectations.

They indicated that they were in agreement with it.

Motion by Rantala and seconded by C. Larson to approve a three (3) year lease agreement with a one (1) year review with Little Rangers Childcare Center, Babbitt, MN; rent set at \$350.00 per month, due on the 1st of every month; and the district being listed as an additional insured on their insurance policy; back rent to be paid in full with the exception of December 2011, which Little Rangers would have 3 months to pay; and a 30

day notice would be given to leave property for any non-compliance to the lease agreement.

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

Board Member C. Larson moved, that

Whereas, there has been a reduction in student enrollment and this reduction in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions, and curtailment or discontinuance of programs and

Whereas, as determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

Be It Resolved, by the School Board of ISD 2142,

That the School board hereby directs the superintendent of schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs and positions, and, as a result of reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, the curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions, curtailment of positions.

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

And the following voted against the same: None
Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to approve the change order for the Tower-Soudan School as follows: Bob Hecimovich - \$3,068.82 – for a tot recommended amount of \$3,068.82.

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to approve the change order for the North Woods School as follows: Grazzini-\$1,993.00; AJ's-\$1,530.00; Mulcahy-\$5,568.93; HCM, Northern Paint, Stack, NC-\$5,604.76; Nelson-Collie-\$(90.00); Mulcahy-\$2,448.00; Stack-\$(405.00); HCM-\$(4,557.84); Northside / Northern Paint-\$(20,020.00); Thelen-\$668.00; Red Cedar-\$900.00; HCM-\$(6,298.45); Nelson / Maguire-\$0.00; Grazzini/BMSI-\$(2,417.26); Thelen-\$3,733.00; Culinex-\$(18,086.89); HCM / Mulcahy / Northern Paint-\$(12,988.27); Peterson/Maguire-\$0.00, **for a total recommended amount of \$(42,418.02).**

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to approve the change orders for the South Ridge School as follows: Northside, BMSI & Northland Floor-\$1,197.96; Northland Flooring-\$(9,670.00); Parallel-\$12,558.49; Northside-\$9,428.00; Parallel-\$1,873.00, **for a total recommended amount of \$15,387.45.**

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

Motion by Zupetz and seconded by Feist to approve the change orders for the Cherry School as follows: Max Gray Construction-\$478.50; Klamm Mechanical-\$4,302.58; Klamm Mechanical-\$466.16; Seppala Electric-\$2,012.12; Klamm Mechanical-\$8,519.50; Klamm Mechanical-\$297.00; Klamm Mechanical-\$327.18; Regional Contract-\$250.00; Seppala Electric-\$1,310.12; Custom Drywall-\$3,006.00, **for a total recommended amount of \$20,969.16.**

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 regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2142, State of Minnesota, was duly held on January 9, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Member Zupetz introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION AID ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, SERIES 2012A; AND COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THESE CERTIFICATES

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

1. Certificate Authorization. The School Board has determined that it is necessary and desirable for the District to sell and issue its General Obligation Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2012A in the total aggregate principal not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of meeting current expenditures of the District.

2. Sale. The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc. (Ehlers) in Roseville, Minnesota, as its independent financial advisor for the Certificates. Ehlers is authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9). The Chair or Clerk and Superintendent are authorized and directed to receive all proposals presented in conformity with the Terms of Proposal contained in the Official Statement, the terms of which are ratified and confirmed in all respects, and to approve on behalf of the District the sale of the Certificates to the party submitting the most favorable proposal (the "Purchaser"), provided that the net interest rate on the most favorable proposal does not exceed 0.75% per annum, the purchase price thereunder is not less than \$_____, and a favorable recommendation to accept the proposal is received from Ehlers & Associates, Inc. The Chair or Clerk and Superintendent are authorized and directed to endorse an acceptance on both copies of the most favorable proposal and to send one copy to the Purchaser.

3. Ratification of Sale. Upon approval of the sale of the Certificates by the Chair or Clerk and the Superintendent, the Board will meet at its next regularly scheduled meeting to adopt the necessary approving resolution as drafted by the District's Bond Counsel.

4. Official Statement. Ehlers is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.

5. Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Certificates and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Certificates when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the certificates is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Certificates or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Certificates, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Certificates of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Management and Budget and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Rantala,

and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:
Rantala, B. Larson, C. Larson, Bruns, Feist, Zupetz and Swanson.

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution, having received the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members, was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTIES OF ST. LOUIS AND)
KOOCHICHING)

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation issuing the obligations referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting, so far as they relate to said obligations; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such recording officer this 9th day of January, 2012.

School District Clerk

Motion by Bruns and seconded by Swanson to approve the school calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

Motion by C. Larson and seconded by Rantala to hire Michelle Bober as an instructional aide, bargaining unit, 6.5 hours per day, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 5.5 hours per day on Wednesday, effective January 3, 2012 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 Feist to accept Teri Slygh's letter of retirement / resignation as MARSS / Student Data Coordinator, effective July 31, 2012.

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

Motion by Rantala and seconded by Zupetz to approve Michelle Metzsig's request for a .2 FTE leave of absence from February 2, 2012 through May 30, 2012.

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

Comments from the School Board:

Board Member C. Larson stated that he is glad that we have the Little Rangers settled in.

Board Member Bruns wished the Little Rangers the best.

Board Member Swanson said that he was glad everything worked out for the Little Rangers.

Board Member Zupetz also indicated that she was glad for Little Rangers.

Board Member Feist indicated that she was glad everything worked out for Little Rangers and was happy to hear Tyler Lossing's report.

Board Chair B. Larson said that he was glad the Little Rangers are set and the board would like to copy the childcare centers at all the district schools. A school board study session was scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office. Topics for the agenda include the following: Audit; 2012-13 school schedules; Fitness Centers/ Course Offerings and a Flex Wednesday Evaluation.

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.