

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

December 9, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Kamrath called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 423, Hutchinson, MN, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Center.

**ROLL CALL** - Members Present: Byron Bettenhausen, Josh Gehlen, Lori Hornick-Lindell, Keith Kamrath, and Jim Waldron. Also present were Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent; Donna Luhring, Director of Business and Finance; Tina Vorlicek, Recording Secretary; and student representative Nina Grunzke. Members absent: Deb Penwell.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –Chairman Kamrath invited members of the audience to address the board regarding items on the agenda. Dan Roach spoke on behalf of the Hutchinson United Soccer Association regarding the district's current field use policy. The policy was revised in 2013, changing the field use fee to \$35 per player per season. The group feels the fee is not competitive with other groups and communities and requests the school board work with the Hutchinson United Soccer Association on a more reasonable fee.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Motion made by Jim Waldron, seconded by Lori Hornick-Lindell, with all members present voting aye, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the minutes of the November 11, 2013 regular meeting.
- Ratification of the November 6, 2013 through December 3, 2013 claims in the amount of \$1,673,387.34 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:

***Extended Employment***

- **Bonnie Eng** – Long Term Substitute Special Education EBD Teacher, High School (11/26/13-12/20/13)

***Increased Assignment***

- **Mary Pearce** – Special Education Assistant, High School-Cornerstone (11/22/13)

***Leave of Absence***

- **Laura Eastling** – Grade 4 Teacher, Park Elementary (4/7/14 – 6/4/14)
- **Laurie Schroeder** – .5 FTE Title/Intervention Teacher, Park Elementary (1/3/14 – 4/30/14)
- **Laurie Schroeder** – .5 FTE Gifted Education Teacher, Park Elementary (1/3/14 – 6/5/14)

***New***

- **Timothy Hall** – Middle School Wrestling Coach (11/12/13)
- **Kyle Podratz** – Middle School Girls Basketball (11/18/13)
- **Meredith Tavary** – Homebound Instructor, High School (11/4/13 – 1/27/14)

***Resignations***

- **Scott Daak** – Middle School Girls' Basketball (11/12/13)
- **Holli Hawker** – Special Education Assistant, Middle School (8/16/13)
- **Scott Renning** – Middle School Football Coach (11/27/13)

***Targeted Services***

- **Nancy Heidebrink** – Targeted Services Teacher, Park Elementary (11/19/13 – 5/1/14)
- **Kristin Ikem** – Targeted Services Teacher, Park Elementary (11/19/13 – 5/1/14)
- **Nichole Kloss** – Targeted Services Teacher, Park Elementary (11/19/13 – 5/1/14)
- **Cindy Larson** – Targeted Services Teacher, Park Elementary (11/19/13 – 5/1/14)
- **LeAnn Mullans** – Targeted Services Teacher, Middle School (10/24/13 – 5/17/14)
- **Karen Olson** – Targeted Services Education Assistant, Middle School (12/3/13 – 5/17/14)
- **Pam Rausch** – Targeted Services Teacher, Middle School (10/24/13 – 5/17/14)
- **Carrie Woods** – Targeted Services Teacher, Middle School (10/24/13 – 5/17/14)

***Transfer***

- **Linda Miller** – Special Education Assistant, High School (9/3/13)

- Approved the extended field trip for High School Geography/History students, approximately June 15-25, 2015, to Paris/Alps/Rome.

**EYE ON THE TIGER (Wendorff)** – Cindy Wendorff, Early Childhood Family Services (ECFE) Coordinator, presented an overview of the ECFE evaluation conducted through the University of Minnesota. District 423 was one of 36 districts who elected to participate in the evaluation. Items included in the assessment were knowledge of child development, behavior and temperament, engagement in children’s learning and school success, intentional practice to strengthen aspects of child development, intentional practice to strengthen the parent-child relationship, connectedness with others and resources to support parenting and family life, overall parenting skills change, language and literacy, social skills, and problem solving. Overall the findings concluded that the majority of parents strongly agree that ECFE has helped them improve their parenting, the change in parenting items before and now is significant, and that the change in child development items before and now is significant. ECFE continues to have a very positive impact on parents and on their young children.

**DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS** – Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent, presented the district highlights.

- Deb Marcotte, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented results of an informal survey conducted with students during American Education Week.
- Thank you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who collected food and provided Thanksgiving meals to over 40 families.
- Congratulations to Abbie Nistler for being a 2013 nominee for the Prudential Spirit of the Community Award.
- Congratulations to Mikayla Morrow for receiving the President’s Volunteer Service Award.
- Congratulations to the Girls Swim/Dive Team and Head Coach Rory Fairbanks for placing 4<sup>th</sup> at State competition.
- Congratulations to the 4A State Champion Tiger Football Team and Head Coach Andy Rostberg.
- Congratulations to Jayden Juergenson and Ryan Lenz for being MN 4A Football Academic All-Stars.
- Congratulations to Tory Adams for being a 2013 Mr. Football finalist.
- Congratulations to our State Gold Academic Teams: Tiger Volleyball Team (3.84 GPA) and Tiger Football Team (3.55 GPA).
- Upcoming events: Middle School Winter Choir Concert, December 12, 2013, High School Auditorium, 7 pm; High School Band & Choir Holiday Concert, December 16, 2013, High School Auditorium, 7 pm; and Holiday Celebration Outreach Dinner, December 19, 2013, Peace Lutheran Church, 6 – 7 pm.

**STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS** – Nina Grunzke presented the student highlights.

- Students are holding a Toy for Tots drive.
- Dress-up days and events are being planned for Winter Week. The dance theme will be Winter Wonderland.
- A quilt square was purchased for the Habitat for Humanity quilt.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - Committee reports were presented as follows:

- District Improvement Team (Penwell/Bettenhausen) – The next meeting is January 8, 2014.
- Educator Licensing & Teacher Quality (Penwell) – The next meeting is January 23, 2014.
- Facilities (Bettenhausen/Gehlen/Hornick-Lindell) – The committee reviewed the Hutchinson United Soccer Association request to lower field use fees. It was decided to stay with the current policy and rates. The district appreciates its affiliation will all user groups and based the decision on the need to treat all user groups equally, not sport by sport. (The field use fee does not cover all of the maintenance expenses incurred by user groups.) The next meeting is January 8, 2014.
- Finance (Gehlen / Kamrath / Waldron) – The committee reviewed financial reports, bills, enrollment, and the Truth in Taxation figures. The next meeting is January 13, 2014.
- Legislative / SEE (Kamrath) – The legislative platform will focus on increasing the equalization formula and limiting the unfunded state mandates. The next meeting is February 21, 2014.
- Parks, Recreation, Community Education (Hornick-Lindell) – The next meeting is January 6, 2014.

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING (Luhring)** – The Truth in Taxation public hearing was held at 6:01 pm. Director of Business and Finance, Donna Luhring, presented an overview of the school taxing structure, school district budget, and payable 2014 levy information. Glen Sladek asked for clarification about the school district’s ability to levy 105% for debt service. Donna Luhring clarified that the initial levy for debt service is 105% of what is required but the State of MN reviews the balance annually and issues a negative adjustment to this levy to maintain the balance at 105%.

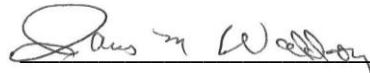
**FINAL ADOPTION OF 2013 PAYABLE 2014 LEVY (Luhring)** – Moved by Byron Bettenhausen, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to adopt the 2013 payable 2014 levy in the amount of \$4,638,833.75, down 3.37% from last year.

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS** – The annual reorganization board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2014, 5:30 pm, City Council Chamber at City Center. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2014, immediately following the reorganization meeting, Council Chamber at City Center.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S SEMI-ANNUAL EVALUATION** – Motion made by Byron Bettenhausen, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to close the meeting per M.S. 13d.05, Subd.3 to conduct a semi-annual performance evaluation of the superintendent.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion made by Jim Waldron, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.

  
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Keith Kamrath, Chairman                      1/13/14  
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Jim Waldron, Clerk                              1/13/14  
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