

OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

October 13, 2014

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, Deb Penwell, and Jim Waldron. Also present were Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent; Donna Luhring, Director of Business and Finance; Tina Vorlicek, Recording Secretary; and Kaitlin Yira, Student Representative. Members absent: none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –Chairman Kamrath invited members of the audience to address the board regarding items on the agenda. No public comments were offered.

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

- Approved the minutes of the September 8, 2014 regular meeting.
- Ratification of the September 3, 2014 through October 7, 2014 claims in the amount of \$2,718,726.10 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:

Extended Employment

- **Mona Hjerpe** – Special Education Teacher/Special Olympics Coach (9/9/14 – 6/30/15)
- **Lesley Ruzicka** – Education Assistant, West Elementary (8/25/14 – 6/4/15)

Leave of Absence

- **Amy Van Beusekom** – Special Education Teacher, West Elementary (12/22/14 – 4/3/15)

New

- **Jami Beffert** – Math Teacher, Crow River Area Learning Center (9/8/14 – 3/5/15)
- **Gladys Bonnema** – Middle School Volleyball Coach (9/10/14)
- **Kris Dobratz** – Math Teacher, Crow River Area Learning Center (9/2/14 – 6/5/15)
- **Lee Dombek** – Cook Cashier, High School (8/25/14)
- **Rochelle Drahos** – Assistant Knowledge Bowl Coach (9/29/14)
- **Daren Dressler** – English Teacher, Crow River Area Learning Center (9/9/14 – 6/5/15)
- **Brian Elwell** – Science Teacher, Crow River Area Learning Center (9/11/14 – 6/5/15)
- **Cindy Farrell** – Special Education Paraprofessional, West Elementary (9/15/14)
- **Mona Hjerpe** – Special Education Teacher, Middle School (10/20/14)
- **Rhoda Hubbard-Anderson** – Social Studies Teacher, Crow River Area Learning Center (9/10/14 – 6/5/15)
- **Jeff Jing** – Chinese Language Interpreter (10/9/14)
- **Danny Johnston** – Work Based Learning Teacher, Crow River Area Learning Center (9/8/14 – 6/5/15)
- **Nikki Juergensen** – Assistant Boys Swimming Coach (9/29/14)
- **Jason Olson** – Student Council Advisor, High School (8/25/14)
- **Joe Otremba** – Math Lab Teacher, Crow River Area Learning Center (9/2/14 – 6/5/15)
- **Leslie Plombon** – Special Education Paraprofessional Substitute Pool (9/2/14) and Special Education Bus Rider (10/13/14)
- **Corey Rude** – Math Teacher, Crow River Area Learning Center (3/16/14 – 6/5/15)
- **Peter Thul** – Set Builder, High School (9/10/14)
- **Tyler Warren** – FFA Advisor, High School (9/10/14)
- **Al Wuetrich** – JV B Soccer Coach, High School (9/10/14)
- **Sara Yarand** – Special Education Assistant, Middle School (9/17/14)

Resignations

- **Mary Anderson** – Special Education Bus Rider (10/2/14)
- **Deaun Brinkman** – Education Assistant, West Elementary (12/19/14)
- **Joanna Koenen** – Middle School Track Coach (9/10/14)
- **Jolene Patterson** – Education Assistant I, Middle School (10/3/14)
- **Meghan Rettke** – Middle School Volleyball Coach (9/8/14)

Retirements

- **Daniel Brinkman** – Physical Education Teacher, Middle School (12/24/14)

Targeted Services

- **Cindy Anderson** – Education Assistant, Middle School (9/22/14 – 5/29/15)
- **Melanie Hilsgen** – Teacher, Middle School (9/22/14 – 5/29/15)
- **Janice Miner** – Education Assistant, Middle School (9/22/14 – 5/29/15)
- **Pam Rausch** – Teacher, Middle School (9/22/14 – 5/29/15)
- **Carrie Woods** – Teacher, Middle School (9/22/14-5/29/15)
- Approved Extended Field Trips:
 - Student Council, November 2 – 3, 2014, Alexandria, Mn
 - Middle School Social Studies, June 11 – 15, 2015, Washington, DC

RECOGNITION – Josh Gehlen, on behalf of the Board of Education and ISD 423, congratulated Dan Brinkman, Physical Education Teacher at the Middle School, on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for 28 years of service teaching and coaching.

EYE ON THE TIGER (Walsh) – High School English Department Teachers Ruth Hamlow, Mandy Harris, and Denise Larson presented information about changes within the department. The changes are being implemented to provide high interest courses, allow for more student choice, delve deeper into the standards, remove barriers from taking AP and college course, and provide remediation. Remedial reading is available for 9th and 10th grade students. A new Reading Lab is available every day after school and is open to all students for help in understanding the content of any subject.

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

- Thank you to all who participated in the National Walk and Bike to School Day on October 8, 2014. Amy Martin, Candace Hoversten, and Karen Gensmer from Hutchinson Health and Heart of Hutch welcomed participating students to Park Elementary with apples and water. Fire Chief Schumann, Police Chief Hatten, and Mayor Cook all lead walking groups.
- Congratulations to Park Elementary for being named a Reward School. Reward Schools are Minnesota's highest performing Title I schools (top 15%). Congratulations to the staff at Park and West Elementary.
- A flu shot clinic will be held October 14, 2014. This is open to all students, staff, and community members.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS – Kaitlin Yira presented the student highlights.

- Mid-trimester conference and MEA break are coming up this week.
- Fall sports are winding down. Girl's tennis has had a wonderful season. Elyssa Hoversten, Tayla Card and Grace Johnson will be competing at the section tournament. The swim team was named the True Team Section Champs with many members continuing on to the state tournament. The football team is 33 and 0 and the conference champs. The girls' soccer team won the first section game at home against Willmar, lost to St. Peter to end the season; but overall, had a very successful season. Boys' soccer lost their first section game. The girls' volleyball team has their last regular season game tonight and is currently 14 and 9.
- Homecoming went smoothly, the school was wonderfully decorated and the football team won against New Prague. The dance was successful and those in attendance seemed to enjoy it. Thank you to the abundance of parent chaperones who volunteered.
- Clubs at school are starting up: Key Club, NHS, Student Council, Social Justice League and Math League. Participation looks good.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AWARD OF THE SALE, DETERMINING THE FORM AND DETAILS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY, AND REGISTRATION, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014A (Luhring/Greg Crowe) –

Chairman Kamrath introduced the resolution and Greg Crowe, Financial Advisor for Ehlers, provided an overview of the sale of bonds. Moved by Josh Gehlen and seconded by Byron Bettenhausen to adopt the resolution ratifying the award of the sale, determining the form and details, authorizing the execution, delivery, and registration, and providing for the payment of general obligation school building refunding bonds, series 2014A. Motion approved by roll call vote with Byron Bettenhausen, Josh Gehlen, Lori Hornick-Lindell, Keith Kamrath, Deb Penwell, and Jim Waldron voting in favor of the motion and the following voting against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. The full resolution is attached.

ADOPTION OF MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION GRANT RESOLUTION (Kamrath) – Chairman Kamrath introduced and read the following resolution.

Resolution
Minnesota State High School League Foundation Grant

Resolved, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 423, authorizes the Hutchinson High School administration to apply for a Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Foundation Grant to be used to fund those students unable to pay the activity fees to participate in Hutchinson High School Athletic Programs.

Moved by Lori Hornick-Lindell and seconded by Deb Penwell to adopt the resolution as read. Motion approved by roll call vote with Byron Bettenhausen, Josh Gehlen, Lori Hornick-Lindell, Keith Kamrath, Deb Penwell, and Jim Waldron voting in favor of the motion and the following voting against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. The full resolution is attached.

FIRST READING: POLICY 701.3 – MINNESOTA POST-ISSUANCE DEBT COMPLIANCE (Kamrath/Luhring) – The new policy has been posted on the district website (www.isd423.org). The second and final reading will be on October 27, 2014 at the quarterly school board meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENTS (Luhring) – Motion made by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to approve the District Computer Specialist (Ardyce Robbin) employment contract agreement for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The total increase over one year, including salary and benefits, is 3.22%.

The employment contract for the Food Service Director was tabled due to outstanding questions.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTED FUND BALANCE (Luhring) – Moved by Deb Penwell, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to approve \$156,792.34 as the committed fund balance for severance pay and other retirement benefits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Committee reports were presented as follows:

- District Improvement Team (Penwell/Bettenhausen) – The next meeting is October 22, 2014.
- Educator Licensing & Teacher Quality (Penwell) –The next meeting is October 30, 2014.
- Facilities (Bettenhausen/Gehlen/Hornick-Lindell) – The committee reviewed the survey results Findings will be presented at a later date. The next meeting is November 5, 2014.
- Finance (Gehlen / Kamrath / Waldron) – The committee reviewed financial reports (including FY14 year-end figures), bills, the Affordable Care Act, land values, negotiations, the public opinion poll, and transportations policies and procedures for open enrolled students. The next meeting is November 10, 2014.

- Legislative / SEE (Klamath) – The Speaker of the House and the Minority Leader both spoke at the last SEE meeting about education priorities. Legislators need to be educated about school funding and financing. The next general membership meeting is November 21, 2014.
- Parks, Recreation, Community Education (Hornick-Lindell) – The next meeting is November 3, 2014.

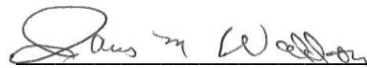
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST TO NEGOTIATE – ADMINISTRATIVE BARGAINING GROUP (Kamrath) – The school board acknowledges the request to negotiate from the administrative bargaining group.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS – The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014, 5:30 pm, in the Hutchinson Middle School Media Center. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2014, 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Deb Penwell, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm.


Keith Kamrath, Chairman

11/10/14
Date


Jim Waldron, Clerk

11/10/14
Date