

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2397  
LE SUEUR-HENDERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2007

The following school board members participated in a work session from 5:30-6:30 PM at Hilltop Elementary School: John Chamberlain, Henry Endres, Bob Evans, Ginny Huntington, Jayne Lieske, Pat McCoy, and Anne Murray. The purpose of this work session was to hear a presentation from Jim Schmitt representing Springsted, Inc. regarding the possibility of conducting a vendor-administered phone survey to gather critical opinions from our School District stakeholders. A similar presentation will occur prior to the next board meeting by a different vendor.

The regular school board meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Hilltop Elementary Media Center with the following members in attendance: John Chamberlain, Henry Endres, Bob Evans, Ginny Huntington, Jayne Lieske, Pat McCoy, and Anne Murray.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Dave Johnson, Spanish Teacher Carol High, Dee Thomas and Jim Wartman representing the Minnesota New Country School, Attorney John Skubitz of Anderson and Skubitz Law Firm, News Herald Representative Stephanie Hill, and Henderson Independent Representative Troy Koester.

- Item 2.0 meeting      Motion by Huntington, second by Murray, carried 7-0 to approve the agenda.
- Item 4.1 Consent      Motion by Evans, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 to approve the following Agenda items:
- 4.1.1 Minutes of October 1, 2007 Emergency Meeting
  - 4.1.2 Minutes of October 8, 2007 Regular Meeting
  - 4.1.3 Bills and Claims in the amount of \$2,407,374.99 Subject to Annual Audit
  - 4.1.4 Building Fund Transaction Summary (10/31/07)
  - 4.1.5 Construction Draw Meeting #18 Summary
- Item 4.2 personnel      Motion by Evans, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 to approve the following items:
- 4.2.1 Employed Joy Steuck as Title I Assistant and Playground Supervisor
  - 4.2.2 Approved MVED Employment of Melissa Christopherson as Paraprofessional at Park Elementary
  - 4.2.3 Employed Sharon Ronning as Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Park Elementary
  - 4.2.4 Employed Extra/Cocurricular Personnel as Follows:
    - 4.2.4.1 Grade 5 Math Masters @ Park and Hilltop-Kaari Smith

4.2.4.2 Co-Assistant Girls Hockey Coach-Riley Hoffman and Rosequist

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Item 5.2 Superintendent Johnson discussed with board members the problems that have been encountered with maintaining an up to date web site and the potential plans to remedy the situation. This will be brought back as an unfinished business item at the next meeting to allow Mr. Johnson an opportunity to meet with administrators to verify that the plan will be successful.

Item 5.3 Motion by Evans, second by Huntington, carried 6-0-1 (Lieske abstained) to accept the quote of Don Boehne Construction for 2007-08 snow removal.

Item 6.1.1 Motion by Evans, second by Huntington, carried 7-0 to grant permission for a Spring 2008 Spanish class trip to Costa Rica.

Item 6.1.2 Motion by Murray, second by Lieske, carried 7-0 to accept the annual report of the Minnesota New Country School as presented by Advisor Dee Thomas.

Item 6.2.1 District 2397 Recognizes:  
Cross Country: All Conference-Andrew Gerdts  
Girls Tennis: All Conference-Abby Wilson, Valerie Sinell, Megan DePree,  
and  
Erin Seaver  
Honorable Mention-Christine Leary

A resolution was introduced for adoption by Board Member John Chamberlain to proclaim November 12, the first day of American Education Week, as Arthur E. Anderson Day throughout the Le Sueur-Henderson School District. Said resolution, having been duly seconded by Board Member Pat McCoy was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Chamberlain - yes      Lieske - yes  
Evans - yes              McCoy - yes  
Huntington - yes       Murray - yes  
                                         Endres - yes

Said resolution is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Item 6.2.2 Board members discussed the Board Member Site Visit schedule Jayne Lieske reported on her visits to Hilltop and the Minnesota New Country School.

Item 6.2.3 Motion by Evans, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 to approve Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination.

Item 6.2.4 A resolution was introduced for adoption by Board Member John Chamberlain to proclaim November 12-16 as American Education Week. Said resolution, having been duly seconded by Board Member Anne Murray was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Chamberlain	- yes	Lieske	- yes
Evans	- yes	McCoy	- yes
Huntington	- yes	Murray	- yes
		Endres	- yes

Said resolution is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Item 6.4.1 Motion by Chamberlain, second by Murray, carried 7-0 to recognize Anderson & Skubitz as local attorney and successor to Anderson Law Office as our designated attorney for the remainder of 2007 until the organizational meeting in January when the board will vote on actual future use and contract.

Item 6.3.1 Superintendent Johnson updated Board Members on the middle/high school facilities project.

Item 6.4.2 Superintendent Johnson and Negotiations Committee members updated board members on the current status of teacher negotiations The teachers bargaining unit has filed for mediation.

Other: Motion by McCoy, second by Murray, carried 7-0 to move Board meetings to the Middle/High School beginning January 2008.

Item 9.0 Motion by Evans, second by Murray, carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 P.M.

Jayne Clerk, Clerk