

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

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2009

The Organizational Meeting of the Le Sueur-Henderson Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 PM with the following members in attendance: John Chamberlain, Henry Endres, Ginny Huntington, Jayne Lieske, Jim Mayer, Pat McCoy, and Sue Rame.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Dave Johnson and Community Education Director Nate Warden.

Item 2.1 Board member Endres nominated John Chamberlain for the position of Board Chair. Said nomination was 2nd by McCoy. Motion by McCoy, second by Huntington, carried 7-0 to close the nominations. The majority of votes (7-0) was received by John Chamberlain for election to the position of 2009 Board of Education Chair.

Item 2.2 Board member Huntington nominated Jayne Lieske for the position of Board Vice Chair. Said nomination was 2nd by Endres. Motion by McCoy, second by Endres, carried 7-0 to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Jayne Lieske as 2009 Board Vice Chair.

Item 2.3 Board member McCoy nominated Ginny Huntington for the position of Board Clerk. Motion by McCoy, second by Endres, carried 7-0 to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Ginny Huntington as 2009 Board Clerk.

Item 2.4 Board member Lieske nominated Henry Endres for the position of Board Treasurer. Motion by Lieske, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Henry Endres as 2009 Board Treasurer.

Item 2.5 Board members discussed an upcoming "New Officers' Workshop" to be held at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato on February 6, 2009.

Item 3.0 Motion by McCoy, second by Huntington, carried 7-0 to approve the organizational meeting agenda.

Item 4.1.1 A resolution was introduced for adoption by Board Member Pat McCoy that pursuant to Minnesota Statute 645.44, Subd. 5, Columbus Day in October is hereby declared a non-legal holiday in ISD 2397, Le Sueur-Henderson Public Schools. Being duly seconded by Board Member Henry Endres, said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Endres - yes	McCoy - yes
Huntington - yes	Rame - yes
Lieske - yes	Chamberlain - yes
Mayer - yes	

Item 4.1.2 Motion by Mayer, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 to approve the times and dates of 2009 school board meetings as presented.

Item 4.1.3 Motion by Lieske, second by Huntington, carried 7-0 that the Le Sueur- Henderson Board of Education authorizes the use of facsimile signatures in carrying out the district's business.

Item 4.1.4 Motion by McCoy, second by Mayer, carried 7-0 to approve the appointment of Board representatives to organizations and committees as presented.

Item 4.1.5 Veteran Board members Jayne Lieske and Henry Endres volunteered to serve as mentors for new school board members Sue Rame and Jim Mayer respectively.

Item 4.1.6 Motion by Lieske, second by Rame, carried 7-0 that Anderson & Skubitz be designated the school district's attorney with a contingency to consult with the firm of Ratwik, Roszak, and Maloney when a conflict of interest becomes an issue or when a second legal opinion is needed. Superintendent Johnson will finalize a contract with the same terms as last year and bring back to the Board for approval.

Item 4.1.7 Motion by Endres, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 that the Le Sueur News Herald and the Henderson Independent be designated the 2009 official newspapers for the school district. (The News Herald and Independent meet all criteria required under state law provisions.)

Item 4.1.8 Motion by McCoy, second by Mayer, carried 6-0-1 (Rame abstained) to approve the continued part-time employment of Sue Rame as a classified staff substitute in our school district, whose employment compensation will not exceed \$8,000 per fiscal year in accordance with Minnesota Statute 123B.195.

Item 4.2.1 Motion by Huntington, second by Lieske, carried 7-0 to approve the Board member per diem for 2009 remain the same as 2008 as follows:

In/Out of District Mtg Compensation per day	\$110
In/Out of District Mtg Compensation 1/2 day	\$ 55
Regular & Special Meeting Compensation per mtg	\$ 90
Chairperson (per month)	\$ 30
Vice Chair (per month)	\$ 10
Treasurer (per month)	\$ 20
Clerk (per month)	\$ 20
Chief Negotiator (per month)	\$ 20
Negotiator (per month)	\$ 10

Board members receive the meeting compensation from the compensation schedule for 14 regularly scheduled board meetings per year.

One board member each year may attend the National School Boards Association conference at the discretion of the individual board member and upon approval of the full board.

Mileage and meal payments shall be as established by the school board at its annual organizational meeting.

In/Out-of-District payments to board members are available only when compensation is not provided by any other agency or governmental body.

Item 4.2.2 Motion by Mayer, second by Endres, carried 7-0 to set the cost of reimbursable meals for employees on school business for 2009 be reduced by two-thirds in an attempt to begin addressing the impending state and local budget shortfall. Reimbursable meal rates for 2009 are as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Breakfast	\$ 6.30	\$2.10
Lunch	\$ 9.00	\$3.00
Dinner	<u>\$14.20</u>	<u>\$4.73</u>
Total Daily Rate	\$29.50	\$9.83

Item 4.2.3 Motion by McCoy, second by Huntington, carried 7-0 that the reimbursable meal allowance rate for participating students and coaches/advisors for Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) state tournaments remain at \$6 per meal or \$20 per day.

Item 4.2.4 Motion by Huntington (withdrawn later), second by Endres (withdrawn later), that we begin addressing the impending state and local budget shortfall and eliminate mileage reimbursement for school board and employee travel. The school van can be approved for travel to approved meetings, workshops or individuals who choose to drive on their own can seek reimbursement through itemized tax deductions. Motion by Endres, second by Mayer, carried 7-0 to table this item until the January 26 school board meeting.

Item 4.2.4 Motion by Endres, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 that ALL purchase orders processed be approved by the Superintendent since a purchase order is considered a contract.

Item 5.0 Motion by Rame, second by Mayer, carried 7-0 to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:16 PM.

Ginny Huntington, Clerk