

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
DECEMBER 17, 2009  
(Postponed from December 8, 2009 Inclement Weather)

A School Board work session was held from 5:15-6:25 PM with all Board members in attendance as follows: John Chamberlain, Henry Endres, Molly Fixsen, Jayne Lieske, Jim Mayer, Pat McCoy, and Sue Rame. "World Cafe" was introduced by members of the PDS Institute Team (April Rosendale, Nathan Warden, Jayne Gehrke, Karyl Engel.) Ideas generated will contribute to the construction of a vision for teaching in 2020.

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 2009  
(Postponed from December 8, 2009 Inclement Weather)

The regular school board meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board Chair John Chamberlain with the following board members in attendance: John Chamberlain, Henry Endres, Molly Fixsen, Jayne Lieske, Jim Mayer, Pat McCoy, and Sue Rame.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Dave Johnson, District Accountant Pat Goggin, Principals Kevin Enerson and Bill Bjorndahl, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Dave Swanberg, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator Tom Quiram, Community Ed Director Nate Warden, Mike Ward of LarsonAllen LLP, and LSHEA President John Lustig.

Item 2.0 Motion by Mayer, second by Endres, carried 7-0 to approve the meeting agenda.

Item 3.0 No one addressed the School Board during the Open Forum.

Item 4.1 Motion by Endres, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 to approve the following consent items:

- 4.1.1 Minutes of October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting
- 4.1.2 Minutes of November 2, 2009 Regular Meeting
- 4.1.3 Bills and Claims in the amount of \$785,140.81, subject to annual audit, with the following exceptions:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payable To</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
58014	Sherri McCoy	10/20/09	\$ 60.00
58157	Holiday	11/24/09	\$518.24
58158	Holiday (Subway)	11/24/09	\$ 66.03
58179	Sherri McCoy	11/24/09	\$ 9.58

4.1.3.1 Motion was made by Endres, second by Lieske, carried 6-0-1 (Board member Pat McCoy abstained) to approve all checks listed above.

4.1.4 Budget Analysis Year to Date

- 4.2.1 Employ the following extra/cocurricular personnel:
  - 4.2.1.1 Mike May - Wrestling Volunteer Coach
  - 4.2.1.2 PJ Somers - Wrestling Volunteer Coach
  - 4.2.1.3 Tony Feuchtenberger - Wrestling Volunteer Coach
  - 4.2.1.4 Jeff Fowler - Boys Hockey Volunteer Coach
  - 4.2.1.5 Shawn Carlson - Assistant Boys Hockey Coach.
  - 4.2.1.6 Bobby Kroehler - Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach
- 4.2.2 Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for middle/high school special education teacher Karen Stockwell from approximately March 12, 2010 through the remainder of this 2009-2010 school year.

Item 4.2.3 Board member Molly Fixsen introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

#### RESOLUTION CLOSING BOARD MEETING

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statute Section 13 D.05, subd 3(b); authorizes the School Board to close a meeting for preliminary consideration of complaints or charges against an individual subject to its authority; and

WHEREAS, there is a complaint against an employee; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Open Meeting Law states that “meetings may be closed if the closure is expressly authorized by statute or permitted by the attorney-client privilege”; and

WHEREAS, it would be detrimental to the interests of the School District for the School Board to hold a public discussion with its attorney regarding the strengths and weaknesses of its legal position(s) and strategy with respect to civil legal action which it is considering commencing, where an opposing party could listen to or be made aware of the School District’s positions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the School District for the Board to obtain legal advice in a confidential setting to maintain the attorney-client privilege.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2397, as follows:

1. The School Board hereby closes this meeting for preliminary consideration of a complaint against an employee pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.04, Subd. 2(b). Portions of the meeting shall also be closed based upon the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subd. 3 (b);

2. The specific subjects to be discussed, pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13.01, subd. 3, are the allegations, the evidence supporting the allegations, the strength of the District’s case, and the possible action(s) that could be taken by the District.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Board Member Jim Mayer, and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Henry Endres, Molly Fixsen, Jayne Lieske, Jim Mayer, Pat McCoy, Sue Rame, and John Chamberlain

and the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Endres, second by Fixsen, carried 7-0 to reopen the meeting at 8:57 PM.

- Item 5.1.1 April Rosendale gave a brief overview of the Bush Foundation Educational Achievement grant, but the complete report with Dr. Michael Miller, Dean of the College of Education at MSU-Mankato is tables until the January 4, 2010 board meeting.
- Item 5.1.2 Board members discussed the outcomes and implications of the board work session held prior to this meeting.
- Item 5.1.3 Superintendent Johnson gave a brief overview on the Minnesota Department of Education's "Race To The Top" federal grant application. A required "Memorandum of Understanding" will be discussed at the January 4, 2010 board meeting.
- Item 5.2 The Truth in Taxation Report and Levy Adoption was discussed.
- Item 5.2.1 Motion by Endres, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 to approve the 2008-09 audit as presented by LarsonAllen LLP representative, Mike Ward.
- Item 5.2.2.1 Budgets were reviewed.
- Item 5.2.2.2 The 2009 Pay 2010 Levy was reviewed.

Board member Jayne Lieske left the meeting at 9:50 PM.

- Item 5.2.2.3 Board member Sue Rame introduced for adoption the following resolution establishing final school district tax levies authorized for general and special purposes.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING  
FINAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVIES  
AUTHORIZED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, the School Board of Independent School District No. 2397, Le Sueur-Henderson, Minnesota, is authorized to make the following proposed tax levies for general purposes:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	\$ 988,984.45
Community Service	93,929.30
Debt Service	<u>1,586,065.11</u>
Total Proposed Levy	\$2,668,978.86

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2397, Le Sueur-Henderson, that the levy to be levied in 2009 to be collected in 2010 is set at \$2,668,978.86. The clerk of the Le Sueur-Henderson School Board is authorized to certify the proposed levy to the County Auditor of Le Sueur County, Minnesota.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Board member Henry Endres, said resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Endres - yes	Mayer - yes
Fixsen - yes	McCoy - yes
Lieske - absent	Rame - yes

Chamberlain - yes

- Item 5.2.3.1 Motion by McCoy, second by Fixsen, carried 6-0 to approve the program-based budgeting flow chart as presented.
- Item 5.2.3.2 Motion by Endres, second by Fixsen, carried 6-0 to approve the timeline for the 2010-11 budget planning process, pending finalization of the 2010 school board meeting schedule at the January 4, 2010 meeting.
- Item 5.2.4 Motion by Endres, second by Mayer, carried 6-0 to schedule a budget planning work session to immediately follow the January 4, 2010 organizational/regular school board meeting, from approximately 8:30-9:30 PM.
- Item 5.3.1 Board members tabled review of Quarter 1 status of the Middle/High School balanced scorecard non-test indicators to the January 4, 2010 meeting.
- Item 5.3.2 The Board tabled approval of continuation of the Middle/High School rotating schedule for Semester 2.
- Item 5.4.1 District 2397 Recognizes:  
Henry Endres -attained the MSBA President's Award for 2009-10 for completion of 300 or more hours of attendance at MSBA and/or NSBA sponsored meetings and activities.  
David Burns (senior) - All Conference Football  
Ryan Pfarr (senior) - All Conference Football  
Josh Willaert (junior) - All Conference Football  
Kohen Stark (junior) - All Conference Football  
Collin McCoy (senior) - Honorable Mention Football  
LSH 2009 Volleyball Team for placing 3rd at State  
Kaitlyn Braun (junior) - Honorable Mention Volleyball  
Andrew Gerdts (junior) - All Conference Cross County AND  
2009 Coaches Most Valuable Runner  
Ted Klimek (senior) - All Conference Cross Country  
Josh Tressler (senior) - Honorable Mention Cross Country  
Maureen Savage (senior) - Honorable Mention Cross Country
- Item 5.4.1.1 Donations and Grants Received November 2009:  
Residential Mortgage Group Refer-A-Friend Donation \$100.00
- Item 5.4.2 Board members reviewed the present student enrollment.
- Item 5.4.3 Introduction of the concept of "paperless" board meetings was tabled to the January 4, 2010 meeting.
- Item 5.4.4 Board members discussed the parameters for establishing 2010 board officers and committee assignments. Board members were requested to turn in their committee preference(s) to Superintendent Johnson.
- Item 5.4.5 Board members were asked to contact Superintendent Johnson regarding their intent to attend the 2010 MSBA Leadership Conference January 14-15.
- Item 8.0 Motion by McCoy, second by Mayer, carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 P.M.

Pat McCoy, Clerk

