

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009

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

Also in attendance: Superintendent Dave Johnson, District Accountant Pat Goggin, Principals Kevin Enerson and Bill Bjorndahl, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Dave Swanberg, Elementary Assistant Principal Tom Quiram, Community Education Director Nate Warden, and numerous staff members, parents, and school district residents.

- Item 2.0 Motion by Mayer, second by McCoy, carried 6-0 to approve the meeting agenda.
- Item 3.1 Motion by McCoy, second by Lieske, carried 6-0 to employ Dave Nixon as Middle School Track & Field Coach.
- Item 4.1.1.1 Board Chair John Chamberlain explained the purpose and parameters of the public feedback about to be heard.
- Item 4.1.1.2 Superintendent Johnson presented a brief overview of the Draft #2.5 Administrative Recommendations for 2009-2010 General Fund Budget.
- Item 4.1.1.3 Board members heard public feedback on 2009-10 General Fund Budget recommendations.
- Item 4.1.2.1 Board members summarized the information they had just received from the public forum.
- Motion by Rame, second by Mayer, carried 6-0 to eliminate the Literacy Specialist position if it is not funded by Title I monies in favor of smaller class sizes at lower elementary.
- Motion by Mayer, second by Rame, carried 6-0 that administration will do its best to keep Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) at four sections of eight students with two licensed staff and two paraprofessionals vs. two sections of sixteen students.
- Motion by Lieske, second by McCoy, carried 6-0 to evaluate the Spanish program in general with emphasis on Spanish I and II smaller class sizes, and consider innovative means to deliver Spanish III and IV.
- Item 4.1.2.2 Board members reviewed the next steps in the budgeting process and possible consideration of revisions.
- Item 4.1.3 Motion by Huntington, second by Lieske, carried 6-0 to revise the school board meeting schedule to accommodate the budgeting process timelines by changing the scheduled April 20 meeting to Tuesday, April 28 beginning at 6:30 PM at the MN New Country School (MNCS.)

- Item 4.1.4 Motion by Lieske, second by McCoy, carried 6-0 to accept the letter of intent for chartering Hilltop Elementary School beginning with the 2009-10 school year.
- Item 5.2 Board members Lieske and Chamberlain will represent the Le Sueur-Henderson School Board at the MNCS Strategic Planning meeting Thursday, March 19.
- Item 6.0 Motion by Mayer, second by Rame, carried 6-0, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM.

Ginny Huntington, Clerk