

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

A School Board work session was held prior from 5:30-6:25 PM with the following Board members in attendance: John Chamberlain, Henry Endres, Jayne Lieske, Jim Mayer, Pat McCoy, and Sue Rame. Board appointee Molly Fixsen was also in attendance. Several teachers, representing various grade levels and academic areas, participated in discussion with board members on improving student achievement. Discussion will be summarized during the regular board meeting.

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

The special 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 (board appointee), Jayne Lieske, Jim Mayer, Pat McCoy, and Sue Rame.

Board Chair Chamberlain administered the Oath of Office to Board appointee Molly Fixsen.

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.

- Item 3.0 Motion by Lieske, second by Rame, carried 7-0 to approve the meeting agenda.
- Item 4.0 Brian Wiederich addressed the School Board during the Open Forum expressing a concern regarding use of the new high school gym.
- Item 5.1 Motion by Endres, second by Mayer, carried 7-0 to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
 - 5.1.1 Minutes of August 4, 2009 Regular Meeting
 - 5.1.2 Minutes of August 24, 2009 Special Meeting
 - 5.1.3 Bills and Claims Subject to Annual Audit in the amount of \$496,850.08 subject to annual audit with the following exceptions:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payable To</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
57246	Holiday	8/3/09	\$ 570.66
57262	Holiday	8/3/09	\$ 337.86
 - 5.1.3.1 Motion was made by Endres, second by Mayer, carried 6-0-1 (Board member McCoy abstained) to approve Check #57246 and Check #57262, both payable to Holiday.
 - 5.1.4 Budget Analysis Year to Date
- 5.2 Motion by Mayer, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 to approve the personnel items as follows:

- 5.2.1 Acknowledgment of Resignation as Follows:
 - 5.2.1.1 ECSE Paraprofessional (MVED Employee) - Sally Gaugert
- 5.2.2 Consideration to Employ
 - 5.2.2.1 Grade 4/5 Long Term Substitute Teacher - Sharon Ronning
 - 5.2.2.2 Preschool Readiness Teacher - Rebecca Berger
 - 5.2.2.3 5.75 Hour/Day Paraprofessional at the M/H School - Kaari Smith
 - 5.2.2.4 ELL Paraprofessional - Maria Lomas
 - 5.2.2.5 6-Hour Title I Assistant and Playground Supervisor - Joy Steuck
- 5.2.3 Consideration to Accept Extra/Cocurricular Resignations:
 - 5.2.3.1 Assistant Softball Coach - Jen Hovick
 - 5.2.3.2 Junior Class Advisor - Sherri Fritz
- 5.2.4 Consideration to Employ the Following Extra/Cocurricular Personnel:
 - 5.2.4.1 Junior Class Advisor - Shannon Froehlich
 - 5.2.4.2 Student Council Advisor - Kim Dirks
 - 5.2.4.3 Park School Patrol - Ramona Wacker & Pat Laabs
 - 5.2.4.4 Assistant Boys Hockey Coach - Jim Rusch
 - 5.2.4.5 Assistant Boys Basketball Coach - James Kroehler
 - 5.2.4.6 Head Fall Play Director - Marie Kreft
 - 5.2.4.7 Assistant Fall Play Director - Lindsay Jacobson
 - 5.2.4.8 Assistant Fall Play Director - Rachel Pletke
 - 5.2.4.9 Assistant Speech Coach - Marie Kreft

Item 6.1 Board members discussed the purpose and parameters for school board member site visits. Motion by Endres, second by Rame, carried 7-0 to accept it as written.

Item 7.1.1 Board members processed and discussed the information obtained from the board member/teacher work session relating to improving student achievement. Motion by Endres, second by McCoy, carried 7-0 that 1) board members will each email Superintendent Johnson with questions, comments, and what they heard by Wednesday, September 16; Mr. Johnson will recap; 2) By Friday, September 18, Superintendent Johnson will email recap to board and those teachers who were in attendance, and 3) the Board will schedule a work session following the Monday, September 21 meeting with the intent of scheduling a future dialog between the board and teachers.

Item 6.1.1 District 2397 Recognizes: There were no recognition items for this meeting.

Item 6.1.1.1 Donations and Grants Received August 2009:

Knights of Columbus and The Bar	Donation to Athletics	\$2,000
St. Anne's School	Donation to Kindness Retreat	\$ 88
Le Sueur Rotary	Donation to PDS Program	\$ 200
Comfort Solutions	Donation to PDS Program	\$ 100

Item 7.2.2 Student enrollment update was reviewed.

Item 7.2.3 Site administrators provided updates on the opening of the school year. Nate Warden also shared some comments from John Lustig, Ziebarth Alternative School Director.

Item 7.2.4 Motion by Mayer, second by Endres, carried 7-0, to drop the December 17, 2009 Levy Adoption Hearing meeting from the schedule and include it with the Tuesday, December 8 meeting since recent legislation no longer requires us to have two separate Truth in Taxation and Levy Adoption hearings.

- Item 7.3.1 Motion by Endres, second by Fixsen, carried 7-0 to transfer all of the Building Fund balance to the Debt Service Fund, to be returned to the taxpayers over a 3-year period.
- Item 7.3.2 Superintendent Johnson updated board members on the progress of teacher, classified, custodial and principals negotiations.
- Item 7.3.3 Motion by McCoy, second by Endres carried 7-0 to approve the Teacher Master Agreement “Memorandum of Understanding” with the Le Sueur-Henderson Education Association.
- Item 7.4.1 Board members discussed suggestions for the development of a Long-Range Planning process. Motion by Endres, second by Fixsen, carried 7-0 to table until we hear from the PDS group on October 12, 2009. Superintendent Johnson will also have available the last long range planning document developed from the 2001 planning.
- Item 7.5.1 Superintendent Johnson updated board members on the facilities projects within the school district. The retrofitting lights project at Park Elementary will cost \$7,000 over the approved bid due to faulty original specs.

Board member Jim Mayer left the meeting at 8:30 PM due to a prior commitment.

- Item 9.0 Motion by Rame, second by McCoy, carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Pat McCoy, Clerk