

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #139
November 8, 2011**

The Special School Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tryon at 8:32 p.m. in Room 201 at the Rush City High School.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Scott Tryon, Carol Cook, Stefanie Folkema, Brian Anderson, Channa Tastsides, and Brenda Nessel. Board Member(s) absent: None. Others in attendance: Vern Koepp, Superintendent, Stuart Fuhs, High School Principal, Melody Tenhoff, Elementary Principal, Kindle Perkins, SCRED Outcome Manager, Ann McCormick, and a representative from the ECM Post Review.

Approval of Special School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #17911 by Tastsides seconded by Folkema approving the Special School Board meeting agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Matters

Outcomes Report

St. Croix River Education District Outcomes Manager, Kindle Perkins provided a review of test data for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA), Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), and General Outcome Measures.

MCA results spring 2011: Reading - Rush City students were at or above state averages in reading for grades 3-7 but below state averages for grades 8 and 10. Math - Rush City students are at or above state averages in math for grades 3 and 4 but below state averages for grades 4, 6-8, and 11.

MAP results 2010-11: Reading - All grades tested 2-9 met or exceeded national growth targets and grades 2 and 3 met the more challenging District growth goal. Math - All grades tested 2-10 exceeded the national growth targets and grades 2, 3, and 5-10 met the more challenging District growth goal.

General Outcome Measures: General Outcome Measures (Oral Reading Fluency and Math Applications) are given in fall, winter, and spring and are used to predict student proficiency on the MCA's. In general, the General Outcome Measures show that students are making progress but in some grades student gains lag behind growth targets.

Minnesota State Standards are more rigorous than national norms and math continues to be a priority area based on the various test results.

Personnel

Superintendent Koepp provided a rationale for adding a part-time Special Education Teacher, Whereupon Motion #18011 by Cook seconded by Tastsides authorizing the addition of a part-time Special Education Teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

Canvassing Board Election

Motion #18111 by Anderson seconded by Tastsides approving the Resolution Canvassing Returns of votes of the School District General Election:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 139, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 8, 2011, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 215 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three school board members for four year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January following the general election as follows:

Scott Tryon	165
Tony Carlson	44
Stefanie Folkema	170
Brenda Nessel	120
Heidi Schaffer	68

3. Candidate Scott Tryon, Candidate Stefanie Folkema, and Candidate Brenda Nessel having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning on the first Monday in January, 2012.
4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

Adjournment

Motion #18211 by Tastsides seconded by Nessel adjourning the Special School Board meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Anderson
Board Clerk

Our mission is to provide each learner with appropriate educational opportunities to reach his or her potential.

