

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #139**

**March 15, 2012**

The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tryon at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 at the Rush City High School.

**Roll Call**

Board Members present: Scott Tryon, Carol Cook, Brian Anderson, Stefanie Folkema, Brenda Nessel, and Channa Tastsides. Board Members absent: None. Others in attendance: Vern Koepp, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Stuart Fuhs, High School Principal; Melody Tenhoff, Elementary Principal; and a representative of the Post Review.

**Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda**

Motion #03512 by Tastsides seconded by Anderson approving the Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

**Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion #03612 by Anderson seconded by Tastsides approving the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of February 16, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

**Recognition/Policy Review**

**Recognitions**

Chairperson Tryon noted that Board Members had received a letter from Representative Bob Barrett thanking them for serving the Rush City community as School Board Members.

**Policy Review**

There were no policies for a first reading.

After a second reading and final Board review of proposed changes, Motion #03712 by Cook seconded by Nessel approving the following policies: Policy #414-Mandated Reporting Of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, Policy #419-Tobacco-Free Environment, and Policy #530-Immunization Requirements. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion #03812 by Tastsides seconded by Anderson tabling discussion of Policy #902-Use Of School District Facilities and Equipment and to continue operating under the current policy. Motion unanimously carried.

**Financial Information**

Following the Business Manager's review and the Superintendent's certification, Motion # 03912 by Tastsides seconded by Nessel approving the payment of invoices and obligations in the amount of \$798,825.46 for ISD #139, and \$380,654.77 for SCRED. Motion unanimously carried.

Investments: Business Manager Frost reported the district has \$1,344,707 invested as of 2/28/12.

Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the current 2011-12 revenue and expenditure budget noting that General Fund revenues were running approximately \$1,000,000 less than expenditures to date, due to delays in state aid.

**Communications**

There were no items for consideration.

**Reports**

**Positive Points**

Elementary Principal Tenhoff shared the following positive points:

At the last board meeting, we did not have the totals for this year's Pennies for Patients' Drive. I am very proud of our students for they had their best year ever by raising \$1,883.50! (Over \$570 from last year's record setting drive) A great job knowing that finances are a struggle for many people – a wonderful job of learning about caring for people.

We are in the middle of the annual Inventors' Fair. Please join us on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon to view these young inventors' creations. It is always an interesting insight to the students' world.

I ♥ to Read month was another successful event. The students reached their goal by the third week in the month! Every year we raise the goal and every year they keep meeting it! Our celebration consisted of the "NEW" version of the Black Eyed Peas featuring non other than our own Jaime Holmstrom with a back up crew of selected teachers and high school folks. *I've Got a Feeling* done as *Gotta Keep Reading* never sounded so good!

Our first round of MCA Math testing is done with the results going home to parents. Teachers have a handful of reports to study as they continue to their work. The second round of these tests will start the week after Spring Break.

Have you Twittered us? You can get up to speed on all the happenings at school by twitting us @RushCitySchools.

Kindergarten Registration night was last night with a fair amount of parents in attendance. It is always an exciting night with parents as they prepare to send their children off to a K-12 school.

Our Carnival is set for next week Friday night. Even if you don't have any young children to drag along, you'll want to stop in to get a bid or two in on our silent auction. The fun starts at 5:00pm and concludes at 8:00pm.

Tomorrow is our first Science Fair. Come view the scientists and their hard work from 8:45am – 10:45am.

High School Principal Fuhs shared the following positive points:

The Rush City team of Shelby Schommer, Scott Rosa, and Zhoe Chavez advised by Linda Lindeman placed second in sportsmanship, at the 35th annual Chisago County Work Skills Day competition. Congratulations to the team!

Rush City hosted the MSHSL large group contest for both vocal and instrumental music. The Concert Choir and the Wind Ensemble both received Superior ratings. These prestigious ratings are a result of a lot of hard work and dedication from our music students. They represented our school extremely well!

Congratulations to the Knowledge Bowl for placing 6th at the district competition which qualifies them for the regional competition next Tuesday in Sartell.

The Rush City High School Speech Team has been working hard and taking home medals and trophies from all over Minnesota. Our team placed third at invitational meets in Princeton, Pine City, and North Branch. At the most recent meet individually;

- Marissa Belau and Beau Carlson Took home first place medals from the north branch invitational in Extemporaneous Reading and Discussion categories respectively.
- Ashley Masters 2nd place in Drama, Josie Kent 2nd place poetry, and Devan Larson 2nd place in Extemporaneous Speaking
- Jaz Kepler 4th Place in Poetry, Sarah Gamache 4th place in Extemporaneous Reading
- Jake Hoiem and Collin Yaritz Took home 5th place
- Jon Roerig 6th Place in Poetry

Rush City Photography students have a YouTube Channel displaying slideshows of their photography with new work being posted bi-monthly. Check out their latest stop-action films at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ArtSeePeople/feed>

Taking 30 photos in succession results in about 3 seconds of film. These kids worked hard! More coming soon!

Fifty-Seven 9th-12th grade students and Thirty-Six 7th-8th grade students qualified for the Presidential Academic Award sponsored by the NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals). To qualify, a student must have a 3.5 GPA and be in the top 20% of students on a standardized state or national test in reading or math.

### Updates

#### SCRED Facility

Superintendent Koepp reported that property descriptions for different parcels in downtown Rush City are being revised and combined into one parcel that the new building will sit on. Work continues with Ellers & Associates to complete financing for the building project. The project will be bid in March and bids will be due in mid April. The Superintendents Operating Committee and SCRED Governing Board can approve bids early in May and break ground early in May.

#### Meetings Attended

Board member Cook reported on a recent Board Advisory meeting during which NCLB waiver information was discussed, Federal Title Programs were discussed, and bullying surveys for staff, students, and parents were discussed.

Board member Tastsides reported on a recent Economic Development Authority meeting, during which issues related to the road construction and signage were discussed.

Board member Tryon reported on a recent SCRED Governing Board meeting during which personnel changes were approved and the facility project was discussed.

### Old Business

There were no topics for discussion.

## New Business

### Personnel

Motion #04012 by Cook seconded by Tastsides approving an eight day extension to the unpaid leave for Amie Shockman-Paraprofessional. Motion unanimously carried.

Board members discussed track participation numbers and it was a consensus among board members that Superintendent Keopp and Athletic Director Schlagel monitor the situation and add an additional coach if needed.

### Budget Revision FY12

Business Manager Frost and Superintendent Koepp reviewed the preliminary budget for the school year 2011-12 and the proposed revised budget. The revised budget shows an increase in General Fund revenue of \$225,143 due mainly to an enrollment increase. The revised budget shows an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$212,997 due mainly to additional staff that were added in the fall of 2011, and to negotiated increases for employee compensation and benefits. The revised budget shows a General Fund deficit of \$152,276, which will decrease fund balances. Whereupon motion # 04112 by Nessel seconded by Tastsides approving the revised budget as follows:

FY-12 REVISED BUDGET SUMMARY					March 2012
A	B	C	D	E	F
FUND NAME	Actual FUND BAL. 6/30/12	2011-12 REVENUE BUDGET	2011-12 EXPENDITURE BUDGET	FY-12 BUDGET ONLY	Estimated FUND BAL. 6/30/12
01-GENERAL	\$1,974,609.55	\$7,696,205.00	\$7,848,481.00	(\$152,276.00)	\$1,822,333.55
<i>(Appropriated-incl.above)</i>	<i>\$36,000.00</i>				<i>\$26,000.00</i>
02 FOOD SERVICE	\$110,193.31	\$423,800.00	\$424,140.00	(\$340.00)	\$109,853.31
04-COMMUNITY SERV	\$55,713.01	\$410,204.00	\$421,002.00	(\$10,798.00)	\$44,915.01
<i>(Appropriated-incl.above)</i>	<i>\$109.00</i>				<i>\$352.00</i>
07-DEBT REDEMPTION	\$239,841.26	\$1,437,688.00	\$1,485,992.00	(\$48,304.00)	\$191,537.26
08-SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$152,252.77	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$152,252.77
10-TRUST FUND(aquatic)	\$512,771.52	\$7,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$517,771.52
TOTAL #139 FUNDS	\$3,045,381.42	\$9,991,397.00	\$10,198,115.00	(\$206,718.00)	\$2,838,663.42

Motion unanimously carried.

### School Calendar 2012-13

After a brief review of the proposed calendar and noting that various committees had reviewed the proposed calendar, Motion #04212 by Tastsides seconded by Anderson approving the proposed calendar as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Note: The 2012-13 school calendar is available at the district office and on the district website.

### St. Croix River Education District Issues

Motion #04312 by Anderson seconded by Tastsides accepting the resignation of Sue Saumer-Clerical, thanking her for her years of service to the SCRED organization. Motion unanimously carried.

### Calendar

Board Study Session	High School Conference Rm.	3/19/12	6:00 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg.	Room 201, High School	4/19/12	7:00 p.m.

### Adjournment

Motion #04412 by Tastsides seconded by Anderson adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Anderson  
Clerk

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