

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

July 19, 2012

The Regular/Organizational 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; Melody Tenhoff, Elementary Principal; Jeanne Korf, Accounts Payable/Facilities Manager; Mary Kurvers and a representative from the ECM Post Review.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #11312 by Nessel seconded by Tastsides approving the Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Motion #11412 by Anderson seconded by Nessel approving the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of June 21, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Organization Fiscal Year 2013

Note: Election of Board Officers and Committee Assignments occur annually during the month of January. School Board Organization during July is an organization of fiscal, financial, and legal matters.

After a brief discussion of organizational issues, Motion #11512 by Cook seconded by Anderson establishing the regular board meeting day as the third Thursday of the month at the Rush City High School, Room 201, at 7:00 p.m., and adopting Robert's Rules of Order for school board meetings, and approving board member compensation at \$45.00 per meeting with the exception of all day meetings, which will be paid at a rate of \$90.00 per day, and designating the East Central Minnesota Post Review as the district's official newspaper for legal publications, and establishing the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund, PMA Trust Fund, Northwoods Bank, Unity Bank East-Rush City, and Ehlers Investment Partners LLC as the official depositories for the district's financial resources, and designating the Business Manager and Superintendent for making electronic fund transfers for the district, and designating the Accounts Payable position to coordinate credit card use, and designating the Superintendent to work with either Ratwick, Roszak, Maloney and/or Knutson, Flynn, et. all legal firms in conducting the school's legal business.

The same Motion included the following resolution regarding adoption of school policies:

RESOLUTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF SCHOOL POLICIES

At a Regular Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 139, Rush City, Minnesota, held on the 19th day of July 2012, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 139 that the district policies, having been duly reviewed by the Board, are hereby adopted as the official policies of Independent School District 139.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policies adopted herein supersede and take precedence over any and all policies of the school district, and, further, that any policies, practices, regulations or rules inconsistent with these provisions are hereby rescinded and repealed.

And the same motion included approving membership in the following organizations: Minnesota School Board Association, Resource Training and Solutions-Membership, Resource Training and Solutions-Mgmt Asst Prgm, Resource Training and Solutions-Health & Safety, CMERDC, MSHSL, Schools for Equity in Education, Infinity Online Learning, and TIES. Motion unanimously carried.

Recognition/Policy Review

There were no policies for a first reading.

After a second reading and final Board review of proposed changes, Motion #11612 by Tastsides seconded by Cook approving the following policies: Policy #611-Home Schooling, Policy #624-Online Learning Options, and Policy #1000-Position Summaries. Motion unanimously carried.

Financial Information

Following the Superintendent's review and certification, Motion #11712 by Anderson seconded by Nessel approving the payment of invoices and obligations in the amount of \$935,320.39 for ISD #139 and \$589,812.72 for SCRED. Motion unanimously carried.

Financial Audit: District Office staff are preparing for the annual financial audit. They have met with auditors several days during July and will meet again with auditors for 4-5 days during August.

Communications

Board members noted receiving thank you notes from the Sharon Westman family, the George Stockdill family and from the American Red Cross related to the recent blood drive which occurred at the Rush City High School. Board members also noted receipt of a \$50 donation for the Rush City High School SADD Chapter in honor of school nurse Judi Cope. This donation was made by Chisago County Nurses, former colleagues of Judi Cope.

Reports

Positive Points

There were no item to share.

Updates

SCRED Building

Superintendent Koepp noted that gas meters and gas lines have been relocated allowing footing work to begin and that the construction company hopes to maintain an aggressive pace.

Bus Inspections

Board members reviewed results of the recent bus inspection noting that one bus had a leaf spring that needed to be replaced. All other findings appeared to be minor items that could be addressed immediately during the inspection.

Meetings Attended

Board member Cook reported attending an Infinity Governing Board meeting, that Infinity has a positive fund balance, that they are offering a number of classes that continue to be good supplemental opportunities for students, and that the successful completion rate continues to be very high at 89 to 90 percent.

Old Business

There were no items to discuss.

New Business

Personnel

Motion #11812 by Nessel seconded by Anderson accepting the resignation Sara Tramm, Elementary Teacher effective 7/20/12. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion #11912 by Cook seconded by Nessel approving a request by Lila Bennett, High School ADSIS Teacher to revise her previous leave of absence request to now include an FLMA leave of absence from 10/3/12 – 1/1/13. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion #12012 by Tastsides seconded by Cook approving the employment of Joe Lattimore as Assistant Varsity Football coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Handbooks

Board members reviewed the Elementary and High School Student/Parent Handbooks and Faculty Handbooks, discussing the revisions for the 2012-13 school year. Whereupon, Motion #12112 by Nessel seconded by Cook approving the Elementary and High School handbooks as discussed. Motion unanimously carried.

Tiger Club Handbooks – Board members reviewed the Staff and Parent Tiger Club Handbooks for the 2012-13 school year. Whereupon, Motion #12212 by Anderson seconded by Tastsides approving the Staff and Parent Handbooks for Tiger Club as discussed. Motion unanimously carried.

iPad Handbook – Board members reviewed the newly created iPad Handbook for 2012-13. Whereupon, Motion #12312 by Nessel seconded by Tastsides approving the iPad Handbook as discussed. Motion unanimously carried.

Coaching Handbook – Board members reviewed the Coaching Handbook for 2012-13. Whereupon, Motion #12412 by Anderson seconded by Nessel approving the Coaching Handbook as discussed. Motion unanimously carried.

Transportation Handbook – Board members reviewed the Transportation Handbook for the 2012-13 school year. Whereupon Motion #12512 by Cook seconded by Folkema approving the Transportation Handbook as discussed. Motion unanimously carried.

System Accountability Report

After Board review and upon the recommendation of Superintendent Koepp, Motion #12612 by Cook seconded by Folkema approving the Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement as discussed for the 2011-12 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Health and Safety Three Year Budget

Jeanne Korf, Facilities/Accounts Payable Manager, briefly reviewed the district Health and Safety program and related projects in the 2012, 2013, and 2014 budget years. Whereupon, Motion #12712 by Nessel seconded by Anderson approving the Health and Safety Three Year Budget. Motion unanimously carried.

Fundraisers-Annual Review

After reviewing a comprehensive list of fundraisers conducted by school groups throughout the school year, Motion #12812 by Cook seconded by Tastsides approving the fundraisers on this list for 2012-13 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

St. Croix River Education District

Motion #12912 by Nessel seconded by Anderson accepting the resignation by Troy Ferguson, Unique Learner Manager effective 8/8/12. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion #13012 by Tastsides seconded by Cook approving for employment Emily Gorski, School Psychologist; Kristen Hussong, Truancy Coordinator beginning 8/13/12; and Stephanie Bellinger-Bushard, Job Developer beginning 9/4/12. Motion unanimously carried.

Calendar

Board Study Session	High School Conference Rm.	8/16/12	6:00 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg	Room 201, High School	8/16/12	7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #13112 by Tastsides seconded by Nessel adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 8:06 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.