

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

**April 17, 2014**

The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Folkema at 7:08 p.m. in Room 201 at the Rush City High School.

**Roll Call**

Board Members present: Scott Tryon, Stefanie Folkema, Brenda Nessel, Teri Umbreit, Matt Perreault (arrived 7:11 p.m.). Board Members absent: Scott Anderson. Others in attendance: Vern Koepp, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; Melody Tenhoff, Elementary Principal; Bob Schlager, Activities Director; Lee Rood, Aquatic Center Director, Barb Westman, Maureen Guentzel and a representative of the East Central Post Review.

**Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda**

Motion #03614 by Nessel seconded by Tryon approving the Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Motion #03714 by Tryon seconded by Umbreit approving the following Consent Agenda items:  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 20, 2014.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$677,434.68 for Rush City, and \$378,232.63 for SCRED  
Rush City ISD #139 Personnel

Kristine Peterson-Teacher-Leave of absence request – One year for 2014-15 school year

Paula Bengtson-Teacher-Resignation effective June 5, 2014

Kevin Smith-Teacher-Resignation effective June 5, 2014

Dave Schroeder-Custodian-Resignation effective August 1, 2014

Wayne Johnson-Custodian-Resignation effective July 31, 2014

Robert Schlager-Athletic Director-Resignation effective June 30, 2014

Employ Jessica Dale-Special Education Teacher beginning May 5, 2014

SCRED

Kristen Hussong-Truancy Coordinator-Resignation effective at end of 2013-14 contract

Tiffany Richards-School Psychologist-Resignation effective at end of 2013-14 contract

Wendy Pikar-Physical Therapist-Reduce days from 44 days to 38 days for 2013-14

Increase open ABE position from 936 hours to 1021 hours

Add Unique Learner Manager position beginning 2014-15

Add Social Behavior Collaborative Planner position beginning 2014-15

Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda**

No items to consider.

**Recognition/Policy Review**

In a first reading the Board discussed the following policies: Policy #532 – Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds, Policy #603 – Curriculum Development, and Policy #709 – Student Transportation Safety Policy.

After a second reading and final board review of proposed changes Motion #03814 by Nessel seconded by Umbreit approving the following policies: Policy #503-Student Attendance, Policy #711-Video Recording on School Buses, and Policy #712-Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Information**

Investments: Business Manager Frost reported the district has \$1,769,043 invested as of 3/31/14.

Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the current 2013-14 revenue and expenditure budget noting that General Fund revenues were running approximately \$300,000 behind expenditures to date.

**Communications**

Board members noted receipt of a letter from the Minnesota Department of Education stating that MDE has received all required documentation for a review of individual student records and has found district records in compliance.

Board members also noted receipt of a letter from East Central Energy thanking the district and specific staff members for the use of our facility for the annual East Central Energy meeting.

## **Reports**

### **Positive Points**

Elementary Principal Tenhoff shared the following positive points:

We have finished MCA testing for grades 3-6 in the area of reading. Outside of one day where there was a connection issue from the state, all the tests have gone smoothly. We will start the math portion right after spring break.

Elementary held an assembly to present Mr. Kirby with a flag from former student Chelsea Peterson. This flag flew in a combat zone in Afghanistan. It was a very emotional ceremony. Mr. Kirby led the staff and students in the Pledge of Allegiance. The district is very proud of Mr. Kirby.

High School Principal Stavig shared the following positive points:

The dodge ball tournament raised close to two thousand dollars for two local individuals who are fighting cancer. (Thank you Tiger Pride)

Mr. Olsen received a large donation of steel tubing for use in the metal shop. Donation valued around \$5000.00

Spring sports have been inside and delayed due to the winter weather.

We have filled our EBD position with a motivated individual who has similar experience.

Registration is done and we are able to offer more college classes here on campus.

We have finished MAP testing and will begin MCA testing next week.

### **Updates**

#### **Study Session 3/24/14**

Superintendent Koepp provided a brief summary of the Study Session. Board members reviewed the 2013-14 budget, reviewed information for the 2014-15 budget, and discussed potential staff and program changes for 2014-15. Board members also reviewed student performance information.

### **Teacher Evaluation Process**

The evaluation process is ready to share with teachers.

### **Meetings Attended**

Board member Umbreit attended the recent Board Advisory Meeting which included a review and possible changes to the five main district goals.

Board member Tryon attended the SCRED Governing Board Meeting, which included honoring Pine City School Board Member Bob Shuey for his many years of service and information about increases to the Special Education child count throughout all of the SCRED School Districts.

Board member Umbreit reported that she would be attending TIES training soon as the board representative for the TIES organization.

Board member Nessel and Superintendent Koepp attended the ECMECC Governing Board Meeting, which included discussions related to the budget for 2014-15, the Directors report, which included information about the digital curriculum development and work done on the Pine Tech. server room and also a report from John Larson related to band width use and virtual field trip usage.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Authorization to bid Long Term Disability Insurance**

Motion #03914 by Nessel seconded by Tryon authorizing the District to seek bids for Long Term Disability Insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Property, Liability, Auto Insurance**

Business Manager Frost discussed new options for these insurances and it was a consensus among the board to seek quotes.

#### **Staffing for 2014-15**

Superintendent Koepp and Board Members reviewed a proposal with changes to staffing for 2014-15. After a brief discussion it was a consensus among Board Members to schedule a Special Board Meeting to discuss this issue. The meeting was set for April 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Aquatic Center Summer 2014**

Lee Rood reviewed the proposed Aquatic Center budget for the 2014 swimming season, proposing the same fee structure as 2013 and a deficit of \$30,850. Rood noted that the district has received donations for six concession tables, two picnic tables, and a canopy for the lifeguard at the top of the slide. Whereupon Motion #04014 by Tryon seconded by Nessel approving the proposed Aquatic Center budget for 2014 and recommended fee structure. Motion carried unanimously.

LEA Designation

Motion #04114 by Nessel seconded by Perreault designating Elementary Principal Tenhoff as the Rush City LEA for 2014-15. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization for Quotes/Bids: Milk, Fuel, and Food Service Products

Upon the Superintendents request Motion #04214 by Nessel seconded by Umbreit authorizing the district to solicit quotes and bids for milk, fuel, and food service products for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

St. Croix River Education District Issues

None

Calendar

Special Board Mtg.	High School Conf. Rm.	4/28/14	6:00 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg.	Room 201, High School	5/15/14	7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #04314 by Nessel seconded by Perreault adjourning the Regular School Board meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Nessel  
Clerk

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