

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

January 15, 2015

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

Roll Call

Board Members present: Scott Tryon, Stefanie Folkema, Brenda Nessel, Scott Anderson, Matt Perreault, Teri Umbreit. Board Members absent: None. Others in attendance: Vern Koepp, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Melody Tenhoff, Elementary Principal; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; a representative from the East Central Minnesota Post Review, and other interested persons.

Election of Officers/Committee Assignments

Chair: Chairperson Folkema called for nominations for Chairperson for the year 2015. Motion #00115 by Nessel seconded by Perreault nominating Stefanie Folkema as Chairperson of the School Board for the year 2015. Hearing no further nominations Chairperson Folkema called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair: Chairperson Folkema called for nominations for Vice Chair. Whereupon, Motion #00215 by Nessel seconded by Anderson nominating Scott Tryon as Vice Chairperson of the School Board for the year 2015. Hearing no further nominations Chairperson Folkema called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk: Chairperson Folkema called for nominations for Clerk. Whereupon, Motion #00315 by Umbreit seconded by Anderson nominating Brenda Nessel as Clerk of the School Board for the year 2015. Hearing no further nominations Chairperson Folkema called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Chairperson Folkema called for nominations for Treasurer. Whereupon, Motion #00415 by Nessel seconded Tryon nominating Teri Umbreit as Treasurer of the School Board for the year 2015. Hearing no further nominations Chairperson Folkema called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Directors: Chairperson Folkema appointed board members Scott Anderson and Matt Perreault as Directors for the year 2015.

Committee Assignments

After discussion and review of the various committees of the school board, Motion # 00515 by Tryon seconded by Nessel approving the following committees and committee assignments for board members for the year 2015:

St. Croix River Education District	Scott Tryon, Brenda Nessel(alternate)
Community Education Advisory Representative	Stefanie Folkema, Brenda Nessel (alternate)
Early Childhood Committee	Matt Perreault, Scott Anderson (alternate)
Board Advisory Committee Representative	Stefanie Folkema and Teri Umbreit, Brenda Nessel (alternate)
Continuing Education Committee Representative	Matt Perreault, Brenda Nessel (alternate)
East Central MN Educational Cable Cooperative	Brenda Nessel, Scot Anderson (alternate)
Comparable Worth/ Insurance Committee	Stefanie Folkema, Scott Tryon (alternate)
East Central Regional Development Commission	Scott Anderson, Scott Tryon (alternate)
Negotiation committee	All Board members
MSBA Legislative Liaison Representative	Scott Anderson
INFINITY Governing Board	Matt Perreault, Brenda Nessel (alternate)
TIES Joint Board Rep.	Teri Umbreit, Stefanie Folkema (alternate)
Schools For Equity In Education	All Board members

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion # 00615 by Nessel seconded by Umbreit approving the Regular School Board Meeting agenda with two additions, under Consent Agenda, Personnel Items, Julie Wilcox leave request and under New Business, High School Water Heater. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #00715 by Anderson seconded by Tryon approving the following Consent Agenda items:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2014.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$754,559.73 for Rush City, and \$409,230.60 for SCRED

Rush City ISD #139 Personnel
Transportation Contract Jessica and Brandon Shoaff
Julie Wilcox – Custodian, Leave Request, beginning 1-19-15 and ending 3-11-15
SCRED Personnel
Adam Lekwa – Collaborative Planner Academics, Resignation effective 1-14-15
Julie Belisle – Accounting Technician, Resignation effective 1-27-15

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

None

Recognition/Policy Review

In a first reading the Board discussed the following policies: Policy #421 – Gifts to Employees, Policy #704 – Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System, and Policy #714 – Fund Balance.

There were no policies for a second reading.

Financial Information

Investments: Business Manager Frost reported that the district has \$2,575,457 invested as of December 31, 2014. Frost noted that a large debt redemption check would be going out within the next month.

Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the 2014-15 revenue and expenditure report noting that revenues and expenditures to date are almost identical at this time.

Communication

Board members received and completed ballots for a Director on the Resource Training and Solutions Board of Directors.

Reports

Positive Points

High School Principal Stavig shared the following positive points:

On January 5th we held our first Parent/Principal Night, it was well received. We discussed college options, BYOD, and addressed a few parent concerns.

We will be able to offer CIS Physics and Chemistry as an option for 15-16.

Revised emergency procedures and go-kits have been distributed to staff.

Elementary Principal Tenhoff shared the following positive points:

Mr. Erdman publicly shared his appreciation with the school board for his recent \$500 check from the Rush City Foundation. He used this money to implement a “store” where students can learn that hard work pays off.

Andy Johnson, high school student, visited the sixth grade right before break and shared some art techniques with our students! It’s great when the elementary and high school work together!

We are excited to have CLIMB Theatre visit our school tomorrow where they will talk about the acceptance of differences.

PTO has two major events happening: Mother/Son bowling and a Lego Robotics class starting. We look forward to both!

Join us for our Family Reading night next Thursday night starting at 6:00pm and gear up for our annual I Love to Read month, which starts in February.

We have started the Pennies for Patients drive that supports the American Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Get your loose change to school for this very worthwhile cause!

Updates

Board Study Session 12/30/14 and 1/14/15: Board Chair Folkema summarized work done at recent study sessions related to the superintendent search process. The process will be done by School Board Members, Kim Gibbons, Melody Tenhoff, and Laureen Frost. The School Board wants to include employees and community members in the interview process. A superintendent search brochure has been produced and distributed, timelines have been established, and tasks that need to be completed have been identified.

Elementary Enrichment Program: Postponed to February 19th, 2015.

Meetings Attended

Board member Folkema reported a recent School Board Advisory Meeting which included discussions of Rush City student data (General Outcome Measures, Measures of Academic Progress, and Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) and the school district Worlds Best Workforce plan for 2015.

Superintendent Koepp provided a brief summary of the recent MSBA annual conference.

Old Business

There were no items for consideration under this topic.

New Business

Pay Equity Report: Business Manager Frost provided a summary of the 2015 district Pay Equity Report provided by the Minnesota Management and Budget Office. Although final approval has not been received the report indicates that the district is in compliance with the local government Pay Equity Act. Whereupon Motion #00815 by Nessel seconded by Umbreit accepting the Pay Equity Report. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Water Heater: Superintendent Koepp summarized recent problems with the high school water heater and noted the district was waiting for a second quote. Repairs are expected to cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000 and replacement would cost between \$45,000 and \$50,000. Board members decide to repair the existing water heater but they did not wish to delay repairs until the February School Board Meeting. Whereupon Motion #00915 by Nessel seconded by Umbreit authorizing repairs to high school water heater and authorizing administration to accept the quote which represented the best value to the district and to contact Board Chair Folkema with questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Study Session Superintendent Search	High School Conf. Rm.	1/26/15	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg.	Room 201, High School	2/19/15	7:00 p.m.
Study Session Superintendent Search	High School Conf. Rm.	2/25/15	6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #01015 by Nessel seconded by Umbreit adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Nessel
Clerk

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