

OFFICIAL MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, I.S.D. #227
MARCH 19, 2007~ REGULAR MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 227, Olmsted, Fillmore and Winona Counties was held on Monday, March 19, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken with these members present: McMahon, Duxbury, LaPlante, Schellhammer, Chase and Hare. Administrators present, Superintendent Don Hainlen, High School Principal, Randy Paulson and Elementary Principal, Percy Lingen. Also present: Karyl Lyon-Business Manager, LuAnn Hare-Administrative Assistant, Student Senate representative Nic Obey. Iris Clark Neumann with the Chatfield News was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lyman Hare at 7:02 p.m. in the Media Center. The board and members present said the Pledge of Allegiance. Hare noted the following changes to the agenda: Add, 6.a.-Action Research Team-3rd Grade Teachers, 7.e.-Tech Coordinator-Tech Plan, Change 8.2-a,b,c,d, to 2006-2007 SY, add 8.e.-Approve resignation of Elementary Instructor-Barb Schroeder, 8.2 f.-Approve Elementary Library/Tech Position posting, 8.g.-Approve hire of 7th grade softball coach SY 2006-2007-Carmen Berge, 8.h.-Approve hire of junior high girls track coach SY 2006-2007, Amanda Priebe, 8.i.-Approve resignation of English instructor-Karl Wilhelm, 8.j.-Approve part-time district tech assistant position, 8.k.-Approve hire of 7th grade baseball coach SY 2006-2007, Matt Davidson, add 10.4-Authorization to contribute to Streaming Video/City of Chatfield, Remove Closed Session-Superintendent's Evaluation. Motion by Schellhammer/Chase to approve the amendments to the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Hare thanked Barb Schroeder for her 37 years with the district and wished her good luck in her retirement. He also thanked Karl Wilhelm for his 10 years as an instructor and wished him well.

LaPlante/Hare to approve the Claims and Accounts as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Deen Narveson spoke at district patron time in regards to the preparation her children had received at Chatfield and how it has helped them in their career choices as well as continuing education. She expressed concern about hiring practices and granting of tenure in the district.

Ann Bolton and Mary Jasmin, 3rd grade teachers at Chatfield Elementary spoke to the board about their Action Research Project which deals with using literature to enhance learning math concepts. Mrs. Bolton shared that they will be using the data from previous years to compare with this years third grade. She felt it will be difficult to compare as the grades from year to year are at such different levels. She stated that one of their road blocks has been the access to appropriate books.

McMahon reported on the Finance Committee meeting and that they are looking at the numbers for kindergarten for next school year and the impact that will have on budgeting.

Chase attended the Continuing Education Committee meeting. Mrs. Duffy will be contacting the staff who have licenses expiring this year.

Nic Obey reported that the Student Senate is conducting a "Pennies for Patients", which raises money for Leukemia. The classes challenge each other on who can raise the most money.

Dr. Hainlen reported that he and his wife will be chaperoning the senior class trip to Florida. He recently testified at the legislative special committee meeting on debt equalization. The district will continue to keep a close eye on the progress of these bills. The MASA convention that he attended was useful and the information he received on IPOD and POD casting data storage was very exciting. He feels this is the future for school districts. He informed the board that the district will be using a new process for requisitions for supplies for the coming school year. The requisitions will be done on line by the staff, approved by the principal's and then routed to the accounting office for submission. McMahon asked if we are on line with the new Skyward, software program. Dr. Hainlen, Mr. Paulson and Mr. Lueck felt that we were on track.

There were no questions for the principals from the reports they had submitted.

Damon Lueck the Tech Coordinator for the district reviewed the Chatfield Public Schools Technology Plan for 2007/2008 through 2010-2011. He highlighted the document that will be submitted to the state and reviewed the budget plan for upcoming years. He wanted the board to know that with the constant changes in technology that the figures given were very preliminary. The board thanked Damon for his comprehensive plan and felt they had a better handle on the future needs of the district for technology.

Chase/LaPlante to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 20, 2007. Motion carried 6-0.

Chase/LaPlante to approve the following personnel items on consent:

- a. Approval of additional names to substitute teachers list
- b. Approve hire of 8th grade baseball coach SY 2006-2007-Jay Harstad
- c. Approve hire of B squad baseball coach SY 2006-2007-Rick Irish
- d. Approve hire of 8th grade softball coach SY 2006-2007-Lori Knutson
- e. Approve resignation of elementary instructor-Barb Schroeder
- f. Approve elementary Library/Tech position posting
- g. Approve hire of 7th grade softball coach SY 2006-2007-Carmen Berge
- h. Approve hire of Jr. High girls track coach SY 2006-2007-Amanda Priebe
- i. Approve resignation of English instructor-Karl Wilhelm
- j. Approve part-time district tech assistant position
- k. Approve hire of 7th grade baseball coach SY 2006-2007-Matt Davidson

Motion carried 6-0.

Chase/Hare to approve the following district policies after their second reading:

- 9.1 2nd Reading of policy #201-Legal Status of the School Board

- 9.2 2nd Reading of policy #202 School Board Officers
- 9.3 2nd Reading of policy #203 Operation of the School Board-Governing Rules
- 9.4 2nd Reading of policy #203.1 School Board Procedures; Rules of Order
- 9.5 2nd Reading of policy #203.2 Order of the Regular School Board Meeting
- 9.6 2nd Reading of policy #203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda
- 9.7 2nd Reading of policy #203.6 Consent Agendas
- 9.8 2nd Reading of policy #204 School Board Meeting Minutes
- 9.9 2nd Reading of policy #205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
- 9.10 2nd Reading of policy #206 Public Relations in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations

Motion carried 6-0.

Chase/Hare to approve the 1st reading of the following policies:

- 9.11 1st Reading of policy #207-Public Hearings
- 9.12 1st Reading of policy #208-Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies.
- 9.13 1st Reading of policy #209-Code of Ethics
- 9.14 1st Reading of policy #210-Conflict of Interest-School Board Members
- 9.15 1st Reading of policy #211-Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee, or Student
- 9.16 1st Reading of policy #212-School Board Member Development
- 9.17 1st Reading of policy #213-School Board Committees
- 9.18 1st Reading of policy #214-Out-Of-State Travel by School Board Members

Discussion followed. Hare noted that he wanted the board to specifically look at #209 and #214. Chase stated that he had contacted MSBA to clarify how he interrupted #210 to read. He feels that we are in compliance with the way the policy is written. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion followed on the referendum. McMahon asked that the board revisit the issue of conducting the public survey. He had contacted Pine Island who recently conducted a survey and felt the information they gained was very useful. Motion by McMahon and seconded by Chase to conduct the public survey at a price not to exceed \$12,000, surveying 300 people with 30 questions being asked. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken with McMahon, LaPlante and Chase voting in favor and Duxbury, Schellhammer and Hare voting against. Motion failed, 3-3.

Hare reported that the negotiations committee will be meeting with the CEA for their first meeting on April 30, 2007.

Chase brought forward his concern about the Scheduling Committee and where they are at this point. He and other board members felt they had not received any updates and wanted to know the status of the committee. Chase also expressed concern why the public member or any of the previous committee members were not listed. Mr. Paulson had provided the board with a list of committee members and he has asked them to have a report for the board at the April meeting.

LaPlante/McMahon to approve the date of April 9th as a make-up snow day for students and staff. Discussion followed. The board would like to see in the future that there be designated days so that families could be prepared from the beginning of the year that there may be make up days and when they would be. Motion carried 5-1.

Joel Young, City Clerk was present to answer questions and give the board an update on the Streamline video. The consensus of the board was that they agree that it is a valuable communication tool for the city and school and they would like to be involved. They asked that Karyl Lyon look at next years budget and see if a yearly donation can be included and the amount that would work for the district.

Hare reported that Dr. Hainlen had met with both principals on their evaluations conducted by all staff.

Duxbury/LaPlante to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt McMahon
Clerk