

OFFICIAL MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, I.S.D. #227
APRIL 16, 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, April 16, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with these members present: McMahon, Schellhammer, Chase and Hare. LaPlante was absent with Duxbury arriving at 7:13. 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 representatives Katie Niemeyer and Valerie Coe. Iris Clark Neumann with the Chatfield News was also present.

Chair Lyman Hare called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. The board and members present said the Pledge of Allegiance. The board welcomed 10th grade Student Senate Representatives, Katie Niemeyer and Valerie Coe. Hare noted the following changes to the agenda: Add 6.a.-Action Research, add 8.b.-Amend Feb. 20, 2007 minutes to include-Approval of resignation Spanish Instructor-Margaret Smith, move 8.2.e-Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts to 11.7, add-8.2.f.-Tenure Granting SY 2007-2008, add 8.2g.-Approve elimination of elementary Computer Lab Assistant Position, add 8.2h.-Approve posting of FACS position SY 2007-2008, move 8.6 -2007-2008 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League to 11.8., add 8.7.-Approval of Fund Raiser for Class of 2008 to sell a coupon book, add 10.1.a.-Available dates, add 11.5-Summer School Request, Grades K-6, add 11.6-Summer School 7&8, remove 11.7-Closed session –Superintendent’s Evaluation. Motion by Chase and seconded by McMahon to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

Hare/Chase to approve the Claims and Accounts as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Deen Narveson spoke at District Patron Time in regards to her concern about the number of recent purchases made for such items as smart boards and computers. She felt the purchases are excessive. She checked on several of the staff web pages and found that some are up to date while others were lacking information. She questioned why the administrator’s web pages were not up to date. She was encouraged to see the scheduling committee moving forward and that the students will have a schedule before leaving at the end of the year.

Mary Suttinger presented to the district, 12 additional binoculars for the Savannah Spring Nature Area. She had written a grant to the Chosen Valley Community Foundation and was awarded \$480. She sited a teachable moment with our students in the nature area and thanked the community foundation for keeping the youth in the forefront of their awarded projects. The board thanked her for her efforts.

The fourth grade staff Kerry Koenigs, Brian Kobs and Jan Mathison along with Ag Instructor-Stacy Fritz, presented their Action Research Project on differentiation. They have conducted a pre-test and will be conducting a post-test on their students, while also using current test scores.

Stacy Schmaltz, biology instructor presented her Action Research Project which focuses on making students more accountable for homework completion by supplying them with a bi-weekly progress report. Her goals were to make the students more accountable for their grades, increase parent involvement in returning the signed progress reports and to keep current on the bi-weekly reports. She will be giving her students a post-questionnaire. The two student representatives agreed with Mrs. Schmaltz that they liked getting the bi-weekly reports as it gave them ample time to work with their grade if it was needed.

Katy Jablonski, Band Director, presented her Action Research Project. Her plan is to keep track of the current 5th grade student's instrument practices. Her goal is to keep track of the frequency, quantity and quality. She has seen progress and will give the parents a sheet describing their child's practice chart habits at the end of the year.

Ms. Jablonski handed out the Action Research Project from Mrs. Peg Smith, Spanish instructor. The project will provide students with a pre-test and post-test on their motivation level upon receiving his or her grades immediately after each test or homework score. Some students then would have the opportunity to make changes to their grades and to earn points by having their parents sign the progress report.

McMahon reported on the facilities meeting that he and LaPlante had with Dr. Hainlen. Their concerns dealt with elementary playground resurfacing, high school bleachers, track, tennis court, matt hoist, lowering of the chimney at the high school, boiler at the high school, the spruce tree in front of Potter Auditorium, front steps going into the elementary and removing walls at the high school to make large group areas. All of these were to be discussed later on the agenda.

Chase reported that they plan to have a negotiations meeting with the CEA on April 30th.

Katie and Valerie reported on the upcoming Prom date of May 5th. SADD will have posters for a safe and sober prom and a sign up sheet for those who will be substance free that night. They would like to boost school spirit by having a tag contest. Mary Johnson, student senate representative is still working on the option of getting another stall in the girl's restroom at the high school. She will be asking the board again for their support.

Mr. Hare acknowledged the recent award that Tom Hilgren, Social Studies instructor had received from the Chatfield VFW. He was recognized as the State Teacher of the Year in National Citizenship Education. Mr. Hilgren had received his award at another presentation made by the VFW. Mr. Paulson had a similar award to give to the school district for their support in the programs.

Dr. Hainlen stated that the district had purchased the land on Hwy. 74 as of April 13, 2007. He had attended his first meeting with the Hiawatha Valley Ed District and is in the process of ending the partnership with the Root River Ed District. He and Mr. Hare had attended the Joint Day at the Capital with city leaders. They were able to visit with several legislatures. He hopes to make another visit to the capital. He stated that he and his wife enjoyed being the chaperones on the Senior Class Trip. He informed the board that through RAMSP, two of our instructors, Stacy Schmaltz and Stacy Fritz will be taking graduate classes this summer. This will benefit our district for many years as we are able to receive equipment through RAMSP that will be a huge savings to the district. He thanked them both for taking the initiative to apply for the grant.

Chase/Hare to approve the minutes of March 19, 2007 meeting and to approve the amendment to the February 20, 2007 minutes to include Approval of resignation Spanish Instructor, Margaret Smith.

McMahon asked to remove 8.f.b.-Tenure Granting-Elementary Principal, Percy Lingen. This will be brought back to the May meeting. McMahon/Schellhammer to approve the following consent items:

- a. Approval of additional names to substitute teachers list
 - b. Approval of hire, math instructor-Dan Conway
 - c. Approval of science instructor-Justin Howard
 - d. Approval of Independent Contractor-Computer Lab Assistant, H.S.-Justin Coates
 - e. Tenure Granting, teaching staff, Grade 6-Kristi Hanson
 - f. Approve elimination of elementary Computer Lab Assistant Position
 - g. Approve posting of FACS position SY 2007-2008
- 8.3 Approve Class of 2008 Senior Class Trip and Silver Card Fund Raiser
- 8.4 Approve Senior Citizen/Activity Passes
- 8.5 Approve Art Club trip to Chicago-May, 2007
- 8.6 Approval of Fund Raiser for Class of 2008 to sell coupon books
- Motion carried 5-0.

Chase/Hare to approve the 2nd reading of the following District Policies:

- 9.1 Policy #207-Public Hearings
 - 9.2 Policy #208-Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies.
 - 9.3 Policy #209-Code of Ethics
 - 9.4 Policy #210-Conflict of Interest-School Board Members
 - 9.5 Policy #211-Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee, or Student
 - 9.6 Policy #212-School Board Member Development
 - 9.7 Policy #213-School Board Committees
 - 9.8 Policy #214-Out-Of-State Travel by School Board Members
- Motion carried 5-0.

The board received the first reading of the following District Policies:

- 9.9 1st Reading of policy #301-School District Administration

- 9.10 1st Reading of policy #302-Superintendent
- 9.11 1st Reading of policy #303-Superintendent Selection
- 9.12 1st Reading of policy #304-Superintendent Contract, Duties, and Evaluation
- 9.13 1st Reading of policy #305-Policy Implementation
- 9.14 1st Reading of policy #306-Administrator Code of Ethics

The members agreed to plan a retreat on June 11th to discuss the upcoming date of the next referendum and questions on the ballot.

Chase/Duxbury to approve the payment of \$2,500 toward the Streamline Video to the City of Chatfield with payment in July, 2007. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0.

A member of the scheduling committee, Dawn Kullot spoke to the board about the future plans for scheduling in the district. A copy of their recommendation is on file in the district office. The board agreed that they would like them to continue as outlined and to keep the process moving forward involving as many different groups as possible.

Chase and Hare will be meeting with Dr. Hainlen to discuss negotiations.

Hare/McMahon to approve the General Fund budget revisions for SY 2006-2007. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0.

The board discussed the following summer projects:

- a. Track
- b. Tennis Courts
- c. Seal coat high school driveway/parking lot
- d. Elementary playground, repair/replace
- e. Elementary front steps and Valleyland steps
- f. Spruce tree in front of Potter Auditorium

Dr. Hainlen reminded the board that if a project is over \$50,000 the district has to advertise for sealed bids. The board has the right to refuse or reject any and all bids. TSP is working on the bid specs for many of the projects.

Duxbury/Schellhammer to receive bids for the May meeting on all items except the high school driveway crack repair. Motion carried 5-0. The district and Chatfield News will ask the public if there is any community recollection if the spruce tree in front of Potter Auditorium was donated by anyone before making a decision on what to do with the tree.

Hare/Duxbury to approve the sealing of cracks by the county, at the high school, at a price of \$2,000. Motion carried 5-0.

Duxbury/Hare to direct administration to advertise for quotes on carpet/tile for the elementary. Motion carried 5-0.

The board reviewed the request by Mrs. Lingen for Summer School grades K-6. McMahon/Duxbury to approve the summer school program at a cost not to exceed \$13,000 for the 2006 summer. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-1.

McMahon/Duxbury to approve the summer school program for grades 7 & 8 for the summer of 2006 at a cost of \$900. Motion carried 4-1.

Discussion by the board on insurance coverages for school staff and/or parents using their own vehicles to transport students. Dr. Hainlen will check with the district insurance carrier.

Chase/Schellhammer to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt McMahon, Clerk