

OFFICIAL MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, I.S.D. #227
FEBRUARY 20, 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 Tuesday, February 20, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was taken with these members present: Hare, Schellhammer, LaPlante and Chase. McMahon and Duxbury absent. 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 Hain and Phil Bray. Iris Clark Neumann with the Chatfield News was also present.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Lyman Hare at 6:02 p.m. in the Media Center. The board and members present said the Pledge of Allegiance. Chase/Hare to approve the agenda as presented. Hare apologized for the board for not mentioning at the January meeting the retirement of Gary Hansen. He acknowledged his years of service to the district as a teacher as well as his coaching history. He wished him the best in his retirement.

Motion by LaPlante/Schellhammer to approve the claims and accounts as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.

McMahon arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Clint Marsh spoke at District Patron Time acknowledging the retirement of Mrs. Christopherson. He felt that she is one of our very best teachers. He felt her preparation of our students to enter the college level was excellent and her dedication to our students was above and beyond.

Hare also acknowledged Mrs. Mary Jane Christopherson, Mrs. Margaret Smith and Carmen Fingerson for their years with the district and their dedication to their professions.

Dr. Hainlen then recognized the School Board Members for National School Board week Feb. 26-March 2. He presented each with a certificate and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the students at Chatfield Public Schools. He acknowledged and thanked the Student Senate for providing a treat for after the meeting in recognition of the school board.

Committee reports were given with Schellhammer reporting that she had attended the Student Senate meeting on Feb. 9th.

Duxbury arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Chase reported that the negotiations committee had met and the nursing contract would be acted on later in the agenda. He noted that the contract was for this year. The board will need to look at the contracts for next year, as we have lost the funding from the Collaborative and the dollars now are totally a district expense. Dr. Hainlen noted that by law our district is not required to have nursing services.

Dr. Hainlen reported that he will be attending the MASA Day at the Capitol on March 7, MASA Conference on March 15 & 16 and School Board Day at the Capitol on March 28 & 29. Hare will also be attending on March 28 & 29, as the legislative liaison for the district. Dr. Hainlen had spoken to Rep. Welti in regards to the new legislation introduced by him for Debt Equalization for school districts. Chatfield would qualify even if the referendum vote would take place after the legislative session. He is working with the company to hopefully have the acoustic panels up in the gym before the March 20th concert. The evaluations recently conducted with administrators from all staff are being compiled.

Mr. Paulson reported on the on-line courses being offered to next years students. It is mandated by the state that we make online classes available. Students must give a 30 day notice, but we do have to provide that opportunity. Discussion followed on which classes are offered and how the process will work.

Motion by Chase/Hare to approve the January 16, 2007 regular meeting minutes and January 29, 2007 special meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Chase/Hare to approve the following personnel items:

- a. Letter of intent to return to teaching SY 2007-2008-Julie Boyum
- b. Letter of resignation Science-Mary Jane Christopherson
- c. Approval to hire Assistant Track Coach 2006-2007, Damien Nickelson
- d. Approval to hire National Honor Society Advisor-Ben Volker
- e. Approval of additional names to substitute teachers list
- f. Approve resignation of Jr. Girls Track Coach-Lori Knutson
- g. Approve resignation of 7th grade Baseball Coach-Matt Davidson
- h. Approve resignation of 8th grade Baseball Coach-Jerry Chase
- i. Approve Nurses Contract 2006-2007
- j. Approve resignation of Elementary School Nurse-Carmen Fingerson

Motion carried 6-0.

*Amended 4/16/07
JH*
K. Approve resignation of Spanish Instructor - Margaret Smith

Motion by Chase/Hare to approve the Chatfield Public Schools Facility Request Form changes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Chase/Hare to approve the purchase of 30 computers at a cost not to exceed \$19,000. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by LaPlante/Chase to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies:

#101.1-Name of the School District

#104-School District Mission Statement

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Chase/Duxbury to approve the 1st reading of the following policies:

8.3 1st Reading of policy #201-Legal Status of the School Board

8.4 1st Reading of policy #202 School Board Officers

8.5 1st Reading of policy #203 Operation of the School Board-Governing Rules

8.6 1st Reading of policy #203.1 School Board Procedures; Rules of Order

8.7 1st Reading of policy #203.2 Order of the Regular School Board Meeting

8.8 1st Reading of policy #203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda

8.9 1st Reading of policy #203.6 Consent Agendas

8.10 1st Reading of policy #204 School Board Meeting Minutes

8.11 1st Reading of policy #205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings

8.12 1st 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.

Dr. Hainlen reviewed the discussion the board has been having about the next referendum and the possibility of going to a 30 year bond instead of the 20 year, cutting updates to the high school to not include the two science labs and continue with the same proposal for an elementary. These are all options being reviewed. Discussion followed on when to run the next referendum, with no action taken.

Motion by McMahon to conduct a district survey. Hare called twice for a second motion. Discussion followed. Hearing no second the motion failed.

Motion by Duxbury/LaPlante to approve the canceling of the district membership in the Root River Education District. Discussion followed. Motion by Duxbury/LaPlante to amend their original motion to include canceling the district membership contingent on receiving funds that are due the district. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Hare/Duxbury to approve the membership in the Hiawatha Valley Education District. Discussion followed with Gary Woodward from the Hiawatha Valley Ed District present to answer any questions. Motion carried 6-0.

Member Chase introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING AND REDUCING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 277 adopted a resolution on February 20, 2007 directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions, and

WHEREAS, said recommendations have been received and considered by the school board,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 227, as follows:

That the following programs and positions, or portions thereof, be discontinued:

1. Elementary Education- 1 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Schellhammer and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: LaPlante, Schellhammer, McMahon, Duxbury, Chase, Hare.

And the following voted against: none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Chase asked that notification to those involved be made as soon as possible.

Motion by Chase/Hare to approve the Lawn Quotes from Wintergreen Services for the 2007 and 2008 summers. Discussion followed. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Duxbury/Hare to approve the 2007-2008 school calendar. Chase questioned why the board is not adopting 175 student contact days which is the maximum amount allowed in the CEA contract. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-2.

The board reviewed the upcoming meetings and dates of importance. Motion to adjourn by Duxbury/Chase. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt McMahon, Clerk