

OFFICIAL MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, I.S.D. #227
DECEMBER 18, 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, December 18, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with these members present: Hare, Schellhammer, Duxbury, Chase, McMahon and LaPlante. Administrators present, Superintendent-Don Hainlen, Elementary Principal-Craig Ihrke. Also present Business Manager-Karyl Lyon, Administrative Assistant-LuAnn Hare and Lisa Brainerd with the Chatfield News.

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 following changes were made to the agenda: Amend regular school board minutes of November 18, 2007. Add-Approve resignation of Co-Prom Advisor-Art Gust, Approval of Alternative Facilities Bond Payment of \$101,400.63. Chase/McMahon to approve the amendments to the agenda. Motion carried. 6-0.

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

Brain Kobs, representing the Chatfield Education Association, presented a power point presentation of the key points of the negotiations between the CEA and the district. The CEA wanted the full board to hear their position.

Dr. Hainlen recognized Greg LaPlante and Matt McMahon for completing the Phase III training for school board members. He thanked them for their dedication and their commitment to the position.

LaPlante reported on the Community Education meeting he attended and the struggles they encounter in finding the right mix for adult classes. If anyone had some suggestions they should contact the Community Ed office. He also wanted to publicly commend the Valleyland program. He thanked the adults and students that staff this very valuable program.

Duxbury reported on the recent Potter auditorium citizen's group that he and Kathy Schellhammer and Dr. Hainlen are part of. They are still gathering information on costs and will be meeting with the Chosen Valley Foundation to lay the groundwork for funding options. They will continue to keep the board up to date.

Chase reported on the Continuing Education Committee. The committee voted to allow the staff that is involved in curriculum mapping to receive 20 CEU's per year for three years maximum.

Dr. Hainlen reported on the building project. RA Morton the Construction Managing Firm, SGN, both principal's, Dr. Hainlen, Greg LaPlante and Matt McMahon will be meeting on December 19th to review the project at this stage. He had attended a recent meeting with Olmsted County Health on the new regulations that we will need to adhere

to in allowing other groups to serve food on school property as well as the schools' concession stands at public events. He noted that the request by the Jr. High girl's basketball program to sell concessions at Potter will be granted. He made a statement in regards to the CEA negotiations and to the fact that the 2007-2009 contract had not been resolved. Negotiation members Hare and Chase also commented on the negotiations.

LaPlante/McMahon to approve the consent items as noted:

- Approval of regular meeting minutes with the correction of Tom Duxbury's name being removed from the November 19th minutes as being present at the closed session.
- Approve the special meeting minutes of December 10, 2007 for the closed session and Truth in Taxation Hearing.
- Approval of hire of long term sub in the elementary-Arlene Jacobson.
- Approve resignation of Co-Prom Advisor-Art Gust
- Approval of student activity fund raisers SY 2007-2008

Motion carried 6-0.

The board received the 2nd reading of the following district policies:

- Policy #401-Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy #402-Disability Nondiscrimination Policy
- Policy #403-Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees
- Policy #404-Employment Background Checks
- Policy #405-Veteran's Preference

The board received the 1st reading of the following district policies:

- Policy #406-Public and Private Personnel Data
- Policy #406-Form, Employee Authorization for Release of Information
- Policy #407-Employee Right To Know-Exposure to Hazardous Substances
- Policy #408-Subpoena of a School District Employee
- Policy #409-Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions, and Creations
- Policy #410-Family and Medical Leave Policy

Chase/McMahon to Certify the Levy and approve the maximum payable in all areas for 2008 of \$2,141,847.57. Motion carried 6-0.

Member LaPlante to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS
AND REASONS THEREFORE**

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in expenditures, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditures must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 227, as follows: That the School board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider expenditures and make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

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

and the following voted against the same: none, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on the January and February board meeting dates as these are not dates that public meetings can be held. The board agreed to the following dates unless there were other conflicts, Tuesday, January 22nd and Tuesday, February 19th.

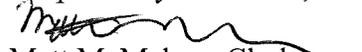
Dr. Hainlen brought to the attention of the board that the food service has approximately an \$80,000 fund balance and that he had spoken to Taher about the need to replace old equipment. Taher will develop the specs to be used. Dr. Hainlen will keep the board up to date on their decision. They had also discussed some renovations to the kitchen area to make it more user friendly.

Chase/LaPlante to purchase the chemistry textbooks to be used for this school year that had been requested by Principal Paulson and teacher Justin Howard. Motion carried 6-0.

LaPlante/Duxbury to approve the payment of \$101,400.63 for the Alternative Facilities Bond Payment. Dr. Hainlen reminded the board that this was for the air handling project. Motion carried 6-0.

Duxbury/Chase to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Matt McMahon, Clerk