

OFFICIAL MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, I.S.D. #227
JANUARY 22, 2008 ~ 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, January 22, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, High School Principal-Randy Paulson. Also present Business Manager-Karyl Lyon, Administrative Assistant-LuAnn Hare and Lisa Brainerd with the Chatfield News.

Superintendent Don Hainlen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Media Center. The board and members present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Hainlen stated that this is the board's organizational meeting and called for a vote from the floor for chairman. Duxbury/LaPlante nominated Lyman Hare as chair. Dr. Hainlen called for any other nominations three times, hearing none nominations ceased and a vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

Hare then called for nominations for vice chair. Duxbury/McMahon nominated Kathy Schellhammer as Vice Chair. Hare called for any other nominations three times, hearing none, nominations ceased and a vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

Hare then called for nominations for clerk. Chase/LaPlante to nominate Matt McMahon as clerk. Hare called for other nominations three times, hearing none, nominations ceased and a vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

Hare then called for nominations for treasurer. Chase/Duxbury to nominate Greg LaPlante as treasurer. Hare called for nominations three times, hearing none, nominations ceased and a vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

The board reviewed the board committees for 2008. LaPlante/Chase to approve the committees as noted, motion carried 6-0.

Community Education-LaPlante

Continuing Education-Chase

Contracts (Staff and Transportation)-Hare/Schellhammer/McMahon

Facilities Committee-LaPlante/McMahon

Finance Committee-McMahon/Schellhammer

Hiawatha Valley Education District-Duxbury

High School League Activities Committee-LaPlante/Chase

Joint Powers-Hare/Duxbury

Legislative Liaison/MSBA-Hare

Meet and Confer-Schellhammer/Chase

MSHSL Governing Board-Hare

P.A.C.-Secondary-McMahon/Hare

P.A.C.-Elementary-LaPlante/Chase

Scheduling Advisory-Secondary-Duxbury

Hare noted the following changes to the agenda: Change 9.1 Election of Officers to 4.1, add-8.2 Resolution Setting Date for a Public Hearing on the Approval of a Tax Abatement Resolution for the Purpose of Constructing Public Improvements Associated with Servicing Hilltop Estates. Remove 10.2 c-Approve hire of high school Para Professional/Management Aide. Add 10.2 e-Ryan Stanley-lane change, 10.2 f.-Approve tenure-Judith Brockway, Reading Specialist, 13.2-Fund Raiser, Football Uniforms and Baseball Sound Equipment. Schellhammer/Chase to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

LaPlante/Duxbury to approve the Claims and Accounts. McMahon asked how the tracking will be done with the building project. Dr. Hainlen referred to the AIA document and that the billing statements will show the percent paid out. Motion to approve 6-0.

Ben Conway spoke at district patron time on the recent incident involving a doll being hung in the high school gymnasium. He feels that the district failed to protect the kids of this district. He is also deeply disappointed in how it was handled and would like the school to take a hard look at its policies.

Ron Zeigler, Economic Developer for the City of Chatfield and Mike Bubony, Financial Consultant for the City were present to give an overview of the request being made for the district to enter into a tax abatement agreement for Hilltop Estates. They explained abatement and asked for questions from the board. The board discussed their concerns and questions about abatement. The Mayor, Curt Sorenson was also present to answer questions concerning the project. The board agreed to set the date of March 13, 2008 to have a public hearing to discuss the abatement further. Chase asked that the developer be asked to attend the February board meeting.

Board Member Tom Duxbury introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption;

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE APPROVAL OF A TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICING HILLTOP ESTATES

WHEREAS:

1. The voters of Independent School District No. 227 have approved the financing and construction of a new school; and
2. The location of the new school building shall be located adjacent to the proposed Hilltop Estates Subdivision (together, the "Project") within the corporate boundaries of the City of Chatfield, Minnesota; and
3. Said Project faces severe topographical challenges as it pertains to the installation of public improvements; and
4. The School Board of ISD #227 desires to work cooperatively with the City of Chatfield, Minnesota to construct roads and utilities benefiting the Project which, in turn, will open up hundreds of acres for future development thus increasing opportunity for enrollment growth; and
5. The School Board wishes to utilize tax abatement to finance a portion of the costs of constructing roads and utilities benefiting the Project, under the authority of Minnesota Statutes 469.1812 to 469.1815 (the "Abatement Law"); and
6. Prior to approving an abatement resolution and the use of tax abatement the School District must hold a public hearing.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of ISD #227 as follows:

1. Public Hearing. The School Board of ISD #227 shall hold a public hearing on the use of tax abatement to assist in the construction of roads and utilities to serve the Project at 7:00 PM

on March, 13, 2008 at the Chatfield High School, Media Center. Staff is directed to publish notice of this hearing, attached as Exhibit A, less than 30 days but more than ten days before the hearing, as required by Abatement Law.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Board Member Matt McMahon and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: Matt McMahon, Greg LaPlante, Kathy Schellhammer, Tom Duxbury, Jerry Chase and Lyman Hare and the following voted against the same: none.

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted, 6-0.

Duxbury left at 8:02 p.m.

McMahon stated that his report on the facilities will be covered by Dr. Hainlen in his building update. He stated that he would like to see the survey's conducted again on both principals and the superintendent.

Schellhammer reported on the recent MSBA Conference workshops that she had attended.

Hare thanked the CEA members, Karyl Lyon, Dr. Hainlen and the board for all the hard work that went into the teacher's contract settlement. He felt it was a fair contract for the district and CEA. He also spoke on the workshops that he attended at the conference.

Dr. Hainlen reported that he had attended several workshops at the conference. They recently had a meeting with the Joint Powers to discuss the tennis courts. He will keep the board posted on further developments. The facility board reps, McMahon and LaPlante will be meeting on Monday, January 28, 2008 with SGN and RA Morton to finalize any changes to be made to the building specs. The final document will have to be ready soon for bidding deadlines.

Dr. Hainlen wanted to publicly thank Tammi Stoos for coming into meet with him and the board chair to discuss the recent incident in school. Chase asked that we review what happened and set procedures for the future. He asked that the superintendent set up a meeting with a couple board members. Dr. Hainlen also reported that they had met with Sandy Sullivan to review the plans for the summer for curriculum writing.

Chase asked to have the January 14th minutes removed from consent. He asked that we add steps and lanes to the motion to ratify the CEA contract. LaPlante/Schellhammer to approve the consent items with the correction made by Chase. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent items approved:

- regular meeting minutes of December 18, 2007
- special meeting minutes of December 20, 2007, January 3, 2008, January 12, 2008 and January 14, 2008
- approve hire of Co-Prom advisor-Ryan Stanley
- approve resignation of high school Para-Professional/Management Aide-Sherry Hareldson
- approve maternity leave request-Kirsten Armstrong
- approve lane changes: Joe Brandl, Justin Howard, Kelly Puent and Ryan Stanley
- approve tenure-Judith Brockway, Reading Specialist

LaPlante/Chase to approve 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

Motion carried 5-0.

The board received the second and first reading of the following policies:

- 2nd reading policy #406-Public and Private Personnel Data
- 2nd reading policy #406-Form, Employee Authorization for Release of Information
- 2nd reading policy #407-Employee Right To Know-Exposure to Hazardous Substances
- 2nd reading policy #408-Subpoena of a School District Employee
- 2nd reading policy #409-Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions, and Creations
- 2nd reading policy #410-Family and Medical Leave Policy
- 1st reading policy #412-Expense Reimbursement
- 1st reading policy #413-Harassment and Violence
- 1st reading policy #414-Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
- 1st reading policy #415-Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

Dr. Hainlen updated the board on the building project stating that the first bid package was in December for the tip up walls and the next bid package will be on March 22nd. He reviewed where the costs of the building project were at present for the renovations and elementary building. The facilities committee will need to make final adjustments next week so that the final bid specs can be completed.

Chase/LaPlante to approve the \$2,500 payment to the City of Chatfield for the streamline videoing. Motion carried 5-0.

Chase/Schellhammer to approve the 2008-2009 school calendar. Motion carried 5-0.

Chase/Schellhammer to approve the fund raising for the football uniforms. Motion carried 5-0.

Schellhammer/LaPlante to approve the fund raising for the baseball sound equipment. Motion carried 5-0.

LaPlante/Chase to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt McMahon, Clerk