

OFFICIAL MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, I.S.D. #227
MAY 19, 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 Monday, May 19, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with these members present: Hare, Schellhammer, Chase, LaPlante, Duxbury and McMahon. Administrators present, Superintendent-Don Hainlen, High School Principal-Randy Paulson, Elementary Principal-Craig Ihrke, Karyl Lyon-Business Manager and Administrative Assistant-LuAnn Hare. Also present Lisa Brainerd-Chatfield News.

Chairman Hare called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Media Center. The board and members present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hare introduced the Student Senate Representatives; Val Coe, Katie Niemeyer and Danielle Anshus. All three girls are juniors at Chatfield Public Schools.

Chairman Hare noted the following amendments to the agenda; Remove-7.1 History day Projects, 8.d-Technology Budget Update SY 2008-2009, 12.2-Approve Principal Contract, Principal Paulson 2007-2008, 2008-2009, Principal Ihrke 2008-2009, 12.3-Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy, 12.5 Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of a Teaching Contract. Adding 9.1 f.-Approve resignation of LuAnn Klevan, Community Education Director, 9.1 g.-Approval to post Community Ed Directors position, 9.1 h.-Approve resignation of preschool driver, Neva Swenson, 9.1 i.-Approval to post preschool driver position, 9.1 j.-Approve resignation of 7th grade football coaching position, 9.1 k.-Approval to post 7th grade football coaching position, 12.4-Approval to not hold a primary election for the 2008 general election, 12.6-Approval of Capital Expenditure/Technology Budget. McMahon/Duxbury to approve the amendments to the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

McMahon/LaPlante to approve the final payment to Kreofsy Window replacement project of \$17,507.61. Motion carried 6-0.

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

District Patron Time-

Mr. Hilgren, the district senior high Social Studies teacher, spoke as a parent and as a teacher in regards to the decision that the board and administrators made concerning Mr. Archer. He felt that it was a difficult decision and one that must have taken input from many sources. He had spoken to many students who felt that their opinions and concerns had been listened to by board members as well as administration. He felt that some may think this decision was a sign of weakness, but he felt, that it was a sign of strength and that the compromise was a reasonable decision for both.

Brandon Guderian, a senior at Chatfield Public Schools, spoke on behalf of the students in regards to keeping Mr. Archer as his social studies teacher. He noted many positive qualities about Mr. Archer in and out of the classroom. He wanted to express a special "thank you" to the school board and administration for their decision. He felt that Mr. Archer teaches students about being the best citizens they can be. The students did feel that they had been heard and democracy does work. He was glad to hear that his younger brother will have Mr. Archer as his teacher.

Cecelia Elliott thanked Brandon and Mr. Hilgren for their comments about Mr. Archer. As a parent she felt that the idea of telling a young teacher, that after three years, the district could choose to not to keep them, seemed unfair. She is worried about the message being sent to young teachers.

Chairman Hare thanked the students and adults for their input and professionalism in presenting their concerns.

Chase commented that he did not want to take credit for the decision made concerning Mr. Archer. He stated that the board receives their recommendations from the administration, and that the administration had changed their recommendation after taking into account the feedback that they had received from students, community and looking at the total picture.

Board Committee Reports-McMahon and Schellhammer will be reporting later on the agenda with the negotiation updates.

Hare reported that he had attended the FFA banquet and thanked Ms. Fritz for a wonderful job.

Dr. Hainlen reported that at the last meeting of the Potter Committee they agreed upon a logo: "Potter Center for Performing Arts" and a mission statement: "Preserving Potter to Promote Cultural Enhancement Through The Arts." They would like to meet with the board and the Chatfield joint powers committee to talk in terms of the whole site. They are working on developing a Web page and producing printed literature to be available in time for Western Days. They hope to encourage people to make donations and become involved in the process of renovating Potter. Dr. Hainlen attended the City of Chatfield's second Comprehensive Planning meeting. They continue to have new participants getting involved. Participants are from the city, school and county. Olmsted County will be providing drug dogs for a sweep, either this spring or in the fall.

Karyl Lyon, Business Manager, reminded the board to return their reimbursement forms and to review the Building Project Revenue and Expenditures that she had summarized for them and RA Morton.

Schellhammer/LaPlante to approve the following personnel consent items:

- Approval of summer school posting and staff hires, elementary and high school
- Approval of posting summer custodial
- Tenure granting at Elementary: Elissa Johnsrud, Kirsten Armstrong and Renita Irvin
- Tenure granting at High School: Stacy Fritz and Patricia Solum
- Valleyland summer hires; Coordinator-Sue Tangen, Lead Teachers-Helen Lange, Denise Halloran, Sara Gudmundson and Dawn Nelson, PE Teacher-Jayna Tangen, Kitchen Manager/Adult Assistant-Karen Frye, Assistants-Katie Udenberg, Sara Harstad, Ashley Kester, Kelsey Tangen, Brandon Vogen, Eric Thorson, Annessa Kester, Kaitlin Tuohy, Samantha McDonald, Devyn Priebe, Hilary Danielson, Dan Bradt and Adam Amundson.
- Approve resignation of LuAnn Klevan, Community Education Director
- Approval to post Community Ed Directors position

- Approve resignation of preschool driver, Neva Swenson
- Approval to post preschool driver position
- Approve resignation 7th grade football coach, Brent Berge
- Approval to post 7th grade football coaching position

Motion carried 6-0.

Schellhammer/LaPlante to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting April 21, 2008 and special meeting minutes of April 28 and May 1, 2008. Motion carried 6-0.

Duxbury/Schellhammer to approve the third and final reading of the following district policies:

- Policy #417-Chemical Use and Abuse
- Policy #419-Tobacco-Free Environment
- Policy #420-Students and Employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases and Certain Other Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions
- Policy #421-Gifts to Employees
- Policy #422-Policies Incorporated By Reference

Motion carried 6-0.

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

- Policy #423-Employee-Student Relationship
- Policy #424-License Status
- Policy #425-Staff Development
- Policy #501-School Weapons Policy
- Policy #502-Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person

Dr. Hainlen updated the board on the building project. The H.S. footings should be poured this week. The electrical at the high school will be run through the tunnel system instead of overhead. This should be a cost savings to the district. He felt that they were about two weeks behind at the elementary site as they had to do some blasting for the water pipes.

The negotiations committee of Schellhammer and McMahon, recommended the approval of the Superintendents Contract for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 at a 3% total increase per year. McMahon stated that they used the model used for the teacher's contract. Chase questioned the insurance language and it was clarified by McMahon that the salary will be adjusted if the insurance increases by less than 10%. Chase asked that the language be made clearer to reflect that the insurance clause was for two years. Schellhammer stated that the contract language had been reviewed by MSBA. Schellhammer/Chase to approve the Superintendents contract for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, with the notations made on insurance and the year ending on June 30, 2010. A roll call vote was taken with McMahon, Duxbury, LaPlante, Chase, Schellhammer and Hare voting in favor. Motion carried 6-0. Hare thanked Dr. Hainlen for the past year and accepting the contract.

McMahon discussed the reason for removing the principals contract was that they were still working on the insurance. They are checking into other plans being used such as a cafeteria plan.

McMahon/LaPlante to approve not holding a primary election for the upcoming vacancies on the board. Duxbury asked about the option of going to a seven member board. Discussion followed. Dr. Hainlen will check into the process needed to change the number of board members. Motion carried 6-0.

Chase/LaPlante to approve the Community Education Budget of \$327,629 in revenue and \$307,694 in expenditures. Motion carried 6-0.

LaPlante/McMahon to approve the Food Service Budget, Version B, which included a 15 cent increase with revenue of \$381,593.04 and expenditures of \$363,479.86. Motion carried 6-0.

Schellhammer/McMahon to approve the Debt Service Budget with revenue of \$1,505,559.00 and expenditures of \$1,433,762.00 with a net of \$71,797.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Duxbury/LaPlante to approve the Trust Fund budget with revenues of \$17,125 and expenditures of \$14,125 with a net of \$3,000.00. Karyl Lyon stated that her and Dr. Hainlen are recommending that they not use the interest for library purchases as was done in the past, setting that money aside for when the elementary and high school building projects are completed. Motion carried 6-0.

McMahon/Chase to approve the Construction Fund budget with revenue of \$487,000.00 and expenditures of \$18,320,850.00 Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on approval for the Capital Expenditure/Technology Budget SY 2008-2009. The consensus of the board was to bring this back at the June board meeting.

Dr. Hainlen stated that he had that evening, received the bid from Manahan Machine Shop for installing two CCTV platforms in the high school gym. These were based on the specs previously received for this project. LaPlante/Chase to approve the two CCTV platforms at a cost of \$10,000. Discussion followed to leave open the possibility of using construction dollars. Motion carried 6-0.

Chase/Duxbury to approve the only bid received for food service from Taher, the current Food Service Management Company for the district. Motion carried 6-0.

Chase brought up for discussion the possibility of putting lights on the baseball field. He stated that 35 years ago his father had also placed this on the agenda. He felt that it would give the district an opportunity to have a premier field. They had received an estimate from Musco Lighting for approximately \$160,000. Chase will look into more details such as the costs to run the lights. No action was taken.

Dr. Hainlen reminded the board that the third bid package will be opened on May 15th at 1:00 p.m. and that the board will need to hold a special meeting to approve the contracts. The board agreed to meet on May 28th, 7:00 p.m.

Duxbury/McMahon to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Matt McMahon, Clerk