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St. Anthony – New Brighton
Independent School District 282
Regular Meeting / Work Session – July 15, 2014
St. Anthony Village High School Media Center
3303 33rd Ave NE
St. Anthony, MN 55418

MINUTES

Members Present: Leah Slye; Mike Volna; Barry Kinsey; Andrea Scamehorn; and Laura Oksnevad

Staff Present: Superintendent Robert Laney; Director of Business Services Bill Menozzi; Wilshire Park Principal Kari Page; Intervention Specialist Anna Nagle; St. Anthony Middle School Principal Renee Corneille; and Director of Community Services Wendy Webster

The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Board Chair, Leah Slye, in the St. Anthony Village High School Media Center.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Laura Oksnevad and seconded by Barry Kinsey to approve the July 15, 2014 Agenda, as presented. The motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Volna and seconded by Andrea Scamehorn to approve the Minutes from the June 17, 2014 Regular Meeting / Work Session Meeting, as presented. The motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Barry Kinsey and seconded by Andrea Scamehorn to approve the July 15, 2014 Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion carries.

ACTION

1. Sixth Section of All Day Kindergarten

We are now at 105 resident Kindergartners. We have been notified by three other families that they are in the process of moving in to the District or are closing on new homes in the next few weeks. Given that, we are recommending the addition of a sixth section of All Day Kindergarten to keep the class sizes below 20 if possible.

56 Board Chair Slye clarified this is an additional 6th section for the 2014 – 2015 school year and given the
57 first grade target of 105 students, this enrollment would project five sections of grade 1 in 2015 – 2016.
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60 **A motion was made by Laura Oksnevad and seconded by Andrea Scamehorn to approve the**
61 **addition of a sixth section of All Day Kindergarten for the 2014 – 2015 school year, as presented.**
62 **The motion carries.**
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65 **2. English Language Learner**
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67 Last winter, information on our English Language learners was presented to the Board. At that time, a
68 committee of teachers and other staff was formed to review the information, study other programs and
69 make recommendations. The committee made three recommendations. The first was to provide a more
70 differentiated service plan to better meet the needs of all ELL students. The second was the development
71 of entrance and exit criteria for the program. The third was to review curriculum needs and provide what is
72 necessary. The administration is recommending using \$105,000 from the Appropriated Fund Balance to
73 add the recommended 1.6 FTE to implement the differentiated service plan. The entrance and exit criteria
74 have been completed. The curriculum materials will be provided through the curriculum budget.
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76 **A motion was made by Andrea Scamehorn and seconded by Barry Kinsey to approve the use of**
77 **\$105,000 from the Appropriated Fund Balance for the addition of a 1.6 FTE for the ELL program.**
78 **The funds will be used to implement a differentiated service plan for ELL students during the 2014**
79 **-2015 school year, as presented. The motion carries.**
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82 **3. Capital Projects Referendum**
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84 Administration is recommending approval of the Capital Projects Referendum to fund curriculum and
85 technology purchases for the next ten years. The amounts requested are \$100,000 for 2015 – 2016 and
86 \$450,000 per year for 2016 – 2025. Board Member Laura Oksnevad noted that curriculum and
87 technology are the tools teachers use in their instruction and students use to assist in their learning. A
88 formal resolution will be presented at the August 6th Board meeting.
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91 **A motion was made by Barry Kinsey and seconded by Laura Oksnevad to approve moving forward**
92 **with the Capital Projects Referendum Levy vote on November 4, 2014 to fund curriculum and**
93 **technology purchases for the next ten years. The dollar amount received in Fiscal Year 2016 will**
94 **be \$100,000. The dollar amount received each year for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2025 will be**
95 **\$450,000, as presented. The motion carries.**
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98 **DISCUSSION**
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100 **1. Referendum Update**
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102 Discussion centered around refunding the current Bond issues to reduce the impact on the tax payer of
103 potentially adding the Capital Projects Levy and increasing the Referendum Levy. Director of Business
104 Services Bill Menozzi shared research on options, timing and potential savings. Board Member Laura
105 Oksnevad noted the Operating Referendum Levy aligns with the Mission and Vision of the District's
106 Strategic Plan. She also recognized that there is an added expense but it is needed. Treasurer Mike
107 Volna added that we have reviewed our finances and have identified the need. We should not shirk our
108 duty to address the needs.
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110 A motion was made by Mike Volna and seconded by Laura Oksnevad to approve moving forward
111 with the Operating Referendum Levy renewal plus tiered increases. The dollar amount received in
112 Fiscal Year 2016 through Fiscal Year 2018 will be a renewal of the existing Operating Referendum
113 Levy of \$1,834,460 plus an increase of \$150,000 for a total of \$1,984,460 per year. The dollar
114 amount received in Fiscal Year 2019 through Fiscal Year 2021 will be a renewal of the existing
115 Operating Referendum Levy of \$1,834,460 plus an increase of \$300,000 for a total of \$2,134,472 per
116 year. The dollar amount received in Fiscal Year 2022 through Fiscal Year 2025 will be a renewal of
117 the existing Operating Referendum Levy of \$1,834,460 plus an increase of \$450,000 for a total of
118 \$2,284,465 per year, as presented. The motion carries.

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122 **2. School Calendar Work for 2015 - 2016**

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124 The Board reviewed the four parameters for the development of school calendars: 1. It should be the
125 standard to work toward full five-day school weeks whenever possible. When partial weeks are
126 necessary, they should contain no less than three school days, except the first week of school. 2. There
127 should be no school scheduled for the time when Education Minnesota holds their meetings and it should
128 be recorded on the calendar as Fall Break. 3. Winter Break will be up to two weeks off school for students
129 around the time of Christmas and New Years. Two full weeks preferred, but configurations other than that
130 may be considered particularly if it assists with the successful development of the remainder of the
131 calendar. 4. Spring Break will be one week off school for students with consideration given for as little
132 disruption in extracurricular school activities as possible.

133 The Board reaffirmed the parameters with Calendar Committee Chair Wendy Webster.
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136 **Superintendent Report**

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138 Superintendent Robert Laney updated the Board on the construction project related to All Day
139 Kindergarten classrooms at Wilshire Park Elementary. The project is moving along nicely and is expected
140 to be completed by the August 15 deadline. He also mentioned that the .58 Science position at Wilshire
141 Park has gone through two rounds of interviews with two different sets of candidates. A suitable
142 replacement for Gail Lusvardi has not been found. After talking to her staff, Kari Page will be moving to
143 plan B, making Kristie Frudden full time. Class room teachers will be responsible for some science
144 standards. STEM will cover all of the others. Under this plan, kindergarten would get art for one semester
145 and 1-5 would get art all year. Additionally, kindergarten will get music for one semester one day a week.
146 This plan will cover the standards well and offer high quality programming. There will be no change to the
147 total FTE's for this plan. Finally, Superintendent Laney shared that all the unrequested leave teachers
148 have been reinstated except Jess Stock as she took a job in another district closer to her home.
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151 **Adjourn**

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153 The Regular Meeting / Work Session of July 15, 2014 was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.
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157 Respectfully submitted,

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160 Kim Lannier
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ATTEST:



Don Siggelkow, Clerk