

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #414**  
**MINNEOTA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**LARRY BUYSSE, CHAIR**  
**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**7:00 PM**

**I. Regular Order of Business**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Buysse at 7:00 p.m.
2. Members Present: Buysse, VanKeulen, Brewers, Spanton, Longtin, Skaar, and Derynck  
Adm: Supt. Deitte and Principals Griepentrog and Ulrich  
Guests: Tegan Gillund, Gayle VanVooren, Linette Nelson, and Ruth Bot
3. Guests were welcomed
4. The culinary class did very well at their competition. The FFA Livestock team did well at their event and will be advancing to state. The play was great and the kids did a great job. Dawn VanKeulen would like to commend the teachers and the PLC leaders for the good Q-Comp evaluation that we received. It was very good, especially for being in our first year with Q-Comp.

**II. Business Agenda**

1. Motion by Spanton, seconded by Longtin to approve the agenda with the additions of: 2.4 Approval of Michael Braithwaite for the 2011-2012 school year at BA step 5, 3.7 Resolution for membership in the Minnesota State High School League, and changing the date of the May regular meeting to May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
2. Motion by Buysse, seconded by VanKeulen to approve the minutes for the March 24, 2011 Regular Meeting with the following changes: Spelling Higgin correctly and adding the names of who voted Aye and Nay in 2.7. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
3. Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Buysse to approve the bills as presented for check #'s 34566 through 34652. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Fund 01	\$158,893.45
Fund 02	\$14,519.82
Fund 04	\$966.51
Fund 07	\$425.00
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**III. Reports**

1. The Budget Summary and Receipt Listing Report were reviewed. The numbers are looking pretty good overall. We have spent 71% of the budget in Fund 1. There will be some movement of the numbers at the end of the year with the audit. The revenue and cash flow aren't looking as good because of the state withholding our funds. We are also earning very little in interest this year. The Activity Account had an anonymous donation of \$450.00 to cover the FFA's hotel expenses during state. There are 10 students plus one advisor going with. FCCLA has a nice balance, but they will need their money for their state event, because they have around 26 students going. We will be sharing the bus to State FCCLA with Tracy, which will help reduce costs. It will be a 70/30 split because of our high number of students. Mr. Deitte updated the enrollment, with the current number being 472.
2. Elementary Report by Mr. Ulrich: The spring concert was held on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Both performances were well attended. The author Ryan Jacobson visited the elementary and met with each class. MCA testing started today. The reading tests are still on paper, but the math tests will be taken on computers, which is different for the students. School Readiness is going well with the full day option. It is very well received and we will continue to offer this next year.
3. AD Report by Mr. Ulrich: The Winter Sports Awards night was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. It went very well with each coach speaking about their season. The spring sports have been very frustrating with the weather cancellations. We will be ending the regular season for spring sports in about 4 weeks. The Dance Team coaches have met with the Canby School Board

and it has been decided that the AD's will meet and present a plan to the School Board in the next couple months.

4. High School Report by Mr. Griepentrog: MCA testing has been taking place and Mr. Griepentrog would like to thank Danica Held for her extra help with the planning and preparing for the testing. It has been a lot of extra work. Our Social Worker and School Counselor have both went to the Marshall Middle School this week to help with counseling after the death of 2 Marshall Students. We recently had a play held here on Mexican heritage in Minnesota. It was very well received by the students. Mr. Griepentrog has been busy with interviews for the Industrial Arts/Ag position and also busy setting up interviews for the Language Arts position. The piano that was donated by the Ufkin's is now at the school. It should be ready to be used by the High School spring concert. Congratulations to the FFA team for qualifying to State.
5. Superintendents Report by Mr. Deitte: We are ahead of things in the flexible learning year because of Q-Comp. We are not only learning about PLC's, but participating in them as well, which other schools that are not in Q-Comp do not get to do. The FLY schools are being honored by the state for thinking outside the box. Mr. Deitte went to SMSU and met with representatives about PSEO education. He explained why kids aren't taking advantage of PSEO, whether it is because of scheduling, because of the drive, or other reasons. The MCA testing window has begun. The paper tests are being held from April 11<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup> and the online tests are being held from April 11<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>. We have had four suicides in our region in the last two weeks. The suicides in Marshall did have some connections to our students. It is a very sad situation. The SW/WC Service Cooperative CISM team works with the district and sets forth what needs to be done when things like this happen. The Dollars for Scholars awards night is on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The superintendents in the area will be having a 'relaxed' meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> in a barn in Westbrook. The Commissioner of Education should be attending this meeting. Mr. Deitte will also be a part of a group of 8 people envisioning what the Flexible Learning Year will look like in the future. We recently became aware of a situation with our Integration Program. YME may not be eligible next year, so we would have to go back the Lynd district because we are still eligible to be a part of their integration. We are not sure what would happen because they still do the elementary Spanish program. Mr. Deitte received a call from CNN today on how we handle teaching about Gay and Lesbians. They are doing a survey on the subject, so he answered some questions. He is not sure if it will become an article at some point. In regards to School Readiness, we may need to reconsider the method of waiving tuition. This year we are losing a lot of our revenue because many students are currently waived.
6. State and Federal Legislative Updates: Governor Dayton has said that he is willing to do some compromising when it comes to education funding, but we really do not know what is going to happen. There has not been talk about a decrease in the formula, which is currently 70/30.
7. The Culinary students from Mrs. Bot's class came to the meeting and presented the projects they had presented at their Culinary Competition. Our students did a wonderful job, and brought home \$14,000 in scholarships to SMSU. There was a total of \$20,000 given out at the competition, and we received over half of that amount!

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **1.0 Students**

**1.1** Motion by Brewers, seconded by Longtin to approve the open enrollment of a kindergarten student for the 2011-2012 school year from the Lynd district. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.2** St. Edwards have received a large donation and will be starting a kindergarten class for the 2011-2012 school year. We are not sure how many students will be going to kindergarten at St. Edwards at this point.

##### **2.0 Personnel**

**2.1** Motion by Derynck, seconded by Spanton to approve Tegan Gillund at \$16.00/hour starting May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 and \$17.00/hour starting August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.2** Motion by Longtin, seconded by VanKeulen to approve Heather Webskowski's maternity leave starting August 17<sup>th</sup> using accumulated sick leave for up to 30 working days, with an extension if a doctor's note is provided. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.3** Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Buysse to approve Danica Held's extended time for the summer of 2011 with a total salary of \$2,987.60. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.4** Motion by Buysse, seconded by Skaar to approve Michael Braithwaite as the Industrial Arts/Ag Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year at BA Step 5. **MOTION PASSED**

### **3.0 Business Affairs**

**3.1** Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Skaar to reapprove the 2010-2011 school calendar. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.2** Motion by Buysse, seconded by Spanton to approve having school on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and to not have school on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Buysse to approve taking one day off when a team qualifies for a state tournament. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.3** Recognition of the MEMO letter for intent to negotiate a new 2011-2013 master agreement.

**3.4** Motion by Brewers, seconded by Skaar to approve the 2011-2012 Curriculum, Assessment, and Instructional Services through SW/WC Service Cooperative using Title II funds. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.5** Motion by Derynck, seconded by VanKeulen to approve the five year capital outlay plan. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.6** Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Brewers to approve the first reading of Policy #714-Fund Balance Policy. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.7** Motion by Spanton, seconded by Buysse to approve the 2011-2012 RESOLUTION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE. **Ayes: Spanton, Derynck, Longtin, Skaar, Buysse, Brewers, VanKeulen** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **4.0 Buildings and Grounds**

**4.1** Updates and Recommendations from the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

## **V. Meetings & Dates**

1. May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in the H.S. Media Center

## **VI. Old Business** Set up next Policy Meeting

## **VII. Items for Future Agenda**

## **VIII. Adjournment**- Motion by Spanton, seconded by Longtin to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Larry Buysse, Chair

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Dawn VanKeulen, Clerk