

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #414  
MINNEOTA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
LARRY BUYSSE, CHAIR  
Tuesday, February 15, 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, Ruth Bot, Linette Nelson, and Thomas Foley
3. Guests were welcomed
4. Q-Comp is going into overdrive, with a lot of hard work being done. Ruth Bot is doing extra work that needs to be completed and is working very hard.

**II. Business Agenda**

1. Motion by Brewers, seconded by Spanton to approve the agenda with the additions of 1.2: Expulsion of Student and 2.3: Resignation of Ann Schlenner. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
2. Motion by Longtin, seconded by Brewers to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting and the February 7, 2011 Special Meeting with the following corrections: changing there to their and adding to 3.3 the motion that failed to pay \$350 towards the Wrestling team's rooms in Fargo, ND on December 30, 2010 due to weather. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
3. Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Brewers to approve the bills as presented for check #'s 34381 through 34461, excluding check #'s 34439 and 34453 and including check #'s 34463 and 34472. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Fund 01	\$199,425.37
Fund 02	\$13,274.39
Fund 04	\$291.68
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**III. Reports**

1. The Receipt Listing Report and the Budget Summary Report were reviewed. We are currently updating the budget. We may need to add money for diesel and possibly in the athletics if we have teams traveling to state tournaments.
2. The High School Activity account was reviewed. There were questions about how FFA is going to be able to pay for a state trip with their low balance. Mr. Griepentrog will report back next month with what their plans are. Mr. Deitte updated the enrollment, with the current number being 474.
3. Thomas Foley, a math teacher in the High School, gave a demonstration of Senteos for the Board in his classroom. They can be used in the classroom in different ways. We currently have them on loan from the Service Coop. Mr. Foley has been experimenting with them and learning how to use them. He gave a sample test to demonstrate how the technology works in the classroom and how the students could use Senteos to take tests. He also showed the board a way to use the technology for reviewing material as well.
4. Elementary Report by Mr. Ulrich: The Elementary Conferences were held last week and they were very well attended. Rachel Knutson was our Spelling Bee champion and she traveled to Redwood Falls today to compete. Mr. Ulrich attended his Elementary Principal's conference this month. The theme was reading and it was a very good conference. This month is I Love to Read Month. We have had two guest readers for the elementary students so far this month, Cindy Novotny and the Snowball Royalty.
5. AD Report: Mr. Ulrich would like to thank everyone who helped out with the conference wrestling tournament that was held at our school. It is tournament time for our winter sports. Dance team finished their season last weekend. The Wrestling team will wrestle

- on Thursday. The team finals will be held this Saturday at 1:00 in Granite Falls. We will also be finding out soon about the Boys and Girls Basketball team standings.
6. High School Report by Mr. Griepentrog: The High School Conferences were also held last week and they had a very good turn out. Mr. Griepentrog is part of the site evaluation team, which will be visiting Marshall to evaluate their Q-Comp program. Next Tuesday representatives from Lakeview and Marshall will be coming here to evaluate our Q-Comp program. Ann Gettis, a former Minneota Student, will be coming to Minneota March 8-9 to speak with the Elementary students, the High School students, and the Community about bullying and bullying prevention. Registration packets are currently out to students and Thursday at 3:00 will be registration round up. Snowball week went off with a bang last week. We were thoroughly impressed with the talent show. Lois is working very hard with the technology updates that are taking place right now.
  7. Superintendents Report by Mr. Deitte: Right now Mr. Deitte and Ruth Bot are working on a document review that needs to be submitted for our Q-Comp. We are also working with Lakeview and Marshall on a site review of the schools. We will evaluate each other and submit the data collected to the Department of Education. It is a formal process. Larry Buysse, Doug Spanton, and Mr. Deitte attended a negotiations seminar in Marshall today. The whole day was very interesting. Mr. Deitte is trying to get a Monday Memo out every Monday containing information that the staff would not see anywhere else in the school. We do have a mover for the piano that the Ufkin's will be donating and the music department is setting up a time to move the piano. Mr. Deitte and Larry Buysse sent out a thank you note to the Ufkin's for their donation. On March 14<sup>th</sup> there is a conference in Redwood Falls for all Teachers regarding the Flexible Learning Year. We are also trying to get feedback from parents again. A sheet was sent home at conferences for the parents to fill out.
  8. State and Federal Legislative Updates: The Governors Budget is attempting to increase education funding, focus on the youngest learners, reward excellence, and make plans to pay back the shift. One area he is looking at is Kindergarten. Currently, Kindergarten is only weighted at .62 per pupil because not every school offers full day Kindergarten. Governor Dayton would like to make Kindergarten mandatory, which would mean an increase in funding. The Governor also spoke at both the High School and Elementary Principal Conventions for the first time in 25 years. Education is very important to him. There is currently a bill in the House and Senate to freeze all staff salaries for the next 2 years. There is a lot of information regarding the bill on the MSBA website.

#### IV. New Business

##### 1.0 Students

1.1 Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Brewers to approve the open enrollment for three students from the Canby District, a first grader, fourth grader, and fifth grader.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

1.2 Motion by Spanton, seconded by Brewers to approve the Resolution Relating to the Proposed Expulsion of the Student Identified in the Attachments. **AYE: Buysse, Brewers, VanKeulen, Longtin, Spanton, Derynck, Skaar MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

##### 2.0 Personnel

2.1 Motion by Longtin, seconded by Brewers to approve Kristy Moore as the child educator/program director and Nancy Dilley as the parent educator para-professional retro active to August 23, 2010, per teacher contract. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2.2 Reading of the proclamation recognizing school board members during School Board Recognition Week, which is February 21-25, 2011.

2.3 Motion by Buysse, seconded by Brewers to accept Ann Schlenner's letter of resignation. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**



### **3.0 Business Affairs**

**3.1** Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Longtin to approve the contract with Big Stone Therapies effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. **MOTION PASSED**

**UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.2** The March Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the H.S. Media Center due to the High School Concert being held on the same night as the originally scheduled board meeting.

**3.3** Motion by Buysse, seconded by VanKeulen to approve the Resolution Authorizing the District to Enter into a Line of Credit Agreement with a Financial Institution. **AYE: Derynck, Brewers, Longtin, Buysse, VanKeulen, Spanton, Skaar MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.4 & 3.5** Motion by Derynck, seconded by Buysse to approve the following additions to the schedule: have school on Presidents Day (February 21<sup>st</sup>), have school on April 25<sup>th</sup>, from March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup> the school day will be from 7:52 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and if any sports teams make it to the state tournament the rest of this year, we will take 1 day off of school for each sport. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.6** The 2011-2012 integration budget will be moved to a future agenda item.

**3.7** Discussion on Scott Hanson's health insurance. This year we will pay \$2,720, which is 68% of what our contribution would be to a teacher on our single health insurance plan.

**3.8** Motion by Brewers, seconded by VanKeulen to move into closed session at 9:06 p.m.

### **4.0 Buildings and Grounds**

**4.1** We are finished with the sale of the 1 acre of land and received a check for \$2,081. That amount included the purchase price minus the legal fees that we owed.

### **5.0 Closed Session**

**5.1** Discussions about allegations/complaints against a staff member.

**5.2** Motion by Spanton, seconded by Brewers to move into open session at 9:42 p.m. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **V. Meetings & Dates**

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| 1. February 16, 2011 | Buildings and Ground Meeting @ 6:30 in the H.S. Media Center |
| 2. February 22, 2011 | Negotiations/Finance Meeting @ 5:30 in the H.S. Media Center |
| 3. March 24, 2011    | Regular School Board Meeting @ 7:00 in the H.S. Media Center |

## **VI. Old Business**

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

**VIII. Adjournment**- Motion by Spanton, seconded by Derynck to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Larry Buysse, Chair

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Dawn VanKeulen, Clerk