

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #414
MINNEOTA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
LARRY BUYSSE, CHAIR
Tuesday, January 18, 2011
7:00 PM**

I. Regular Order of Business

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Buysse at 7:00 pm.
2. Members Present: Buysse, VanKeulen, Brewers, Spanton, and Longtin
Members Absent: Skaar, Derynck
Adm: Supt. Deitte and Principals Griepentrog and Ulrich
Guests: Tegan Gillund, Gayle VanVooren, Ruth Bot, Linette Nelson
3. Guests were welcomed
4. The school board convention was very good. The wrestling team has been doing well. They placed about 18th out of 32 at the Clash in Rochester, 5th at the Rumble in the Red in Fargo, and 2nd to Apple Valley at Minnewaska.

II. Business Agenda

1. Motion by Spanton, seconded by Brewers to approve the agenda with the additions of 4.1: Ufkin Piano Donation, 4.2: Resolution for the sale of the 1 acre of land, 5.0: Closed Session, and 5.1: Complaints Regarding a Staff Member. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
2. Motion by Longtin, seconded by Brewers to approve the minutes for the December 21st, 2010 Regular Meeting and the January 3rd, 2011 Reorganizational Meeting with the correction of adding 9:53 pm as the time of coming out of closed session. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
3. Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Brewers to approve the bills as presented for check #'s 34299 through 34380, excluding check 34377 because of a printing error. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Fund 01	\$208,473.36
Fund 02	\$11,593.73
Fund 04	\$728.62
Fund 07	\$288,038.13
Fund 08	\$400.00
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III. Reports

1. The Receipt Listing Report and the Budget Summary Report were reviewed. We are looking at revising the budget. Expenses will be revised to take into consideration the different Special Ed areas that there have been expenses in. The General Fund has spent 48% of the budget so far. The Jobs money will also be added to the budget. \$60,000 will be going away after this year because of the ARRA Stimulus that was only for two years. We may also have to keep two teachers in every grade in elementary and we would have to absorb that cost as well. The food service fund has spent 47% of its budget and Community Ed has spent 41% of its budget. Overall, 51% of the budget has been spent and we are about 50% into the year.
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. Deitte updated the enrollment, with the current number being 477.
3. Elementary Report by Mr. Ulrich: 8th grader William Flood won the Geography Bee that took place at the school. On January 28th a Spelling Bee will be taking place for the top four students from grades 5th through 8th. 10 elementary students attended the Young Writers Conference. It was a very well attended event and very good for the kids. The teachers in grades 3rd through 6th have also started meeting to prepare for the MCA Tests.
4. AD Report: We will be hosting the last Conference Wrestling Tournament on January 29th because too many teams in our conference do not have a wrestling program anymore. The Wrestling State Tournament will be changed this year, going from a 4 day

tournament to a 3 day tournament. The team tournament will be one day, which is Thursday, March 3rd, 2011 and the individual tournament will be the following two day. The winter sports are continuing, but there aren't enough dates to get all of the missed games in. The teams are playing every Saturday this year.

5. High School Report by Mr. Griepentrog: Mr. Griepentrog has done some research on study halls in area schools. The schools that did not have study halls were schools that were on a block schedule, so they only have 4 periods in a day. He thinks that some restructuring of study halls needs to be done with stricter enforcement of the rules. He also brought some feedback from parents. There were many positive comments, including small class size, many opportunities for advanced achievement, strong extra curricular activities, good teachers and administration, and doing a good job overall. There were also some areas of improvement, including improving the technology, having less movies in the classroom, having more electives in the math program, and more discipline for bullies. About 20 parents responded, some with both positive comments and with areas for improvement. He also did interviews with five 2010 graduates in how well they were prepared for college. He will be attending the State Principals Conference next week.
6. Superintendents Report by Mr. Deitte: We are into the second semester of school as of January 4th. It will be interesting to see how the staff and the students feel about the change. Supt. Deitte attended training with other districts about the flexible learning year. The training covered setting up Professional Learning Communities. On the 14th of March, there will be a conference for all teachers and staff regarding the flexible learning year. Mr. Deitte feels that it is good to have been working with PLC's this past year. He would like to thank the teachers for having all of their Q-Comp goals approved. About 40% of the students in Minnesota are now being taught by Q-comp teachers. On Friday, we will be meeting with Lakeview and Marshall regarding a self-review of Q-Comp. We have received complements about our After School Program. We also will only be having an additional \$7,275 be withheld by the state this year because of our large bond payments, which results in a lower cash balance. This will cause less cash flow problems for us for the rest of the fiscal year. The Early Retirement Email went out. The staff has until February 1st at the end of the day to respond.
7. MSBA Conference: Several board members attended the conference. Buysse talked about a meeting he attended which gave scenarios showing what would happen if the state cuts \$500 per student for the next two years. This would total \$1 billion. VanKeulen attended a meeting with a school that implemented one-on-one computing this year. It was interesting to hear how they did it and the costs that they had. Brewers talked about a meeting on employee and student use of technology. It discussed policies on what is allowable and how to keep it at a professional level. The board members, Supt. Deitte, and other local schools met with the new legislative members from our area during the convention.
8. Q-Comp: The testing goals were approved by the Minnesota Department of Education. The index rate for all students in grades 3 through 6 will increase 79.39 in 2010 to 82.39 in 2011. The index rate for all students in grades 7, 8, and 11 will increase from 61.61 in 2010 to 68.0 in 2011.

IV. New Business

1.0 Students

2.0 Personnel

3.0 Business Affairs

3.1 Motion by VanKeulen, seconded by Longtin to approve the Amendment to the Wide Area Network and Internet Access Agreement. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.2 Motion by Brewers, seconded by Buysse, to approve the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions for the 2011-2012 School Year in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor. **AYE: Buysse, Brewers, VanKeulen, Longtin, and Spanton. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.3 Motion by Buysse, Seconded by Brewers to pay \$350 towards the 6 rooms the Wrestling team needed on December 30th, 2010 in Fargo, ND due to weather conditions. **AYE: Buysse, Brewers NAY: VanKeulen, Spanton, Longtin MOTION FAILED**
Motion by Spanton, seconded by VanKeulen to pay in full for the 6 rooms the Wrestling team needed on December 30th, 2010 in Fargo due to the weather conditions. **AYE: Spanton, VanKeulen, Longtin NAY: Buysse, Brewers. MOTION PASSED**

4.0 Buildings and Grounds

4.1 Motion by Brewers, seconded by VanKeulen to accept the donation from Bill and Allyson Ufkin of a Baby Grand Piano with full appreciation and thanks to the Ufkin's for the gracious gift. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4.2 Motion by Spanton, seconded by Longtin to accept the Resolution Authorizing the Proper School District Officials to Execute a Deed to Convey Real Estate from Independent School District 414 to Stephen Boerboom and Nancy Boerboom. **AYE: Spanton, VanKeulen, Buysse, Brewers, Longtin. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.0 Closed Session Motion by Spanton and seconded by Brewers to go into closed session at 8:32 pm. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.1 Discussions about allegations/complaints against a staff member. Motion by Brewers, seconded by Spanton to move into open session at 9:29 pm. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. Meetings & Dates

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| 1. February 2 nd , 2011 | Food Service Committee Meeting |
| 2. February 15 th , 2011 | Negotiations Seminar in Marshall, MN |
| 3. February 15th, 2011 @ 7:00 pm | Regular School Board Meeting in the H.S. Media Center |
| 4. February 22 nd , 2011 @ 5:30 pm | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 5. Buildings and Grounds: to be determined | |

VI. Old Business

VII. Items for Future Agenda

VIII. Adjournment- Motion by Spanton, seconded by Brewers to adjourn at 9:39 pm. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Larry Buysse, Chair

Dawn VanKeulen, Clerk