INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #414 MINNEOTA PUBLIC HEARING LARRY BUYSSE, CHAIR TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013 6:15 P.M.

- 1. The public hearing was called to order by Chair Larry Buysse at 6:15 p.m.
- 2. Welcome to Guests

Members Present: Bernie DeCock, Dawn Van Keulen, Christy Brewers, Larry Buysse, Doug Spanton (arrived at 6:55), Earl Skaar and Dan Longtin

Adm: Supt. Deitte, Principal Frie

Guests: Matt Myrvik, Vicki Lozinski, Tony Esping, Tammy Esping, Bree Anderson, Scott Anderson, Rebecca Jurrens, Christa Bouwman, Scott Knutson, Moriah Riess, Michelle Buysse, Shawn Boerboom, Barb Engler, Alec Engler, Katie Blegen, Karen Dalager, Kim Gades, Gene Panka, Steve Citterman, Linette Nelson, Austin Buysse, Carmen Yost, Caryn Hetland, Ruth Bot, Byron Higgin, Tegan Gillund, Sue Buysse, Nathan Pohlen, Travis Gillund, Chris Buysse, Wayne Hennen,

- Motion by DeCock, seconded by Skaar to approve the agenda. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- 4. Introduction Remarks by Chairman Buysse
- 5. Supt. Deitte went over a list of frequently asked questions by the public. He explained what a tuition agreement is and how it works. Ivanhoe students in grades 9-12 would be educated in the Minneota High School. All students in 2014-2015 from Ivanhoe would be allowed to participate in athletics. If Ivanhoe would commit to the tuition agreement for the 2014-2015 school year, Minneota would consider more pairings for the 2013-2014 school year. If there is a tuition agreement, Ivanhoe will receive the revenue for the students and Minneota will bill Ivanhoe after every quarter for the students attending in Minneota. Other agreements in the area include Milroy & Marshall/Tracy and Lynd & Marshall.
- 6. Opportunity for the Public to Speak and the following was discussed: Students would be allowed to switch schools with no athletic penalty if Ivanhoe has more Tuition Agreements in place. Ivanhoe is also considering Canby. There are 49 students in grades 9-12 in Ivanhoe for the 2014-2015 school year, plus 8 students that are currently open enrolled into Minneota. Ivanhoe will need to make a decision because they won't be able to operate as they have been. Other agreements that Ivanhoe have had in the past are different because they would only be sending their students to Minneota. No Minneota students would be attending in Ivanhoe unless they are open enrolling in. If the tuition agreement happens, our enrollment # for MSHSL will be 143 because they do the figuring every 2 years and Ivanhoe will not have a number if they do not have a 9-12 school. Ivanhoe wants to be able to give their students the best opportunity possible in academics and athletics and they do not want a glitch in the agreement based on athletics. The tuition agreement could also help other non-athletic extracurricular programs we offer. Some people in attendance felt like we should open up all activities to Ivanhoe during the 2013-2014 school year if we move forward with the Tuition Agreement. Steve Citterman was asked why they are also looking at a Tuition Agreement with Canby and he responded that they would be able to retain more dollars if they have an agreement with them.
- 7. Final Remarks: If the school board moves forward with the agreement, they would like it completed by August to be able to plan for the next school year. If we wait until later in the year, we lose that time.
- 8. Motion by Longtin, seconded by Brewers to adjourn the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Larry Buysse, Chair	Dawn Van Keulen, Clerk	