

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2897
Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283
January 28, 2008

The regular meeting of the Independent School District No. 2897 Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Tom Hollatz at 7:00 p.m. in the Redwood Area Schools Board Room. Members present: Pam Adam, Jim Buckley, Dick Gewerth, Tom Gross, Tom Hollatz, Kevin Passe, Rick Petersen and student representative Matt Hanson. Superintendent Rick Ellingworth and Finance Director John Sellevold were also in attendance.

Mr. Buckley nominated Tom Hollatz as chairperson, second by Mr. Petersen. On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved closing nominations and casting a unanimous ballot for Mr. Hollatz as chairperson.

Mr. Petersen nominated Kevin Passe as clerk, second by Mr. Buckley. On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved closing nominations and casting a unanimous ballot for Mr. Passe as clerk.

Mr. Passe nominated Jim Buckley as treasurer, second by Mr. Petersen. On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Passe, the board unanimously approved closing nominations and casting a unanimous ballot for Mr. Buckley as treasurer.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Ms. Adam, the board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Passe, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 17, 2007

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Ms. Adam, the board unanimously approved payment of the bills and claims.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously adopted the following policies.

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
#203.5	School Board Meeting Agenda	January 28, 2008
#204	ISD #2897 School Board Meeting Minutes	January 28, 2008
#209	Code of Ethics	January 28, 2008
#210	Conflict of Interest – School Board Members	January 28, 2008
#304	ISD #2897 Superintendent Contract, Duties & Evaluation	January 28, 2008
#403	Discipline, Suspension & Dismissal of School District Employees	January 28, 2008
#404	Employment Background Checks	January 28, 2008
#408	Subpoena of a School District Employee	January 28, 2008
#409	Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Interventions & Creations	January 28, 2008
#410	Family and Medical Leave Policy	January 28, 2008
#413	Harassment and Violence	January 28, 2008
#414	Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse	January 28, 2008
#415	Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults	January 28, 2008
#417	Chemical Use Abuse	January 28, 2008
#420	Students and Employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases and Certain Other Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions	January 28, 2008
#421	Gifts to Employees	January 28, 2008
#505	Distribution of Nonschool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises by Students and Employees	January 28, 2008
#506	ISD #2897 Student Discipline	January 28, 2008
#513	Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design	January 28, 2008

#519	Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies	January 28, 2008
#522	Student Sex Nondiscrimination	January 28, 2008
#603	Curriculum Development	January 28, 2008
#608	Instructional Services – Special Education	January 28, 2008
#609	Religion	January 28, 2008
#612.1	Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs	January 28, 2008
#617	School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards	January 28, 2008
#619	Staff Development for Standards	January 28, 2008
#703	Annual Audit	January 28, 2008

Mary Margaret Mathers, speech therapist, and Renee Estebo, district reading coordinator and special education teacher, were in attendance to outline possible intervention and service delivery models.

Connie Lunde, curriculum/assessment/staff development coordinator, provided an opportunity for board members to access the Study Island program, a program designed to help students master the academic standards specific to their grade levels in math and reading.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Independent School District #2897 and the City of Redwood Falls describing the terms and conditions related to sharing of common community facilities including the Redwood Area Community Center, the Middle School/High School facility, and the Ehlers Intergenerational Family Center.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved a contract with SW/WC Service Cooperative in the amount of \$150 for 2007-2008 cooperative purchasing.

Member Gewerth introduced the following motion and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE**

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Buckley, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Passe, Petersen, Adam, Hollatz, Gross, Gewerth, Buckley; and the following voted against the same: none; whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mr. Peteresen, the board unanimously authorized the administration apply for Title VII and Impact Aid funding.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved an early dismissal of students on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously accepted the resignations of Jennifer Green as high school English/math teacher and speech coach and Robert Kaupang as middle school baseball coach.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the employment of Joshua Junker as kindergarten long term substitute teacher for approximately 100 days and Emily Berg as middle school music long term substitute teacher for approximately 39 days.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the employment of the following Alternative Learning Program teaching staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Estimated Hours</u>
Janet DePuy	English 12	200
Kaylee Parker	Art	50
Barb Sellevold	Economics	60

	Guidance/Careers/Assessment	30
Ruth Zeise	Culinary Arts	50
Denise Peterson	School Psychologist	10
ECFE Staff	ECFE for Teenage Parents	30

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved disability/maternity leave for the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Alyssa Kelley	RG Math Specialist	5/17/08	6/30/08
Connie Bentson	ECFE/School Readiness Teacher	June, 2008	

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Kevin Passe
School Board Clerk