

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2897
Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283
December 17, 2007

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 representatives Brandon Arentson, Matt Hanson and Garrett Rebstock. Superintendent Rick Ellingworth and Finance Director John Sellevold were also in attendance.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Passe, the board unanimously approved the meeting agenda and addendum.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 26, 2007 and the special board meeting held on December 3, 2007.

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

The school board heard a presentation by FFA Advisor Jeremy Daberkow and members of the FFA who attended the FFA National Convention.

The school board heard a presentation by members of the school district mental health team (Barb Sellevold, Rachel Karnitz, Jen Otto, Cindy Wittwer and Bert Doll) regarding the process and procedures they follow when a crisis occurs, as well as share proactive activities they are planning for students and staff.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Passe, the board unanimously approved WOLD Architects fee letter and funding sources for the Reede Gray Elementary School entrance and central office redesign in the amount of \$246,000.

Motion by Mr. Passe to accept the concept of a donation by a local business based on three-point shots or touchdowns. The motion died for lack of a second.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously certified the 2007, payable 2008 tax certification to the Redwood County auditor in the amount of \$2,355,125.13 in the following funds in the following amounts:

<u>Type of Levy</u>	<u>Proposed 2007, Payable 2008</u>
<i>General – Voter Approved</i>	<i>\$ 339,949.29</i>
<i>General – Other</i>	<i>\$ 324,047.24</i>
<i>Community Service – Other</i>	<i>\$ 87,436.29</i>
<i>General Debt Service – Voter Approved</i>	<i><u>\$ 1,603,692.31</u></i>
<i>Total Levy – All Funds</i>	<i>\$ 2,355,125.13</i>

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Ms. Adam, the board unanimously accepted the resignation of Anita Olson as middle school/high school special education paraprofessional.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the employment of Jennifer Forsman as middle school/high school special education paraprofessional for 6.25 hours per day at \$8.25 per hour.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously authorized two additional high school student council fundraisers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Kevin Passe
School Board Clerk