

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2897
Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283
March 31, 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.

Recognition of Excellence was presented to Brady Myers and Coach Andy Ourada for participation in the state wrestling tournament; Becky Corbett, Kelsi Magers and Coach Dean Wilson for participation in the state gymnastics tournament; and Kristin Thompson for selection as a presenter at the Belfer Conference.

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Passe, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 25, 2008 and the special board meeting held on February 28, 2008.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved payment of the bills and claims.

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

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Title</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
#601	Goals and Objectives of the Education Program	March 31, 2008
#213	School Board Committees	March 31, 2008
#510	School Activities	March 31, 2008
#516	Student Medication	March 31, 2008
#518	DNR-DNI Orders	March 31, 2008
#528	Student Parental, Family and Marital Status Nondiscrimination	March 31, 2008
#610	Field Trips	March 31, 2008
#701.1	Modification of School District Budget	March 31, 2008
#705	Investments	March 31, 2008
#706	Acceptance of Gifts	March 31, 2008
#710	Extracurricular Transportation	March 31, 2008
#711	Videotaping on School Buses	March 31, 2008
#712	Video Surveillance Other Than On Buses	March 31, 2008
#720	Vending Machines	March 31, 2008
#901	Community Education	March 31, 2008
#903	Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites	March 31, 2008
#904	Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Nonschool Persons	March 31, 2008
#907	Rewards	March 31, 2008

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved a noon start for seniors on April 15, 2008 to accommodate testing needs.

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously accepted curriculum and textbook proposals from high school business education; middle school technology; elementary and high school health; high school family and consumer science; high school industrial technology; elementary school spelling and K-12 mathematics.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved calling for bids to complete the elementary school remodel project.

Following board discussion regarding an inquiry into the availability of school property north of Cook Street, the board recommended continuing the discussion at the April school board meeting.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the purchase of Skyward financial software by reallocating budgeted amounts from legal fees and property and casualty insurance.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved a Senior Nutrition Program Site Use Agreement between Lutheran Social Service and Redwood Area School District.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the employment of Darcy Josephson as Principal Responsible for Curriculum, Assessment and Educator Development at a 223 day contract.

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the employment of Emily Schroeder as high school math teacher at BA, Step 0.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Passe, the board unanimously approved the employment of Christel Springer as Middle School/High School paraprofessional and Tonja Miller as elementary school paraprofessional.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the employment of Lindsey Cooper as middle school softball coach and Kelley Fransman as middle school play director.

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously accepted the resignation of Denise Peterson as school psychologist, Molly Salmon as cheerleading advisor, and Christine Sather as kindergarten teacher.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved amended background agreements for Steve Pacheco and Jackie Probst, Success for the Future co-coordinators.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved a request from Vicki Bebeau, Occupational Therapist, to reduce her position from 1.0 FTE to .40 FTE.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mrs. Adam, the board unanimously approved a request to advertise for a Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA) position for 2008-2009.

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously granted tenure to the following staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>Year</u>
Rachel Karnitz	MS/HS	1.0 FTE Guidance	Third
Mary Margaret Mathers	DW	1.0 FTE Speech Clinician	Third
Anthony Miller	HS	1.0 FTE Social Studies/ Special Education	Third
Steve Pacheco	HS	.17 FTE Dakota Studies	Third
Kelly Raymond	HS	1.0 FTE Special Ed.	Third
Constance Lunde	DW	1.0 FTE Staff Development/ Curriculum/Assessment Coordinator	First
Kari Scheitel	MS	1.0 FTE Vocal/Instrumental Music	First
Laurie Sturgeon	MS	1.0 FTE Special Education	First
Esther Hammerschmidt	HS	1.0 FTE Spanish	First
Grant Popp	HS	1.0 FTE Math	First

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously granted continuation of contract to the following staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>	<u>Year</u>
Nicole Jorgenson	ES	1.0 FTE Kindergarten	Second

Cynthia Collins	MS	1.0 FTE Math	Second
Lindsey Cooper	MS	1.0 FTE Math	Second
Molly Miller	MS	1.0 FTE Language Arts	Second
Matt Daly	HS	1.0 FTE Social Studies	Second
Kayleen Parker	HS	1.0 FTE Art	Second
Jeremy Daberkow	HS	1.0 FTE Agriculture	First
Susan Wilmes	MS	1.0 FTE Language Arts	First
Alyssa Kelley	ES	1.0 FTE Math Specialist	First
Kris Noble	ES	1.0 FTE Math Specialist	First
Molly Salmon	ES	1.0 FTE 4 th Grade	First

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mrs. Adam, the board unanimously approved a request from Rachel Karnitz, middle school/high school counselor, to run for the treasurer's position with the Minnesota School Counselor's Association.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Kevin Passe
School Board Clerk