

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2897**  
**Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283**  
**April 29, 2008**

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

Recognition of Excellence was presented to Mitchell Petersen, Laura Houghton, Liz McClurg, Kathleen Perry and Advisor Jennifer Green for participation at State Speech competition; Prince Ovre, Brian Anderson, Dan Perry, Julianna Passe and Advisor Joni Nieland for participation in the State Academic Challenge tournament; and Brian Anderson, Prince Ovre, Sam Schmidt, Elijah Weiland, Garrett Rebstock and Advisor Joni Nieland for participation at State Knowledge Bowl competitions.

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

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting held on March 31, 2008.

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

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the consideration of the Academic Challenge Team request of \$710.00 plus transportation for the National Academic Challenge on June 7-9, 2008.

Keith Meutzel, City Administrator, provided an update with the Bike & Hike Trail plan drawings for the board to review.

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved the pre-approval forms from Janet DePuy, French teacher and Esther Hammerschmidt, Spanish teacher for the planning of the summer 2009 World Language Trips.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the proposed 2008-2009 Activities Budget as presented by Dennis Stoterau, Activities Director.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the reduction of the High School Cheerleading program from two seasons (fall and winter) to one (fall) starting with the 2008-2009 school year.

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the recommendation of the 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Budget.

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved the use of excess debt service funds of \$125,000 for district-wide technology upgrades (\$60,000) and the Reede Gray Elementary School facility improvements (\$65,000), if authorized by a majority of voters in an election to be held June 24, 2008.

Member Peterson moved the adoption of the Resolution Relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds and Calling an Election thereon for June 24, 2008, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock noon and 8:00 p.m. at the Redwood Valley Schools Board Room. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Passe, Gewerth, Buckley, Petersen, Adam, and non voted against, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Gewerth moved the adoption of the following Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the June 24, 2008 School District Special Election. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Passe, Gewerth, Buckley, Petersen, Adam, and none voted against, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mrs. Adam, the board unanimously approved the 2008-2009 School Level Instructional Supply Allocation.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mrs. Adam, the board unanimously approved the request for two special board meetings set for Monday June, 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved, with regrets, the resignations of Lynette Lothert, Executive Secretary effective April 18, 2008, and Molly Miller, High School Danceline Coach effective June 30, 2008.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the employment of Tami Riley, Interim Foundation Executive Secretary effective April 9, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mrs. Adam, the board unanimously approved the employment of Melissa Doering, long-term Math Specialist substitute at Reede Gray Elementary effective from approximately May 19, 2008 through May 29, 2008.

On motion by Mrs. Adam and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the employment of Rachel Helsper, Executive Secretary/Student Data Specialist effective May 1, 2008.

The Board reviewed the monthly administrative reports from Activities Director, Dennis Stoterau and Finance Director, John Sellevold.

As requested by High School Principal, Don Yrjo, two school board members, Mr. Passe and Mrs. Adam, will present diplomas during commencement for the Class of 2008.

The school board's Land Committee members, Hollatz, Buckley and Passe, are planning to travel to St. Peter on May 6, 2008, with representatives from the City of Redwood Falls, to view a housing project the St. Peter School District and City of St. Peter did together.

Superintendent Ellingworth provided a brief 2008-2009 staffing update.

Superintendent Ellingworth provided a brief update related to the ENW Charter School.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Kevin Passe, School Board Clerk