

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2897**  
**Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283**  
**August 27, 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. Superintendent Rick Ellingworth and Finance Director John Sellevold were also in attendance.

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

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 23, 2007 and the special board meeting held on August 9, 2007..

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

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved a field trip request by FFA Advisor, Jeremy Daberkow, to attend the 2007 National FFA Convention.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Ms. Adam, the board unanimously approved a request for the senior class to be excused from mandatory attendance on May 27, May 28, and May 29, 2008.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved a lease agreement with Western Community Action for Head Start at a payment of \$225 per month for the 2007-2008 school year.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved Minnesota State High School League Representatives for 2007-2008 as follows:

Governing Board Representative	Tom Hollatz
School Representative	Dennis Stoterau
Boys' Sports Representative	Dennis Boe
Girls' Sports Representative	Polly Bowen
Music Activities	Kris Olsen
Speech Activities	Jennifer Green

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Ms. Adam, the board unanimously accepted the resignations of Bobbie Jo Parker as middle school/high school paraprofessional, Glenna Glimpse as elementary school paraprofessional, Laura Amundson as middle school/high school paraprofessional, and Ruth Zeise as middle school Knowledge Bowl coach.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the employment of Molly Salmon as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and Melissa Doering and long term special education substitute teacher.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the employment of Molly Salmon as cheerleading advisor.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved the employment of Deb Robertson as high school special education paraprofessional, and Marlene Rohman, Mary Revier and Vera Smetak as elementary reading paraprofessionals.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the substitute teacher compensation rate at \$105 per day.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the substitute paraprofessional compensation rate at \$8.30 per hour for those substitutes with less than three years' experience in

the district and \$8.55 per hour for those substitutes with three or more years' experience in the district.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved closing the meeting. The meeting was closed at 8:26 p.m.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved reopening the meeting.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Gewerth, the meeting was adjourned.

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Kevin Passe  
School Board Clerk