

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2897**  
**Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283**  
**July 23, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Independent School District No. 2897 Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Tom Hollatz at 7:02 p.m. in the Redwood Area Schools Board Room. Members present: Jim Buckley, Tom Gross, Tom Hollatz, Kevin Passe, Rick Petersen. 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 Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 25, 2007.

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

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously set the regular school board meeting date as the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved annual salaries for school board members at \$600 per year, payable over 12 months, and \$20 per meeting for attending committee meetings, plus all out-of-town expenses and mileage on official school business. The chairperson shall receive an additional \$300 annual salary, payable over 12 months.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously designated the Redwood Gazette as the district's official newspaper for the 2007-2008 school year.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously designated Minnwest Bank, Bremer Bank, and HomeTown Bank as official depositories of Independent School District No. 2897.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the 2007-2008 Community Education budget.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously set December 3, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. as the "Truth in Taxation" hearing, with the continuation meeting, if necessary, scheduled for December 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved the site level recommendations prioritizing uses of Compensatory funds for 2007-2008.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Passe, the board unanimously acknowledged receipt of a Resolution of Concurrence adopted by the Indian Parent Advisory Committee on July 13, 2007.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the Success for the Future Program application for 2007-2008.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously set a special board meeting for Thursday, August 9, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of canvassing election results and approving support staff employment agreements.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the 2007-2008 School District calendar.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously set the mileage rate allowance for 2007-2008 at the Federal guidelines.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Passe, the board unanimously approved Attachment 99 Performance Criteria.

Member Buckley introduced a resolution for membership in the Minnesota State High School League and moved its adoption. Member Gross seconded the resolution, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Passe, Petersen, Hollatz, Gross, Buckley; and the following voted against: none; whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Passe introduced a resolution of Commitment to Academic Excellence and moved its adoption: Member Petersen seconded the resolution, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Buckley, Gross, Hollatz, Petersen, Passe; and the following voted against: none; whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved membership in the Minnesota School Board Association.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved membership in the Minnesota Rural Education Association.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved membership in the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved membership in the Redwood Area Development Corporation.

On motion by Mr. Passe and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved membership in the Redwood Area Chamber of Commerce.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously accepted resignations from Jessica Leibfried as elementary school math teacher and 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach; Ehrin Johnson as school psychologist; Brian Pendleton as B-squad boys basketball coach; and Mary Jo Hmielewski as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and head girls basketball coach.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Passe, the board unanimously approved the employment of Alyssa Kelley as elementary school math teacher and Connie Lunde as curriculum/staff development/assessment coordinator.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously authorized staff development categorical stipend positions for 2007-2008.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously approved the reassignment of Nancy Partch from 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher to a combination 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and Sue Osborne from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher to 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the Agreement for the Provision of School Based Mental Health Services between Redwood Area Schools, Greater Minnesota Family Services and the Redwood County Collaborative for services from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Kevin Passe  
School Board Clerk