

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2897
Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283
November 26, 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 Matt Hanson and Garrett Rebstock. Superintendent Rick Ellingworth and Finance Director John Sellevold were also in attendance.

Recognition of Excellence certificates were presented to cross country state meet participants and coaches and to Anacrusis Honor Choir participants and director.

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

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 22, 2007

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

Following a presentation by Chris Ziemer, WOLD Architects and Engineers, regarding phase two of the Reede Gray remodeling project, on motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approving moving forward with option three with administration to explore possible funding sources for the project.

Following a presentation by Middle School Principal Wade Mathers and Elementary School Principal Connie Schnobrich on the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) Improvement Plan, on motion by Ms. Adam and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously authorized submission of the Improvement Plan as presented to the Minnesota Department of Education.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved early student release on four days to create time for professional staff development activities. The dates include December 7, 2007, January 11, 2008, February 1 or 22, 2008, and March 7, 2008.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved a request to transfer responsibilities of the District Staff Development Committee to the District Data Leadership Team and to dissolve the District Staff Development Committee.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the 2006-2007 Financial Audit as prepared by Nester and Nester, PLLP.

On motion by Mr. Gewerth and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously established unreserved but designated fund balances effective July 1, 2007.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously adopted the amended 2007-2008 budget.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Mr. Buckley, the board unanimously authorized publication of the 2007-2008 budget in the Redwood Gazette.

On motion by Dr. Gross and second by Ms. Adam, the board unanimously authorized the school district to enter into a project development agreement with Johnson Controls regarding the renewable wind energy project.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Dr. Gross, the board unanimously approved the 2007-2008 licensed staff seniority list.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously accepted the resignations of Debbie Robertson as middle school/high school special education paraprofessional; Joe Schulte as assistant boys hockey coach; Sarah Marguth as assistant gymnastics coach; and Amanda Harms as middle school softball coach.

On motion by Mr. Buckley and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the employment of Andy Regnier as middle school girls basketball coach with a stipend of \$1,536; Jessica Gniffke as varsity assistant gymnastics coach with a stipend of \$2,496; and Randy Hanson as varsity assistant boys hockey coach with a stipend of \$2,688.

On motion by Mr. Petersen and second by Mr. Gewerth, the board unanimously approved the employment of LaVonne Jones as middle school/high school special education paraprofessional for 6.5 hours per day, 127 days, at \$8.25 per hour.

On motion by Ms. Adam and second by Mr. Petersen, the board unanimously approved the employment of Joshua Junker as 5th grade science long term substitute teacher from October 8, 2007 through November 7, 2007 at \$2,725.30 and as 6th grade language arts long term substitute teacher from approximately November 9, 2007 through December 14, 2007 at approximately \$3,227.89.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kevin Passe
School Board Clerk