

**Independent School District #883
School Board Work Session
January 30, 2012**

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a special meeting on Monday, January 30, 2012. Chair Ted Botten called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear presentations on the foreign exchange program. The RMS-CES Environmental and Outdoor Training and the China Trip, approve resolution supporting an application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation and review policies.

Board members Kris Abrahamson, Todd Anderson, Ted Botten, Peter Grimm, Kathy Smith and Also present were Principal Marie Flanary, Director of Teaching and Learning Ave Beaupre, Activities Director Glenn Klaphake, and Superintendent Paul Durand.

Abrahamson motioned, Tryon seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Safe and Welcoming Environment

This year's Rockford High School foreign exchange students were introduced to the school board. They included Aleksandr Arazov from Turkmenistan and Simon Jensen from Denmark. They each gave a short presentation about their experiences.

High Student Achievement

Rockford Middle School-Center for Environmental Studies Curriculum Integration Coordinators Jamie Madson and Beth Russell presented the magnet program updates. Jeff Ledermann, Minnesota Department of Education Environmental Education Coordinator, reviewed the Environmental Outdoor Education Grant.

Director of Teaching and Learning Beaupre and RMS-CES Principal Flanary gave a presentation on their trip to China in November. They were among 500 delegates from around the United States chosen to be part of the Hanban Confucius Institute and the College Board in the Chinese Bridge program.

Efficient and Effective Operations

Member Abrahamson motioned to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution of School Board Supporting Form B/C Application
to Minnesota State High School League Foundation**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the District 883 School Board recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts in providing seminars/training opportunities of support specific school functions for students/faculty members/officials and others who are involved in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Independent School District 883 School Board supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a Form B/C grant.

The motion of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Tryon and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Abrahamson, Anderson, Botten, Grimm, Smith and Tryon.

And the following voted against the same: None

Where upon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The Board reviewed the following policies. Approval will be considered at the February regular meeting.

707 Transportation of Public School Students

709R Student Transportation Safety Policy

712 Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses.

Non-Substantive Changes

708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students

Announcements

Superintendent Durand updated the board on some legislative updates.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the school board room.

There will be a work session on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the school board room.

Abrahamson motioned, Grimm seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM.

Kathy Ehlers
Recorder

Chuck Tryon
Clerk