



**Independent School District #883  
Regular School Board Meeting  
April 16, 2012**

Chair Botten called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Abrahamson, Botten, Grimm, and Tryon were present. Members Smith and Anderson were absent. Also present were Principals Ryan Jensen, Marie Flanary, and Brenda Petersmeyer, Business Manager Sandy Strozyk and Superintendent Paul Durand.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the amended agenda, moving 8c after Consent items with the addition of Educational Support Staff Recognition Event. Grimm seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Recognition**

- **Foreign Exchange Students**—Three of this year's exchange students, Marcel Mroz from Poland, Clara Slawik from Germany and Ales Hemer from Czech Republic, gave information and answered questions about their experience and the country they are from.
- **State Speech**—The board recognized to junior Nick Suardi (Section 4A Champion in Discussion), senior Phoebe O'Brien (2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Creative Expression) and senior Amanda Hudinsky (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Extemporaneous Reading) for advancing to the state speech competition on April 20.
- **Destination ImagiNation**—The Board recognized the Destination ImagiNation group of middle level students entitled "The Pretenders" competed at the state DI competition on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and placed third. Members of The Pretenders are: Graham Paatela, Neil Weiss, Claire Patzner, Luke Patzner, Joseph Seymour, Jack Cady and Edison King.
- **KSTEM News**—The Board acknowledged the following 8th grade students for participating and developing the new KSTEM News--Bailey Bakkelund, Chloe Beck, Nicholas Dery, Nick Hedner, CJ Hoffman, Matthew Hoyt, Taylor Johnson, Adam Karvonen, Jimmy Monssen, Lauren Paatela and Hayden Roehl. It is an additional opportunity being offered to EXCEL students during Rocket Block, under the guidance and expertise of Jamie Madson and Amy Denneson.
- **REAMS School Store**--Jade Ellis and Renee Mottet, fifth grade students, were recognized for working so hard to create a school store at REAMS.
- **Perpich Youth Cinema Festival**—The Board congratulated ninth grader Emily Eberspacher for being selected to participate in the first annual Perpich Youth Cinema Festival held April 14. This showcase featured work from youth media makers throughout Minnesota. Emily submitted her Docu-memory theme video. The categories included animation, experimental, narrative, documentary, music video, and PSA.

### **Public Comments**

Greenfield resident Tom Cook spoke to the board about the February bond referendum.

### **Consent Items**

Grimm motioned, seconded by Tryon, to approve the following consent items:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting- March 19, 2012  
Personnel:
  1. Mark Monfils, hire as Theatrical Director for Fall 2012 Musical.
  2. Allison Rothstein, resignation as secondary English teacher, effective at the end of the 2011-12 contract year.
  3. Cathy Jones, resignation as media center assistant, effective June 8, 2012.

4. Jan Lemmage, resignation/retirement as elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2011-12 contract year.
  5. Jackie Nelson, resignation/retirement as elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2011-12 contract year.
- Bills and Wire Transfers:
 

General Fund	\$	338,358.29
Food Service	\$	76,625.75
Community Services	\$	32,911.88
Debt Service	\$	00.00
Agency Fund	\$	10,111.30
Total	\$	458,007.22

Wire Transfers totaling \$ 400,000
  - Open Enrollments
    1. Student in Grade 7, open enrolled to ISD 279
    2. Student in Grade 2, open enrolled to ISD 279
    3. Student in Grade K, open enrolled to ISD 279
    4. Student in Grade 5, open enrolled to ISD 279
    5. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled to ISD 877
    6. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 877
    7. Student in Grade 11, open enrolled to ISD 877
    8. Student in Grade 5, open enrolled to ISD 879
    9. Student in Grade K, open enrolled to ISD 276
    10. Student in Grade 4, open enrolled to ISD 278
    11. Student in Grade K open enrolled to ISD 278
    12. Student in Grade K, open enrolled to ISD 278
    13. Student in Grade K, open enrolled to ISD 278
    14. Student in Grade 11, open enrolled to ISD 284
    15. Student in Grade 11, open enrolled to ISD 284
    16. Student in Grade 11 open enrolled to ISD 284
    17. Student in Grade 12, open enrolled to ISD 284
    18. Student in Grade 12, open enrolled to ISD 284
    19. Student in Grade 12, open enrolled to ISD 284
    20. Student in Grade 3, open enrolled to ISD 284
    21. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 284
    22. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled to ISD 284
    23. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled to ISD 284
    24. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled to ISD 284
    25. Student in Grade 11, open enrolled to ISD 284
    26. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 879
    27. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 879
    28. Student in Grade 5, open enrolled from ISD 877
    29. Student in Grade 2, open enrolled from ISD 879
    30. Student in Grade 1, open enrolled from ISD 879
  - Donations from E Tully, Kemps Nickels for Schools and Kwik Trip.
  - Approval of Non-aligned At-Will contracts for 2011-12 and 2012-13 for Jessica Peters, Heidi Loukusa, Kathy Ehlers, Sara Pepin, Paula Wanous, Stephanie Grover, Tiffany Nelson Reinhard, Sandy Strozyk, Ave Beaupre, and for 2012-13 contract year for Colette Viquez, Andrew Lunceford, Lanae DesMarais, Lindsey Eichenlaub, Dan Madson, Maureen Mullen, and John Engel.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Fiscal Responsibility**

Jeff Sealy of Ehlers and Associates spoke and gave a handout to the Board regarding the Sale Report for the \$2,645,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A.

Member Tryon introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE, DETERMINING THE FORM AND DETAILS,  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY, AND REGISTRATION,  
AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF  
GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012A**

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

and the following voted against the same: None  
whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

### **High Student Achievement**

Education consultant Gary Woodward gave a report to the board that analyzed the district's special education needs; the relationship between special education and general education programs; trends in special education including cost; placement rates; program goals; as well as recommendations for improvement. The research tools included staff surveys and personal interviews. He gave his findings and improvement options in various areas. Administration has already started implementing some of the suggested improvements.

Principal Petersmeyer updated the board on the MCA testing, NWEA-MAP testing, upcoming second grade spotlight concert, superintendent and student forum, Deep Portage Lock-In, Arts and Academic Night, Mother's Day Tea and Grandparents Day.

Principal Flanary reported on the Best Prep's new eMentors program, the new RMS-CES Green crew, the new KSTEM news program, the Gardening Club, and rehearsal for Seussical the Musical.

Principal Jensen gave a report on the RHS Speech team, the second trimester honor roll, Academic All-Stars, large group choir contest, and upcoming parent-teacher conferences and Prom.

Director of Teaching and Learning Ave Beaupre gave report on the assessment schedules, Civil Rights Audit review and QComp review.

Superintendent Durand gave a report on the various meetings, school events, student forum, staff meetings, area superintendent's meetings, RMS-CES Magnet Review, RMS-CES Arts and Academics Showcase, Corcoran City administrator meeting, Kindergarten Round Up, 12 on Tuesday meetings, Rockford-Greenfield Chamber of Commerce banquet, transportation meeting, legislative conferences, copyright/trademark meeting, Highway 55 Project meeting, student enrollment, TIES Technology Leadership Conference and upcoming events.

Community Education Director Flanary reported on the advisory council meetings, summer brochure, new logo and new theme of Intergenerational Programs.

### **Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment**

Abrahamson motioned to continue the STAR Award, seconded by Grimm, this year as presented. Ted Botten, Peter Grimm and Kris Abrahamson will be the boards STAR Award Selection Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Abrahamson motioned, seconded by Tryon, to continue the Educational Support Staff Recognition Event sponsored by Resource Training and Solutions. Final names will be given to the board selection committee by May 4, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Fiscal Responsibility**

Business Manager Strozyk gave updates to the board on the treasurer's report, business office, SHIP meeting and Healthy Initiative Committee, food service department and transportation department.

Abrahamson motioned to accept the first and final reading of Policy 705.1R Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy as presented. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grimm motioned to approve the proposed 2012-13 budget as presented. Tryon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the revised 2011-12 district budget as presented. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Grimm motioned to approve the food service bid for three years (2012-13 through 2014-15) to Taher, Inc. as presented with the possibility of extending for another two years. The paperwork will be submitted to the MDE Child Nutrition Department for their approval. Abrahamson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the audit proposal for the fiscal year ending June 2012 to CliftonLarsonAllen as presented. Tryon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Efficient and Effective Operations**

Abrahamson motioned to hold the final reading and approve the Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy 524R. Grimm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The individual board members gave reports on their committee assignments.

#### **Announcements**

There will be a work session and business meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012 at 6:30 PM in Rockford Middle School Board Room.

Tryon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM, seconded by Abrahamson. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Ehlers  
Recorder

Chuck Tryon  
Clerk