



**Independent School District #883  
Regular School Board Meeting  
March 19, 2012**

Chair Botten called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Anderson, Botten, Grimm, Smith and Tryon were present. Member Abrahamson arrived at 6:33 pm. Also present were Principals Ryan Jensen, Marie Flanary, and Brenda Petersmeyer, Activities Director Glenn Klaphake, Business Manager Sandy Strozyk and Superintendent Paul Durand.

Tryon motioned to approve the amended agenda, with the addition of two personnel items. Grimm seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition**

- **RMS History Day Showcase**—The Board recognized the seventh grade staff, specialists, paraprofessional staff and the District EXCEL Coordinator for a successful History Day event at Rockford Middle School on February 28th, 2012. Seventeen students had the opportunity to advance to the regional competition on March 17th, 2012 in St. Cloud. EXCEL Coordinator Amy Denneson introduced seventh grade students, Alex Wanous, Parker Johnson and Max Milow, who demonstrated their History Day presentations to the Board.
- **Destination Imagination**—The Board congratulated the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Destination Imagination team--The Reeck Squad—for placing 1<sup>st</sup> at the Glencoe-Silver Lake Regional tournament on March 10 for their wooden structure and humorous carnival skit. They will be advancing to the state tournament on April 14. The team members are Manager Tucker Reeck, Emily Eberspacher, Clayton Horn, Annika Jensen, Nathan Schumacher, Rachel Smith, Robert Bloom and Nick Klonne.
- **REAMS Math and Reading Night**—Teachers Tamara Hedeem and Samantha Heitke were recognized for organizing a wonderful math and reading family night at REAMS in February.
- **Launching Pad Preschool**—The Launching Pad Preschool staff were recognized for hosting a welcoming 2012-13 Registration Kick-Off and Open House on February 16th. The event was well-attended and registration numbers increased from last year.

**Public Comments**

Greenfield resident Chuck Alcon spoke on the recent bond election.

**Consent Items**

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting-February 13, 2012
- Corrected Minutes of the Work Session-February 27, 2012

Personnel:

1. Patti Mernin, resignation at Paraprofessional, effective 3-1-12
2. Coaches-Jonathan Rau hire as 7th Grade Baseball Coach; Laura Nelson hire as MS Track Coach; Kirsten Larson hire as Head Girls Golf Coach.
3. Marie Flanary, resignation/retirement as RMS Principal/RAC Community Education Director, effective June 30, 2012.
4. Ave Beaupre, resignation/retirement as Director of Teaching and Learning, effective June 30, 2012.

- Bills and Wire Transfers:
 

General Fund	\$	508,616.43
Food Service	\$	60,708.78
Community Services	\$	16,234.37
Debt Service	\$	75.04
Agency Fund	\$	5,674.08
Total	\$	591,308.70

 Wire Transfers totaling \$ 400,000
  - Open Enrollments
    1. Student in Grade 8, open enrolled to ISD 879
    2. Student in Grade 6, open enrolled to ISD 879
    3. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 278
    4. Student in Grade 11, open enrolled to ISD 278
    5. Student in Grade 4, open enrolled to ISD 278
    6. Student in Grade K, open enrolled from ISD 877
    7. Student in Grade K, open enrolled from ISD 284
    8. Student in Grade 8, open enrolled from ISD 877
    9. Student in Grade 12, open enrolled from ISD 877
  - Donations from Hanover Athletic Association, Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, Coborns, Alerus Financial, and R Meuwissen.
  - Agreement with University of Wisconsin-River Falls for Clinical/Field Education Program
- Motion passed unanimously.

### **High Student Achievement**

Principal Jensen gave a report on the 2012-13 course registration process, end of 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester, upcoming MCA math test preparations, and upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences.

Principal Petersmeyer updated the board on February “I Love to Read” month, Fifth Grade Spotlight Concert, Claus Robinson Day, upcoming Kindergarten Roundup, Celebration of Young Musicians, and Second Grade Spotlight concert.

Principal Flanary reported the seventh grade History Day Regional Competition, the March 20 Arts and Academics Night, and NWSISD Magnet Program Evaluation. She thanked Christa Larson and Lindsey Eichenlaub for their work putting together the Community Expo, as well as the middle school staff, principals, district office and all the staff who helped.

Director of Teaching and Learning Ave Beaupre gave report on the upcoming elementary and middle school assessment system and schedules.

Superintendent Durand gave a report on the various meetings, Scholia meeting, school events, student forum, staff meetings, Rockford-Greenfield Chamber of Commerce meeting, area superintendent’s meetings, legislative meetings and upcoming events.

Activities Director Glenn Klaphake updated the Board on Rocket Shout Outs, CMC Speech meet held today at Rockford, Activities meetings, upcoming events, dates for first home spring events, various programs, summer project planning and spring coaches.

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

Business Manager Strozyk updated the board the student enrollment and projections.

Abrahamson motioned, seconded by Tryon, to authorize a Study of Voter Preferences regarding Building Maintenance, Technology, and Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Fiscal Responsibility**

Business Manager Strozyk updated the board on the treasurer's report, insurance meeting update, business office, building and grounds department, technology department, food service bid, transportation department and recycling program.

Grimm motioned to accept the lawn bid of West Metro as presented. Abrahamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the 2012-13 NWSISD Integration Budget as presented. Tryon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Abrahamson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL  
BUILDING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012A; AND COVENANTING AND  
OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF  
MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF  
THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THESE BONDS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 883, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Bond Authorization. The School Board has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A (the Bonds), to refund certain maturities of the District's \$6,280,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, dated September 17, 2002.
2. Sale. The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc. (Ehlers) in Roseville, Minnesota, as its independent financial advisor for the Bonds. Ehlers is authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9). If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, the School Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Official Statement to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the Bonds.
3. Official Statement; Negotiation of Sale. Ehlers is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.
4. Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the "Bonds" and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.  
(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Management and Budget and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise

to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

The motion for 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  
whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The Board held a first reading of the following policy:

524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

Action will take place at the April regular meeting.

The individual board members gave reports on their committee assignments.

### **Announcements**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:30 PM in Rockford Middle School Board Room.

Abrahamson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM, seconded by Tryon. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Ehlers  
Recorder

Chuck Tryon  
Clerk