



**Independent School District #883
Regular School Board Meeting
December 19, 2011**

Chair Botten called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members Abrahamson, Anderson Botten, Grimm, and Tryon were present. Member Smith arrived at 6:20 pm. Also present were Principals Ryan Jensen, Marie Flanary, and Brenda Petersmeyer, Director of Teaching and Learning Ave Beaupre, Business Manager Sandy Strozyk and Superintendent Paul Durand.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the amended agenda, moving the audit presentation after the Consent Agenda hearing. Tryon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Student Emily Mittelsteadt and instructor Julie Merila gave a presentation on the new online journalism initiative, called The Rockford File.

Chair Botten went into recessed into the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:33 pm.

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Business Manager Sandy Strozyk presented a PowerPoint that included the following information—purpose, review of the 2011-12 budget, and proposed tax levy for 2012.

Chair Botten reconvened the regular meeting at 6:48 pm.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Items

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

- Amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting-November 21, 2011
- Personnel:
 1. Amanda Smithers, resignation as Preschool Teacher
 2. Charlie Bemis, hire as 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 3. Approval of 1.0 FTE Community Activities Coordinator position
 4. Lindsey Eichenlaub, hire as Community Activities Coordinator
- Bills and Wire Transfers:

General Fund	\$	441,739.48
Food Service	\$	65,339.18
Community Services	\$	18,394.49
Debt Service	\$	175.07
Agency Fund	\$	17,599.65
Total	\$	543,247.87
Wire Transfers totaling	\$	750,000
- Open Enrollments
 1. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled from ISD 284
 2. Student in Grade K, open enrolled from ISD 877
 3. Student in Grade 4, open enrolled from ISD 877
 4. Student in Grade 1, open enrolled from ISD 877
 5. Student in Grade 3, open enrolled from ISD 877

6. Student in Grade 2, open enrolled from ISD 877
 7. Student in Grade K, open enrolled from ISD 877
 8. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled from ISD 286
 9. Student in Grade 1, open enrolled from ISD 286
 10. Student in Grade 12, open enrolled from ISD 879
 11. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled from ISD 879
- Donations from C Moldenhauer and B.I. Worldwide.
 - Approval of 2012 Grade 6 Deep Portage Trip, October 1-3, 2012
 - Approval of Health Coverage Amendment in Superintendent's Contract

Motion passed unanimously.

High Student Achievement

Principal Jensen gave a report on the LINK program, the ASVAB test results, new course proposals, master schedule training and winter break.

Fiscal Responsibility

Dennis Hoogeveen from Larson-Allen gave a presentation of the 2010-2011 audit report. They gave the district a clean, unqualified opinion with no findings.

High Student Achievement

Principal Petersmeyer updated the board on the upcoming preschool/Kindergarten Festival, the Kindness Council, the AYP team, the third grade Spotlight on the Arts and the Kindergarten Program.

Principal Flanary reported on the staff environmental and outdoor education training, journaling workshop, and new English-Language Arts Anchor Standards. The middle school staff is planning to do a presentation at the January 30 work session.

Director of Teaching and Learning Beaupre reported on elementary math adoption, writing teams meetings, and grant programs, including the Minnesota Reading Corp.

Superintendent Durand updated the Board on the various meetings, school events, area superintendent's meetings, negotiations, legislative meetings, Wright Technical Center visit, NWSISD meeting, Storyteller meeting, Equestrian Club, Crow River Christmas event, Mothers of Preschoolers group, Senator Franken Listening Session, and upcoming events.

Community Education Director Flanary updated the Board on the Holiday Expo event, Winter/Spring brochure, the upcoming Senior Citizen luncheon and Advisory Council meetings.

Director of Teaching and Learning Beaupre gave a summary of the District and School AYP Improvement plans. She is the Local Education Agency representative.

Abrahamson motioned to approve to participate in a pilot study on fractions in third grade through the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Grimm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal Petersmeyer represented the speech that a fifth grade student who spoke at the Veterans Day and visit from his veteran dad.

Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment

Business Manager Strozyk gave an update and projections on student enrollment.

Fiscal Responsibility

Business Manager Strozyk reported on the treasurer's report, business office updates, and building and grounds.

Abrahamson motioned to accept the 2010-11 audit as presented. Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tryon motioned to approve the 2012 payable levy as presented. Abrahamson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Grimm motioned to approve the 2011-13 Education Minnesota-Rockford Master Agreement as presented. Abrahamson seconded. Superintendent Durand read an email from the EM-R union president stating the positive work in the negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the 2011-14 SEIU 284 Master Agreement as presented. Smith seconded. Superintendent Durand mentioned comments from SEIU 284 members of the bargaining unit. Motion passed unanimously.

Efficient and Effective Operations

Abrahamson motioned to accept the Minnesota Department of Education Review and Comment as presented. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Abrahamson moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BALLOT BOARD

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

1. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the Board hereby establishes a ballot board to process, accept and reject absentee ballots at school district elections not held in conjunction with the state primary or state general election or that are conducted by a municipality on behalf of the school district and generally to carry out the duties of a ballot board as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.127 and other applicable laws.
2. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots. The ballot board may include school district staff trained as election judges.
3. The clerk or the clerk's designee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the members of the ballot board. The clerk or the clerk's designee shall establish, maintain and update a roster of members appointed to and currently serving on the ballot board and shall report to the Board from time to time as to its status.
4. Each member of the ballot board shall be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during an election at the same rate as other election judges; provided, however, if a staff member is already being compensated for regular duties, additional compensation shall not be paid for ballot board duties performed during that staff member's duty day.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Smith.

On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Abrahamson, Anderson, Botten, Grimm, Smith and Tryon
and the following voted against: None
whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Abrahamson moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES
FOR THE FEBRUARY 21, 2012 SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

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

1. The individuals specified on EXHIBIT A attached hereto, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election for the school district's special election on February 21, 2012, to act as such at the combined polling place listed on said exhibit.

2. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast, and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Anderson.
On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Abrahamson, Anderson, Botten, Grimm, Smith and Tryon
and the following voted against: None
whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Abrahamson motioned, seconded by Tryon, to accept the first and final reading of the following policies.

- 613R Graduation Requirements
- 618R Assessment of Student Achievement
- 620R Credit for Learning
- 624 Online Learning Options
- Non-Substantive Changes
 - 603 Curriculum Development
 - 614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure
 - 615 Testing Accommodations, Modifications and exemptions for IEP's, Section 504 Plans and LEP Students
 - 616 School District System Accountability
 - 617 School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards
 - 619 Staff Development for Standards

Motion carried unanimously.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the agreement between Hennepin County, City of Rockford, and School District for Election Equipment as presented. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The individual board members gave reports on their committee assignments.

Announcements

There will be an organizational meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the school board room.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:30 PM in Rockford Middle School board room.

Abrahamson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM, seconded by Tryon. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Ehlers
Recorder

Chuck Tryon
Clerk