



**Independent School District #883
Regular School Board Meeting
November 21, 2011**

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

Abrahamson motioned to approve the agenda. Tryon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

- **Teacher Receiving Tenure-** Polly Trandahl was recognized for receiving tenure this school year.
- **ExCEL Winners**—The board recognized juniors Carissa Aarsvold and Ben Arens for being named this year's ExCEL Award winners.
- **Marching Band Concert**—The board thanked Director Jerald Ferdig for organizing a great indoor marching band concert on November 10. Superintendent Durand also recognized the cheerleaders who are also part of the band program. Other student athletes were recognized at the concert.
- **National Merit Program**—Senior Stormy Sorvaag was recognized for being a commended scholar in the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- **Environmental and Outdoor Education Integration Grant**--The board recognized Beth Russell, Communications and Curriculum Integration Specialist for her outstanding work with writing the Minnesota Department of Education Environmental and Outdoor Education Integration Grant. Ms. Russell worked with Karla Fawbusch, grant consultant, and former Northwest Suburban Integration School District program specialist. Their work resulted in a \$5,000 grant for staff development opportunities for RMS-CES staff.
- **Veteran's Day Student Speakers**--The board recognized fifth graders Jade Ellis and Chris Woida who gave speeches during the REAMS Veterans Day Program.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Items

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

- Amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting-October 17, 2011
- Personnel:
 1. Barb Northway, resignation as Rockford Community Center Director/RCE Assistant Director
 2. Amy Denneson, hire as .51 Assistant Principal/.49 Gifted and Talented Coordinator, effective 11/21/11
 3. Rachel Ennen, hire as Assistant Gymnastics Coach
 4. Add 0.5 Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach position
 5. Convert the MS Golf Coach position to Varsity Assistant Coach
- Bills and Wire Transfers:

General Fund	\$	514,604.14
Food Service	\$	143,559.08
Community Services	\$	41,884.72
Debt Service	\$	0.00

Agency Fund	\$	18,480.69
Total	\$	718,528.63
Wire Transfers totaling	\$	500,000

- Open Enrollments
 1. Student in Grade 11, open enrolled to ISD 879
 2. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled to ISD 879
 3. Student in Grade 6, open enrolled to ISD 879
 4. Student in Grade 3, open enrolled to ISD 278
 5. Student in Grade 8, open enrolled to ISD 278
 6. Student in Grade 12, open enrolled to ISD 284
 7. Student in Grade 1, open enrolled from ISD 877
 8. Student in Grade preK, open enrolled from ISD 877
 9. Student in Grade 12, open enrolled from ISD 877
 10. Student in Grade 1, open enrolled from ISD 877
 11. Student in Grade 1, open enrolled from ISD 877
 12. Student in Grade K, open enrolled from ISD 877
 13. Student in Grade K, open enrolled from ISD 877
 14. Student in Grade K, open enrolled from ISD 877
 15. Student in Grade 8, open enrolled from ISD 877
 16. Student in Grade 6, open enrolled from ISD 877
 17. Student in Grade 1, open enrolled from ISD 276
 18. Student in Grade K, open enrolled from ISD 877
 19. Student in Grade 4, open enrolled from ISD 279
 20. Student in Grade 6, open enrolled from ISD 877
 21. Student in Grade 4, open enrolled from ISD 877
 22. Student in Grade 4, open enrolled from ISD 879
 23. Student in Grade 2, open enrolled from ISD 879
 24. Student in Grade K, open enrolled from ISD 879
 25. Student in Grade 1, open enrolled from ISD 877
- Donations from Hanover Athletic Association, Loretto Lions Club, Target Take Charge of Education, R & S Melgard, Anonymous, Coborns, Alerus Financial-Refer a Friend, Wells Fargo Community Support Program, Wells Fargo Foundation, L & C Winter, and R & P Durand.
- Approval of SEIU 284 and EM-R Seniority Lists

Motion passed unanimously.

High Student Achievement

Principal Petersmeyer updated the board on the fourth grade Kindness Retreat, Kindness Council, Kindness Project, fourth grade Spotlight Concert, Veterans Day program, American Education Week, Family Fun Nights, and fourth and fifth grade Lock-In fundraiser for Deep Portage.

Principal Jensen gave a report on Academic Recognition Breakfast, high school parent-teacher conferences, PLAN and ASVAB tests, and upcoming college panel presentations and 2012-13 course offerings.

Principal Flanary reported on the MDE Environmental and Outdoor Education grant, School Forest program, Veterans Day program, , Deep Portage Parent Information meeting, Courage Retreat, Continental Mathematics League, EXCEL program and November 22 Turkey Trot, upcoming RMS Band Concert. She will give a report on her China Bridge experience at the December board meeting.

Director of Teaching and Learning Beaupre reported on staff development, QComp program, EXCEL program, curriculum, Title 1 report, AYP District and School Improvement Plans, and assessments.

Superintendent Durand thanked South Crow River News reporter Linda Herkenhoff for her work on school news. He also gave a report on contractual obligations, and updated the Board on the various meetings, school events, area superintendent's meetings, LEEA Award winners, 4 Community Theatre group meeting, Best Prep Educational Meeting, student forum, Twelve on Tuesday meetings, staff roundtables, Rockee children's book meeting, Education Foundation event and upcoming events.

Activities Director Glenn Klaphake updated the board on the student activities interest survey, visual arts program, participation numbers, grants applied for, conference affiliation review, websites, signage, Rockford Area Collaborative Effort group work, winter program staffing, and ExCEL Award nominees.

Superintendent Durand informed the board of our special education program review that is occurring with the help of a consultant. A written summary will be available upon completion.

Superintendent Durand updated the board on the new EXCEL gifted and talented program. Director of Teaching and Learning Beaupre informed the board on participation numbers and curriculum practices.

Abrahamson motioned to approve a 1.0 FTE additional position for gifted and talented programming. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment

Fiscal Responsibility

Business Manager Strozyk reported on the treasurer's report, business office updates, marquee brick sales, staff variety show on February 4, building and grounds, technology, and transportation.

Business Manager Strozyk gave a report on the amended 2010-11 Budget and 2011-12 Budget Revisions. Auditors from Larson Allen will be attending the December meeting. Approval of 2011-12 Budget Revisions will take place at the December regular meeting.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the health insurance proposal as presented from Medica, to renew the dental insurance proposal as presented from Delta Dental and to renew the Life/Long Term Disability insurance proposal as presented from Lincoln. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Efficient and Effective Operations

The Board reviewed the 2010-11 Community Education Report.

Abrahamson motioned to approve 2012-13 academic calendar as presented. Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed changes to the following policies. Action will take place at the December regular meeting.

- 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

The individual board members gave reports on their committee assignments.

Announcements

There will be an Area School District's Legislative Forum on November 29, 2011 at 7 PM in Buffalo. School district invited included Dassel-Cokato, Becker, Litchfield, St. Michael-Albertville and Buffalo.

The Board cancelled the School Board Work Session on Monday, December 5, 2011.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011 at Rockford Middle School. The Board changed the start time of the meeting to 6:00 PM with Truth in Taxation hearing portion starting at 6:30 PM.

Chair Botten called for a recess from 8:45 until 8:51 PM. A closed session was called at 8:51 PM for the purpose of discussing EM-R negotiations proposal.

Chair Botten reopened the meeting at 9:59 PM and stated that the board discussed the EM-R negotiations proposal.

Abrahamson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM, seconded by Tryon. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Ehlers
Recorder

Chuck Tryon
Clerk