

**Independent School District #883
Regular School Board Meeting
August 22, 2011**

Chair Botten called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Members Anderson, Abrahamson, Botten, Grimm, Tryon and Smith was present. 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.

Tryon motioned to approve amended agenda with the addition under High Student Achievement of additional staffing and move the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office after Consent. Grimm seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

- **Science-Jason Hester.** The Board recognizes Jason Hester for all his work with his biology students. The high school's MCA II science scores rose by 16% over last year.
- **District Maintenance Team.** The Board thanked the district maintenance team for their work preparing the buildings for the new school year. They are doing a wonderful job in the buildings.
- **Rockford River Days Parade.** The district had a great showing in the recent River Days Parade, including the RHS Marching Band, Rocket Boosters, Rockford Education Foundation, and our own Rockee and district float. The Board recognized these groups as well as board members and staff who participated in the parade.
- **Science-Jacinta Schelonka.** The Board recognized Rockford Middle School science teacher, Jacinta Schelonka, for participating in a recent program, sponsored by 3M, called Teacher's Working in Science and Technology (TWIST). She will bring the real-world science applications back to the classroom this fall.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Items

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting-July 18, 2011
- Personnel:
 1. Heather Sorenson, resignation as preschool teacher, effective immediately.
 2. Lynn Novitsky, hire as 0.5 FTE Speech Pathologist, BA +30, Step 7.
 3. Darren Eliason, approval of medical leave, as per request.
 4. Glenn Klaphake, hire as assistant principal/activities director
 5. Christopher Zetah, hire as technician
 6. Andrew Lunceford, hire as technician
 7. Fall Coaches-C Squad Girls Soccer-Randy Griffith; Assistant Girls Soccer-Abbey Maus
 8. Traci Moore, hire as Q-Comp Advisor
- Bills and Wire Transfers:

General Fund	\$	570,417.38
Food Service	\$	5,867.72
Community Services	\$	9,859.05
Debt Service	\$	1,350.00
Agency Fund	\$	5,451.07
Total	\$	592,945.22
Wire Transfers totaling	\$	1,571,215.40

- Open Enrollments
 1. Student in Grade 6, open enrolled to ISD 877
 2. Student in Grade K, open enrolled to ISD 877
 3. Student in Grade K open enrolled to ISD 279
 4. Student in Grade K, open enrolled to ISD 279
 5. Student in Grade 3, open enrolled to ISD 279
 6. Student in Grade 7, open enrolled to ISD 279
 7. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 279
 8. Student in Grade 12 open enrolled to ISD 279
 9. Student in Grade 6, open enrolled to ISD 877
 10. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled from ISD 879
 11. Student in Grade 6, open enrolled from ISD 879
 12. Student in Grade 2 open enrolled from ISD 879
 13. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled from ISD 877
 14. Student in Grade 1, open enrolled from ISD 885
 15. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled from ISD 877
 16. Student in Grade 1 open enrolled from ISD 877
 17. Student in Grade 4, open enrolled from ISD 877
 18. Student in Grade 8 open enrolled from ISD 272
 19. Student in Grade 5, open enrolled from ISD 272
 - Donations from Rocket Boosters, C Beasecker and ISD 883 Education Foundation.
 - Approval of the Amended 2010-12 Principals Agreement

Motion passed unanimously.

Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment

Hennepin County Sheriff's Sergeant Dale Schoenbauer updated the Board on the 2010-11 School Resource Officer program and SRO Dave Kolar's work at the school.

High Student Achievement

Principal Petersmeyer updated the board on the elementary school's summer staff training and workshops, math pilot program, and the upcoming open house.

Principal Flanary reported on the progress at the middle school with staff training, workshops and landscaping projects, adopt-a-plant program and the upcoming orientations for all grades.

Principal Jensen gave a report on the ACT profile report, AVID site-training, upcoming first day of classes schedule and upcoming open house. He also spoke about the high school master schedule completion, the number of foreign exchange students attending school this year and an update on the Wright Technical College. The Board directed the principal to bring for review a summary of Senior Survey results from the spring of 2011 at the next meeting.

Director of Teaching and Learning Beaupre reported on staff training and workshops, school orientations and open house schedules, staff opening day schedule and training, new employee orientation, mentor-mentee program and science results.

The Board reviewed a draft of the Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement. Action will take place at the September 19 regular meeting.

Superintendent Durand updated the board on the various meetings, school events, interviews, Q-Comp work, community parades, legal update conference, NorthWest Suburban Integration School District updates and upcoming board retreat and events.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the additional staffing as presented:

- Additional Seventh and Eighth Grade Football Coach
- Increase Elementary Art position to 1.0 FTE (an increase of 0.24 FTE)
- Add 1.0 FTE Science/Agriculture Focus Instructor for our middle and high schools.

Tryon seconded. Motioned carried unanimously. The Board requested a job description to be brought forth once it is developed.

Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment

The Board reviewed the student enrollment numbers.

Fiscal Responsibility

Business Manager Strozyk reported on business office updates, building and grounds, technology and the marquee brick sales.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the Amended Fee Summary, including the student padlock fee of \$5.00, as presented. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Abrahamson introduced the following resolution, as presented, and moved its adoption:

Resolution Approving Fund Transfer

The transfer would be from debt service to general fund to be approximately \$240,000. The exact amount will be determined at a future date.

The motion of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Grimm 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.

Anderson motioned to approve the 403B bids from the following, as presented:

- ING
- Great West
- Valic

Grimm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Abrahamson motioned to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Education Minnesota-Rockford regarding the 403B plan. Grimm seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Efficient and Effective Operations

Grimm motioned to approve the first and final readings of the following policy changes.

- 202 School Board Officers
- 203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda
- 205 Open Meetings and Closed Meeting
- 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings
- 207 Public Hearings
- 208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies
- 209 Code of Ethics
- 214 Out-of-State Travel By School Board Members.

Non-Substantive Changes

- 201 Legal Status of the School Board
- 203 Operation of the School Board-Governing Rules

Abrahamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The individual board members gave reports on their committee assignments.

Superintendent Durand updated the board on the district website conversion and the superintendent intern.

The Board requested information on the potential advertising on locker bays.

Announcements

The Board will hold a special Board Retreat on August 27, 2011, from 8 AM to 12 PM, in Maple Plain.

There will be a special Board work session on September 12, 2011, at 5 PM, at Rockford Middle School in the Board Room.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2011, 6:30 PM, Rockford Middle School.

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

Kathy Ehlers
Recorder

Chuck Tryon
Clerk