

**Independent School District #883  
Regular School Board Meeting  
July 18, 2011**

Chair Botten called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Members, Anderson, Botten, Grimm, Tryon and Smith was present. Member Abrahamson was absent. Also present were Technology Director John Engel, Business Manager Sandy Strozyk and Superintendent Paul Durand.

The board had a moment of silence in honor of Lance Corporal Robert Greniger, a 2009 Rockford High School Graduate.

Tryon motioned to approve agenda as presented. Grimm seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition**

- Fourth of July Parade--The Board recognized Rick Martinson, Sandy and Jimmy Strozyk, Paula Wanous, Kathy Ehlers, the parents, staff and student volunteers who participated in the Fourth of July Parade.
- Marquee—The Board recognized the Rockford Lions for their donation toward to new marquee and Barb Northway for her work for a new marquee.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Consent Items**

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

- Minutes:
  - Regular Meeting-June 21, 2011
- Personnel:
  1. Allison Rothstein, approval of child care leave, starting approximately October 11, 2011 through Tuesday, January 3, 2012, as per request.
  2. Carey Sang, approval of child care leave, starting approximately August 30, 2011 through October 24, 2011, as per request.
  3. Bonnie Wilts, approval of child care leave, starting at the beginning of the 2011-12 contract year through September 12, 2011, as per request.
  4. Marty Johnson, resignation as Varsity Girls Basketball Coach and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach.
  5. Joel Roelofs, resignation as Varsity Baseball Coach.
  6. Ashley Force, hire as elementary teacher, BA Step 2
  7. Jonathan Rau, hire as high school industrial technology teacher, BA+30 Step 2
  8. Lynn Novitsky, hire as 0.5 FTE Special Ed teacher, BA+30 Step 7
  9. Chas Billinge, hire as JV Boys Soccer Coach
  10. Morgan Miller, hire as JV Volleyball Coach
  11. Amy Sarne, hire as C-Squad Volleyball Coach
- Bills and Wire Transfers:

General Fund	\$	610,477.82
Food Service	\$	770.45
Community Services	\$	19,781.53
Debt Service	\$	00.00
Agency Fund	\$	26,728.70
Total	\$	657,758.50
Wire Transfers totaling	\$	1,169,971.00

- Open Enrollments
  1. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 879
  2. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 294
  3. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled to ISD 294
  4. Student in Grade 7, open enrolled to ISD 278
  5. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled to ISD 879
  6. Student in Grade 7 open enrolled from ISD 879
  7. Student in Grade 8, open enrolled from ISD 728
- Donations from C Beasecker and Corcoran Jaycees.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **High Student Achievement**

Community Education Director Marie Flanary gave a written update on Community Education class numbers, the Early Childhood Program, Galaxy Program and the Community Center.

Superintendent Durand updated the board on the various meetings, school events and conferences attended including the effects of the state shutdown, Brogan Communications, the Fourth of July Parade, Rockford Chamber of Commerce meeting, and upcoming events.

Anderson motioned to approve the District Staff Development Report as presented. Tryon seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

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

The Board tabled the discussion on school district name options and will review at a future date in the spring of 2012.

Director of Technology Engel and Administrative Assistant Kathy Ehlers gave a report on the website transition.

Superintendent Durand updated the board on the progress of landscaping projects in the district, including with the landscaping plans for the Rockford Middle School.

Business Manager Sandy Strozyk updated the board on the progress of marquee project.

### **Fiscal Responsibility**

Business Manager Strozyk gave the treasurer's report, and information on state shutdown, work compensation representation, business office updates, building and grounds, technology and building bond updates.

The Board discussed options for negotiations meetings with SEIU 284 and the board directed Business Manager Strozyk to propose some dates starting mid-August.

### **Efficient and Effective Operations**

Traci Moore, principle QComp writer for our district, gave an update on the Minnesota Department of Education approved, QComp Plan.

The Board reviewed 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  
Action will take place at the August regular meeting.

The Board discussed ideas and options for a board retreat. Chair Botten directed the board to give two ideas and possible date for August 27, 2011 in morning to Kathy Ehlers.

Smith motioned to schedule a work session on Monday, September 12, at 5:00 PM for the purpose to tour the buildings and discuss bond options. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Botten gave an update on the MSBA Delegate Assembly and discussed interest in being a representative. Members were asked to submit names to Superintendent Durand.

### **Announcements**

The MSBA Summer Seminar is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2011.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Individual Board members gave reports on their committee assignments.

Tryon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM, seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Ehlers  
Recorder

Chuck Tryon  
Clerk