



**Independent School District #883
Regular School Board Meeting
December 15, 2014**

Chair Botten called the regular meeting to order at 6:36 pm. Members Abrahamson, Anderson, Botten, Hall, Smith and Tryon were present. Also present were Principals Brenda Petersmeyer, Matthew Scheidler, and Amy Denneson, Director of Teaching and Learning Peter Grimm, Activities Director Dan Pratt, Business Manager Sandy Strozyk and Superintendent Paul Durand.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Business Manager Strozyk presented the annual Truth-in-Taxation Hearing PowerPoint, reviewing the 2014-15 budget, and final payable 2015 tax levy.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the final payable 2015 tax levy as presented. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

First Lego League—The Board recognized Rockee's Pit Crew for their performance in the First Lego League on December 7, where they finished fourth overall in the first year of participating. Team members are middle school students, Jonathon Herickhoff, Mason Kaul, Chris Woida, Ellie Davis, Dylan Dery, Christopher (CS) Cahill, Nathan Moe, and Marcus Sarkinen. Coach Mike Davis gave a demonstration.

Rock On!—Amy Sarne, Elise Werth, Betsy Pennuto, Samantha Heitke, Jen Stoa and Corina Sarsland were recognized for their work with Rock On!; an afterschool program that supports students in grades 5-8 in the areas of math and reading.

CE Instructor—Therese Zuppan was recognized for her work teaching community education fitness classes for 18 years and is leaving in January 2015. She was thanked for her dedication, personality, and fun yet exhilarating classes.

Facilities Coordinator—Melissa Joseph was recognized for her work as facilities coordinator and for being so easy to work with when trying to find space and in finding solutions to situations.

Fourth Grade Art Project--Visual arts teacher, Cheri Weber, was recognized for researching and collaborating with fourth grade students to create a future painting for the REAMS front office waiting area, entitled "Scatter Kindness".

RHS Counselor—Caitlin Usset was recognized for her work as the high school long term reserve counselor and for her diligence, care for students and staff, and focus during her time at Rockford.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Items

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting—November 19, 2014
- Personnel:
 1. Sandy Greve—hire as LT Substitute for Samantha Heitke
 2. Sapphire Spiralke—hire as assistant dance team coach
 3. Stephanie Grover—end of employment work agreement as SACC Coordinator
 4. Katie Curlew—end of employment work agreement as custodian
 5. Gina Nesenson—resignation as principals secretary
- Bills and Wire Transfers:

Fund 01 General Fund	\$	917,273.50
Fund 02 Food Service	\$	244,674.66
Fund 04 Community Services	\$	14,097.30
Fund 06 Debt Service	\$	783,389.03
Fund 07 Agency Fund	\$	00.00
Fund 21 Student Activities	\$	11,182.03
Fund 45 (PEB)	\$	0.00
Total	\$	1,970,616.52
Wire Transfers	\$	130,000.00
- Open Enrollments
 1. Student in Grade 4, open enrolled to ISD 879
 2. Student in Grade 2, open enrolled to ISD 879
 3. Student in Grade K, open enrolled to ISD 879
 4. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled from ISD 877
 5. Student in Grade 8, open enrolled from ISD 877
 6. Student in Grade 2, open enrolled from ISD 877
 7. Student in Grade 4, open enrolled from ISD 877
 8. Student in Grade 8, open enrolled from ISD 877
 9. Student in Grade 10, open enrolled from ISD 879
- Donations: Wells Fargo Community Support, C Guertin, C Beasecker, Morcon Construction/OTG.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Responsibility

Mary Reedy, of CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the 2013-14 audit report findings and a PowerPoint and stated the district findings.

Abrahamson motioned approved FY 2014 audit report as presented. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager Strozyk updated the Board on business office processes, buildings and grounds, technology department, food service department, and transportation department.

Superintendent Durand updated the Board on the Project Oversight Committee meeting and bond projects, including activities in planning and design, construction, financial items, and upcoming activities.

Chair Botten moved the Community Center Use item up on the agenda.

Efficient and Effective Operations

Facilities Coordinator Melissa Joseph presented proposals for community center use for students and staff, before and after school use, and the rental policy and reserving courts or space (noting the need for liability insurance and revised reservation hierarchy). The Board asked for similar procedures from area school districts. A final proposal and revised policy will be brought to the next regular meeting for board approval.

High Student Achievement

Principal Petersmeyer gave a report on the building study of the Hmong culture, and upcoming events.

Principal Denneson updated the Board on the First Lego League, visit by DNR Aquatic species expert, work with 4-H Program Coordinator and Optional Local Purpose Assessment and upcoming events.

Principal Scheidler recognized special education staff and Caitlin Usset, long-term reserve counselor, and gave a report on modified schedule, the Edina high school visit, handbook review, College & Career Readiness forum, and other upcoming events.

Director of Teaching and Learning Grimm updated the Board on the Professional Learning Board organization, OLPA testing and Career and Technical Education course audit.

Superintendent Durand updated the Board on the Scholia meeting, Wright County Legislative Forum, planning for this year's Rockee Book, RCE Holiday Expos, MAWSECO meetings and proposed joint powers agreement, housing developers/builders meetings, NWSISD Superintendent meeting, Best Prep Board meetings, SEE General Meetings, administrative meetings, and upcoming meetings and events.

Activities Director Pratt gave a report on winter sports, after school practices, leadership council, and extracurricular activities.

Efficient and Effective Operations

Superintendent Durand presented information on membership to the Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD). The item will be brought to the January meeting.

Tryon motioned to approve the 2015-16 academic calendar proposal 1 as presented. The first day of classes will be September 8, 2015 and the last day of classes will be June 9, 2016. Abrahamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The individual board members gave reports on their committee assignments.

Announcements

The organizational meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Heritage Room, located at the Rockford High School.

The annual MSBA Leadership Conference is scheduled for January 15 and 16, 2015.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Heritage Room.

Abrahamson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm, seconded by Tryon. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Ehlers
Recorder

Chuck Tryon
Clerk