

Independent School District 282
Regular School Board Meeting
HS/MS Media Center
April 17, 2007
MINUTES

Members Present: Rick Dunn; Jane Eckert; Dave Evans; Barry Kinsey; Leah Slye; and Mike Volna.

Staff Present: Superintendent Rod Thompson; School Board Secretary Susan Bodurtha; Director of Business Services Kristen Hoheisel; High School Principal Tom Keith; Middle School Principal Shirley Gregoire; Gifted & Talented Coordinator Louise Jankowski; Administrative Intern and HS Biology Teacher Wayne Terry; Director of Buildings & Grounds Doug Stahl; Wilshire Park Substitute Principal Kirsten Donohue.

Guests Present: Dr. Toni Johns of Intermediate District 916; Mr. Brett Roeman and Mr. Tom Laufenberg of McKinstry Essention; and Mr. Vaughn Dierks of Wold Architects & Engineers

1. The Regular Meeting of the St. Anthony-New Brighton School Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Mike Volna in the HS/MS Media Center.
2. After pointing out one addition to Item 9.2 (Consideration of Energy Efficiency Plan) related to financing, a motion was made by Eckert and seconded by Kinsey to approve the agenda. A vote was taken and the agenda was unanimously approved 6-0 (six voting in favor and none against), as amended.
3. Consideration of Minutes
 - 3.1 Approval of School Board Minutes A motion was made by Kinsey and seconded by Evans to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2007, Regular Meeting, as presented. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.
 - 3.2 Acceptance of ECFE/School Readiness Advisory Council Minutes A motion was made by Slye and seconded by Dunn to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2007, ECFE/School Readiness meeting, and minutes from the March 13, 2007, ECFE School Readiness meeting, as presented. In response to a question by Superintendent Thompson, board members agreed that in the future, acceptance of minutes of this and other school governing bodies (other than school board) could be considered part of the *Consent Agenda*. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. No one spoke during *Open Mike*.
5. *Good News* from district buildings was read by Rick Dunn and included:
 - Wilshire Park students and families had a great experience with the Earth Balloon program, organized by Science Teacher Gail Lusvardi and the Extended Learning: A Family Affair (ELAFA) organization. The event was also sponsored by SANBE.
 - Three Middle School advisories collected items to send to the Minnesota troops in Iraq and over four boxes of items were collected—all in an effort to help make their stay more comfortable. The students did a great job with this service project; all items went directly to Minnesota troops.
 - Junior Rose Tusa was listed as an Athlete of the Week in a recent edition of the Star Tribune for her excellent wins in softball.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 Intermediate District 916 Dr. Toni Johns, Special Education Director at Intermediate District 916, reviewed a report resulting from several months of research into ISD 282's Special Education program and services. The report included a review of services provided, trends and needs in ISD 282, and service recommendations including: 1) providing ESCE services on district campuses with a part-time teacher, 2) evaluate potential for developing Setting III services and possibly Setting IV services on district campuses, and 3) consider providing more social work services on a broader basis. Board members asked questions for clarification. Chair Volna thanked Dr. Johns for her report.
 - 6.2 IB Middle Years Program Update Middle School Principal Shirley Gregoire and Gifted & Talented Coordinator Louise Jankowski gave what was referred to as "a periodic update to the board" on progress to-date at St. Anthony Middle School with the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IB MYP). Both reported that the visit and program review by an IB

61 consultant in March had gone well as evidenced by comments on her positive impressions of
62 middle school staff. The update also included revised timelines and plans for accomplishment
63 of Phases II & III with final authorization of the IB MYP planned for June, 2009.

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65 6.3 Update on Visitors from Salo, Finland Administrative Intern and High School Biology
66 Teacher Wayne Terry reported to the board on plans for the May 14-22 visit of students and
67 faculty members from a school in Salo, Finland.

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69 7. The School Board took a Communication Break.

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71 8. A motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Evans, and unanimously approved to approve the
72 *Consent Agenda* including:

73 8.1 Personnel

74 Employ **John Heltunen** as assistant boys baseball coach at \$2,834 for the season, **Lamar Brendemuehl** as head
75 girls softball coach at \$3,906 for the season, **Amber Kading** as B Squad softball coach at \$2,554 for the season,
76 **Teri Lahr** as C-Squad softball coach at \$2,175 for the season, **Michael Hinton** as head boys golf coach at \$3,042
77 for the season, and **Emily Moreland** as assistant boys tennis coach at \$1,574 for the season.

78 Accept the resignations of **Tom Stodola**, physical education teacher at Wilshire Park, **Paul Dotter** 7th grade
79 English teacher, and **Jane P. Johnson** Wilshire Park Health Aide, all effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

80 Approve the .2 FTE leave of absence request of **Stephanie Forsland**, HS English teacher.

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82 8.2 Payment of Bills (interim and regular)

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84 Interim Bill (3/16/07)

85 General Fund	\$73,212.57
86 Food Services	15,355.25
87 Transportation	66,764.92
88 Community Services	4,552.33
89 Capital Expenditure	10,291.38
90 Debt Redemption	431.25
91 Trust Fund	500.00
92 Agency Fund	<u>63.65</u>
93 Total	\$171,171.35

84 Interim Bills (3/29/07)

85 General Fund	100,624.26
86 Food Services	11,838.76
87 Transportation	126.51
88 Community Services	13,550.58
89 Capital Expenditures	27,164.24
90 Trust Fund	500.00
91 Agency Fund	<u>3,077.70</u>
92 Total	\$156,882.05

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95 Regular Bills (4/11/07)

96 General Fund	\$92,749.58
97 Food Services	4,757.50
98 Transportation	72,685.32
99 Community Services Fund	8,575.24
100 Capital Expenditure	1,144.11
101 Trust Fund	500.00
102 Agency Fund	<u>5,725.85</u>
103 Total	\$186,137.60

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105 9. Old Business

106 9.1 Consideration of Final Contract with Wold Architects & Engineers A motion was made by Slye and
107 seconded by Eckert to approve the contract with Wold Architects & Engineers to provide referendum
108 planning, architectural, and engineering services to the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District, as
109 presented. After brief discussion and information from Superintendent Thompson that revisions were
110 still being reviewed, the motion and second were withdrawn with contract finalization postponed to the
111 May 1, 2007, school board meeting. Lead Architect Vaughn Dierks briefly spoke about next steps
112 related to referendum planning. Board members were asked to forward their recommendations of
113 individuals to serve on the planning committee to School Board Secretary Susan Bodurtha.

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115 9.2 a. Consideration of Energy Efficiency Plan of McKinstry Essention A motion was made by Eckert
116 and seconded by Kinsey to approve the plan proposed by McKinstry Essention for energy conservation
117 measures in St. Anthony-New Brighton School District, as presented. Brett Roeman and Tom
118 Laufenberg of McKinstry Essention were at the meeting to present the plan and answer questions. It was
119 confirmed that plans for the energy efficiency work would be coordinated with Wold Architects &
120 Engineers, and that research grants, particularly for the solar wall, will be sought as soon as the plan is
121 approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

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123 9.2 b. Consideration of Resolution Related to Lease-Purchase Financing of Energy Conservation
124 Program A motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Slye to approve the following resolution:

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126 BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of ISD 282, State of Minnesota, as follows:

- 127 1. The Board hereby finds and declares that it is necessary and expedient for ISD 282 (the District) to fund
128 the costs of the energy conservation project.
- 129 2. The District finds the Term Sheet provided by GE Capital Public Finance, Inc. acceptable.
- 130 3. The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now or hereafter established by the MDE
131 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized
132 to execute any applicable MDE forms.
- 133 4. The Board Chair, and/or Superintendent, and/or the Business Manager are hereby authorized to provide
134 the information requested in the term sheet and execute herein referenced tax-exempt lease
135 purchase financing with GE Capital Public Finance, Inc.

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137 It was explained that with board approval of the McKinstry Essention energy conservation plan (Item 9.2
138 a), it is necessary for the board to enter into an agreement to fund the costs of the project. It was further
139 pointed out that approval of the resolution starts the partnership for the district with GE Capital Public
140 Finance, Inc. to begin the financing process. The motion was unanimously approved.

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142 9.3 Consideration of Appointment of Owner's Representative A motion was made by Kinsey and
143 seconded by Eckert to approve the appointment of ICS Company as Owner's Representative for
144 upcoming project management of renovation/construction in ISD 282, contingent upon successful
145 negotiation of a contract for that service. Director of Buildings & Grounds Doug Stahl spoke in support
146 of the appointment and board members offered their approval, as well. The motion was unanimously
147 approved.

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149 9.4 First Reading of Revisions to 2007-08 School District Calendar Superintendent Thompson presented
150 a revised 2007-08 School District Calendar which had initially received tentative approval by the school
151 board in April, 2006. The only changes recommended were to add three early-release days (11:30 a.m.)
152 for staff development and training on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, Wednesday, November 21, 2007,
153 and Friday, February 15, 2008. Board members offered their opinions and positions on the proposed
154 addition and ended with consensus that the calendar would receive approval when the board gives final
155 consideration at the May 1st school board meeting.

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157 10. New Business

158 10.1 Consideration of Revisions to 2006-07 School District Budget A motion was made by Evans and
159 seconded by Slye to approve the revised 2006-07 School District Budget, as presented. The motion was
160 unanimously approved.

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162 10.2 Consideration of 2006-08 Food Services Master Agreement

163 a. A motion was made by Kinsey and seconded by Evans to ratify the 2006-08 employment contract
164 between ISD 282 and the Food Services Bargaining unit, as presented. Amongst the contract settlement
165 changes were a 2.25% increase each year on the salary schedule, addition of one holiday and one
166 personal leave day, and sun-setting of retiree insurance once the group is made whole on their TSA.
167 Board members thanked Kristen Hoheisel, Barry Kinsey, Dave Evans, and Rod Thompson for their work
168 on the negotiation team. The motion was unanimously approved.

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170 b. A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Dunn to approve the following resolution for
171 structural balance:

172 Whereas, School District 282 has an agreement with the School Service Employees, Local 284, (food
173 services bargaining unit) on a contract covering July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2008; and
174 Whereas, Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.749 (2002) requires a Board of Education to determine that
175 any collective bargaining agreement does not cause structural imbalance; and,
176 Whereas, the School Board has reviewed the budget impact of this agreement taking into account current
177 state aid formulas and reasonable and comprehensive projections of ongoing revenues and expenditures
178 for the period of agreement, a summary of which is included; and
179 Whereas, the attached calculations fulfill the disclosure and reporting requirements of said statute;
180 Now, therefore be it resolved, that the School Board of ISD 282 determines that the agreement with the
181 School Service Employees, Local 284 (food services bargaining unit) does not cause structural imbalance
182 of the School district's budget during the period of the agreement.

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184 The motion was unanimously approved.

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186 10.3 Consideration of Resignations

187 a. Consideration of Resignation/Retirement of Ginny Wilkinson, Elementary Teacher A motion was
188 made by Evans and seconded by Eckert to accept, with regret, the resignation/retirement of Ginny

189 Wilkinson, and thank her for 41 years of dedicated service to the students in the St. Anthony-New
190 Brighton School District. Board Member Eckert spoke of the “major impact” Ms. Wilkinson had had on
191 her son’s life. Member Dunn said “Ginny is a teacher who has laid a great foundation for many
192 students.” The motion was unanimously approved.

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194 b. Consideration of Resignation/Retirement of Barb Kolbe, Elementary Teacher A motion was made by
195 Slye and seconded by Dunn to accept, with regret, the resignation/retirement of Barb Kolbe, and thank
196 her for 39 years of dedicated service to the students in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District.
197 Board Member Leah Slye offered her appreciation for Ms. Kolbe “for setting the bar so high for her
198 students.” Board Member Barry Kinsey said, “Barb has had a huge impact on the lives of so many
199 students.” The motion was unanimously approved.

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201 11. Superintendent’s Report Superintendent Thompson highlighted his attendance, with Principal
202 Tom Keith, at the HS Knowledge Bowl State Tournament in Brainerd at which SAVHS took
203 First Place in the large school division. He also updated the board on the curriculum review
204 process, his recent positive meetings laying groundwork and procedures with the SAV Police
205 Department, a meeting with the Superintendent and Director of Business Services from
206 Roseville Schools regarding the food services budget, and the upcoming May 16th district-wide
207 retirement party.

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209 12. Board members reported on their meetings and activities since the last board meeting including
210 an AMSD Executive Board meeting, Middle School Play *Peter Pan*, MS band concert, contract
211 negotiations, Sister City meeting, MSHSL meeting, and WMEP meetings.

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213 13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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218 Susan Bodurtha, School Board Secretary

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ATTEST:

Barry Kinsey, School Board Clerk