

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday – December 3, 2012 6:30 P.M.**  
**High School Media Center**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jurek. Members present: Mike Horgen, Aaron Jurek, Mark Swanson, Phil Norgaard, Bryan Olson and Mark Lumley. Administrators present: Dr. Stephen Malone, Superintendent and Joe Prom, Director of Business Services. The pledge of allegiance was recited; Chair Jurek recognized all visitors. Chair Jurek recognized an addition to the agenda: Item #9 All-Day Everyday Kindergarten. Recognition was given to Betty Thell and Cindy Lutz for their longevity in employment for Becker Public Schools.

Reports: Superintendent's Report - Supt. Malone reported: Preliminary planning to update our school facilities, including maintenance, site improvements, and the construction of a high school auditorium is underway, following the approval of the building bond in the recent election. Meetings were held on 11/14 and 11/28 with Mark Lenz, of MLA Architects, Pat Overom of ICS Consulting, Joe Prom, Chuck Stanger. We plan to meet monthly with the school board member(s) appointed to the facilities committee at the January meeting. We are planning the project timelines. Meetings are scheduled with staff user groups for the auditorium and swimming pool spaces December 7<sup>th</sup>. School Board members are registered for the MSBA Conference Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. The conference theme this year is "Building Trust". Preparation of the revised FY 13 and preliminary FY 14 budgets will begin soon this month and will be completed for the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The amount of the FY 14 budget adjustment will be known then. The process and timeline for the budget adjustment will also be presented at the February meeting.

Committee Reports: Member Norgaard reported that the Annual Report of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement is included in the current board packet and recommended for approval. There was discussion revolving around the business curriculum. In addition, discussion took place on the process of adding curriculum with multiple groups being involved in the selection of curriculum. Clare Sorensen, student council school board student representative, reported that the main event being held now is the Charity Winter Dance - the money earned will be used to buy gifts/groceries/gas cards for needy Becker families. The student council is sponsoring an ugly sweater day on 12/21 along with a door decorating contest and possibly a fun student activity for high school students.

Consent Agenda. Norgaard moved, seconded by Swanson to approve the following consent agenda items: Regular School Board Minutes from Monday – November 5, 2012, Special School Board Meeting from November 13, 2012, Special School Board Meeting from November 19, 2012; Voucher Detail 97036-97626 Totaling \$1,331,119.93; Resignations: Cindy Lutz – Transportation; Betty Thell – District Office; Contracts approved: J. Lemire – Sp. Ed. Para, M. Anderson – Sp. Ed. Para; R. Kollman – Para, K. O'Brien – Sp. Ed. Teacher; T. Bierschbach – LTS Teacher – Music; E. Austin – Video Webcast Advisor; K. Thiesen – 9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Girls Basketball Coach; J. Ihrke – JV Girls Basketball Coach; B. Teigland – JV Dance Coach; S. Lieser – Camp Opp. Staff; L. Schmidt – Camp Opp. Staff; Annual Report of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement; Extended Trip H.S. Spanish; Employment Termination. Motion approved.

Nancy Schulzetenberg, from the school district's auditing firm of KDV reported that the 2011-2012 school district audit has been completed. She presented the 2011-2012 school district financial report. Swanson moved, seconded by Olson to approve the 2011-2012 financial audit. Motion carried.

Joe Prom, Director of Business Services, presented the district's Truth In Taxation information. An opportunity was afforded to anyone wishing to speak to the tax information received. Olson moved, seconded by Horgen to approve the Payable 2013 Levy in the amount \$7,665,146. Motion carried.

A first reading was held on Policy 533 Wellness.

The decision on the recommendation of the review committee on the Request for Reconsideration of Resources was discussed. Horgen moved, seconded by Norgaard to approve the recommendation of the committee. Further discussion ensued – Member Swanson, wishing to have more time to study the materials, tabled the motion. A second motion was brought before the board. Swanson moved, seconded by Olson to further review the materials and bring up at the February board meeting for a final decision. Voting Yes: Lumley, Swanson, Jurek, Norgaard, Olson. Voting No: Horgen. Motion carried.

Strategic planning for the 2013-2014 school year was discussed. Lumley moved, seconded by Swanson to approve Policy 223 Strategic Goals after modification. Voting Yes: Lumley, Swanson, Olson, Norgaard, Jurek. Voting No.: Horgen. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on providing an all-day everyday kindergarten program to all Becker students. Member Lumley reported on the importance of the issue. After discussion on the matter, it was decided that there would be no change in the current program.

Chair Jurek thanked Phil Norgaard, Mike Horgen and Mark Lumley for their service on the school board. Jurek went on to say that their foresight and knowledge was greatly appreciated.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Mark Lumley, Clerk  
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