

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday – November 8, 2010 6:08 P.M.**  
**Becker City Hall Council Chambers**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lumley. Members present: Philip Norgaard, Mike Horgen, Lynel Johnson, Mark Lumley and Tina Holty. Member absent: Dawn Hill. Administrators present: Dr. Stephen Malone, Superintendent and Joe Prom, Director of Business Services. Student Council Representative, Quinn Heck.

Procedural Items. The meeting was called to order, the pledge of allegiance was recited, and the agenda was reviewed. Supt. Malone added Item 3G – Approve Settlement Agreement. Member Norgaard requested Item 3G – Approve Settlement Agreement to be handled as a separate item. Chair Lumley recognized the visitors.

Reports. Superintendent's Report: The administration recently reviewed the district's anti-bullying programs in response to recent school bullying incidents around Minnesota. Supt. Malone and Joe Prom, Director of Business Services, met with SchoolsMedia.Com. The company provides revenue for the school district in exchange for using 15-20% of the schools' advertising space. Every advertisement is pre-approved by the school district. Supt. Malone recommend the school board consider the contract at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Spring 2010 budget adjustments included \$70,000 of energy savings in lieu of additional staff or program reductions. The following measures have been enacted: Staff members have been requested to eliminate the use of small appliances. The district may purchase energy efficient refrigerators or microwaves to be shared at central locations on a case-by case basis. Staff members are permitted to pay a fee, equivalent to the annual energy cost, in lieu of eliminating a small appliance. Staff members are requested to shut off lights in unoccupied spaces. Classroom thermostats are set at 68° in the high school, middle school, and intermediate school. Classroom thermostats are set at 70° in the primary school. The maintenance department is sealing doors and windows as possible with economical solutions. The district mission creation is underway. The mission will state the overall educational purpose of the school district and express in general terms why the school district exists. It sets direction and creates meaning for stakeholders. The Becker School District will use the mission as a basis for strategic planning and goal setting. The group includes school board members, central office staff, building administrators, teachers, classified employees, parents, business/community members, and students. The group will meet the evenings of November 4, 9, and 16. Student Council Representative Report: Quinn Heck reported that the student council is thinking about changing the school dance policy to allow students from other schools as long as they are 19 or under; the advisory food drive is underway and there will be a blood drive on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>; because this is a slow time of the year the council is looking at ways to improve the school and benefit students.

Consent Agenda. Horgen moved, seconded by Norgaard to approve the following consent agenda items: the following school board meetings: Closed Meeting September 13, 2010, Special Meeting October 5, 2010; Regular Meeting October 11, 2010 and Special Meeting November 1, 2010; October monthly financial statement; Vouchers numbered 82773-83394 totaling \$1,063,167.82; Stacy Spindler - 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Coach, Jesse Peterson - 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball, Food Service – Brenda McAllister, Special Education Paraprofessionals - Janice Barthel and Lynn Jensen, American Indian Student Advocate - Kip Perkins, ECFE Paraprofessional - Kelly Girtz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction - Jean Duffy, the resignations were approved: Mark Kolbinger - Assistant Football Coach, Scott Brake, Jr. High Girls Basketball and Jr. High Girls Softball, Anita Erickson – Food Service, Carolyn Salisbury, Technology Assistant; the following policies were approved after, receiving first reading last month: 610 Student Travel/Field Trips, 566 – Student Extended Trip Policy; 904 – Distribution Of Materials On School – 905 Advertising – 220 Board Job Descriptions – 221 Macro Governance – 222 Board-Superintendent Relationship.

Member Horgen moved, seconded by Lumley to approve the settlement agreement with Betsy Ziemer, former Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Voting Yes: Horgen, Lumley, Johnson. Voting No: Norgaard and Holty. Motion carried.

Dennis Hoogeveen from the accounting firm of LarsonAllen was at the meeting to present the 2010 financial audit. The board tabled any action to accept the Fiscal Year Audit until the December 6<sup>th</sup> school board meeting due to the fact that audited financial statements were not provided by LarsonAllen at the meeting.

Norgaard moved, seconded by Holty to approve setting a public hearing for Monday – November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium for the purpose of a forum to hear from parents and community members about the activities conference options. Motion carried.

Johnson moved, seconded by Horgen to pass the following resolution canvassing returns of votes of School District General Election: BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District #726 as follows: 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 2, 2010, was in all respects duly and legally called and held. 2. As specified in the Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 8223 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three (3) school board members for four (4) year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows: David Andres 1,008, Bryan R. Olson 1,397, Jason Kindred 1,002, Teresa Washut Heck 1,064, Mark Swanson 1,208, Dawn Hill 1,032, Lynel Johnson 882, Aaron Jurek 1,241 3. Candidate Bryan R. Olson, Candidate Aaron Jurek, and Candidate Mark Swanson having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2011. 4. After the time for contesting election results has passed (within seven days after canvassing the results of the election), and after confirming that all required campaign financial reports due are on file, the clerk and chair are hereby authorized to issue: a. Certificates of Election to the successful candidates b. Acceptance of Oath of Office form to be completed and returned within 30 days of the date of mailing. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part. Motion carried.

The board held first readings on the following policies: 302 – Superintendent, 217 Delegation To The Superintendent, 218 Agenda Planning.

Holty moved, seconded by Horgen to approve the funding for out of state travel to the National School Board Association's annual conference. Motion carried.

Horgen commended Supt. Malone for his wisdom and leadership role in the district.

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Tina Holty – Clerk  
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Becker, MN 55308