

ISD 877  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, December 8, 2008  
Phoenix Learning Center  
7:00 p.m.

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**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR Patti Pokorney at 7:00 p.m. AND ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Melissa Brings, Patti Pokorney, Rolf Mohwinkel, Susan Lee, Doug Olson, Dave Wilson, Jeff Mattson, Keenan Stangl; Student Representative

2. PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

- A. Pledge Of Allegiance
- B. Public Comment - none
- C. Approval of Agenda
  - Remove Agenda Item No. 9 – Closed Session

Mattson/Brings to approve amended agenda  
Motion carried 7-0

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Student Council Report, Keenan Stangl – Student Council fundraisers taking place in December are candy cane sales and photos with Santa.
- B. Proud Of:
  - 1. Angela Petroski, Senior at Buffalo High School who was chosen to speak at the National Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. This is through the Jobs for Minnesota Graduates Program.

C. Board Calendar Dates

- 1. Monday, January 12, 2009 – Special Meeting Organization of Board - 4:30 p.m. at Tatanka Elementary
- 2. Monday, January 12, 2009 – Board Workshop - 4:45 p.m. at Tatanka Elementary
- 3. January 15-17, 2009 – MSBA Leadership Conference at Minneapolis Convention Center
- 4. Monday, January 26, 2009 – Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in Board Room

Add: December 15 – 5:30 p.m. to meet with local legislators Senator Amy Koch and Representative Bruce Anderson in the District Office Conference Room.

Board Organization meeting in January - If you are interested in serving in a leadership role, please have someone ready to nominate you.

D. Phoenix Presentation, Gretchen Lieb, Coordinator

Gretchen Lieb presented the history of Phoenix Learning Center. Rolf Mohwinkel is the only board member who was on the Board of Education when Phoenix opened its doors. Program has been in existence for 11 years. Most students go on to a secondary education program after graduating from Phoenix; mainly vocational and technical colleges.

Discussion:

- Effect on dropout rate at BHS – has been tracked in the past and the Phoenix program benefits many of these students
- Currently all enrolled students are from our district

4. CONSENT AGENDA  
A. Personnel

APPOINTMENTS - All appointments are contingent upon satisfactory completion of a criminal background check. Approve the following appointments:

1. Chrystine Ylitalo, Food Service Aide at Buffalo High School effective November 12, 2008. This is a replacement for Sue Sorenson.
2. DeAnna Hoiem, Special Education Paraprofessional at Parkside Elementary effective December 1, 2008.
3. Tammy Aldrich, Special Education Paraprofessional at Parkside Elementary effective November 24, 2008. This is a replacement for Deb Knutson.
4. Debra Schultz, Special Education Paraprofessional at Northwinds Elementary effective November 24, 2008. This is a new position funded with carryover funds.
5. Rebecca Watermiller, Special Education Paraprofessional at Northwinds Elementary effective November 24, 2008.
6. Ann Hamann, Special Education Paraprofessional at Northwinds Elementary effective November 24, 2008.
7. Amanda McAllan, short-term substitute Elementary Teacher at Montrose Elementary effective on or about December 20, 2008 and ending January 30, 2009. This is a replacement for Marjory Purkey.
8. Ann Landwehr, Title I Extended Day Kindergarten Teacher at Montrose Elementary effective December 17, 2008 and ending June 5, 2009. This is a new position funded with Title I funds.
9. Katie Pribula, Title I Extended Day Kindergarten Teacher at Parkside Elementary effective December 18, 2008 and ending June 5, 2009.
10. Patricia Penney, Special Education Paraprofessional at Tatanka Elementary effective December 2, 2008. This is a replacement for Ingrid Bakke.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Approve the following regarding leave of absence:

1. Leesa Sherman, Special Education Teacher at Buffalo Community Middle School, leave of absence effective November 18, 2008 and ending January 2, 2009.

TRANSFER/CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT - Approve the following transfer/change in assignment:

1. Kathleen Budde, Special Education Paraprofessional, from Tatanka to Northwinds Elementary effective November 24, 2008. This is a new position funded with carryover funds.

B. Check Disbursements - Payroll checks # 183298 through 183490, and 99347 through 100048, amounting to \$1,357,965.53. P-card disbursement checks 9738 to 10185, totaling \$89,116.10. Handwritten checks 134256 through 134260, Employee reimbursement checks 90000683 through 90000766, and Accounts Payable checks 135667 through 135875, for the period of November 24 – December 1 as follows:

01	GENERAL FUND	1,178,781.91
02	FOOD SERVICE	78,831.11
04	COMMUNITY SERVICE	10,282.62
05	CAPITAL OUTLAY	26,487.87
06	NEW BUILDING	.00

07	DEBT SERVICE	130 .00
09	ACTIVITY FUND	22,317.68
16	ALTERNATIVE FACILITIE S	<u>.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,316,831.19

- C. Electronic Fund Transfers - A list of the electronic fund transfers occurring in the official depositories (for the period of Nov. 1 – Nov. 30) is as follows:

Date	Vendor & Purpose	Amount
11/3/08	BMO Corporate MasterCard – P-Card	90,500.90
11/10/08	Delta Dental – Dental Insurance	27,621.23
11/14/08	MN Dept. of Revenue – State Taxes	55,265.27
11/14/08	Chicago USA Tax Pmt – Federal Taxes	334,372.07
11/26/08	MN Dept. of Revenue – State Taxes	51,209.32
11/26/08	Chicago USA Tax Pmt – Federal Taxes	<u>314,090.81</u>
	Total	873,059.60

- D. Minutes of the November 24, 2008 Board Of Education Meeting

- E. Donations:

1. \$500.00 from the family of Laura Miller for new library books at Hanover Elementary
2. \$1000 from Evergreen Grill through Community Charities for BHS Activities
3. \$223.83 from Wells Fargo Matching Gift Program to BHS

Mohwinkel/Lee to approve  
Motion carried 7-0

5. ACTIONS REGARDING:

- A. Alternate Facilities Transfer, Tina Burkholder

This bond was for indoor air quality projects. There is a remaining balance in the Alternate Facilities fund and all projects are completed. Recommend we transfer \$500,000 to the Debt Service fund which will reduce tax obligations. Once final vendor payments are paid during the 2008-09 school year, a similar transfer will happen again next year. Will look at a project at Parkside in the future. This money cannot be saved since it was approved for specific projects.

Wilson/Lee to approve  
Motion carried 7-0

- B. Certify the 2008 Pay 2009 Levy, Chuck Klaassen

Truth in Taxation Hearing was held on December 2. Two people were in attendance. The levy is less than the pay 2008 levy and represents a decrease of 1.5% in total school property taxes. Total 2009 tax levy is \$12,896,829.37.

Discussion:

- Along with this tax savings, is consideration being given to savings we are seeing in fuel costs and putting this towards saving some of the budget reduction items. Cannot count on the fuel costs remaining low so would be hard to put that budget money for something else.

Wilson/Mohwinkel to approve  
Motion carried 7-0

- C. Mileage Reimbursement Rate, Chuck Klaassen

The District follows the IRS guidelines. Rate will change to 55 cents per mile effective January 1, 2009.

Wilson/Mattson to approve  
Motion carried 7-0

6. REPORTS – None

7. DISTRICT COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

DW – Safe Schools – large discussion regarding cell phone use with regard to picture taking, electronic sending of photos and legal ramifications in the area of child pornography. Board will probably want to revisit the district policy.

RM – MSBA Delegate Assembly – a resolution will be submitted regarding school funding. Working on alternatives for 11<sup>th</sup> grade math test.

RM – BHS Leadership – discussion regarding district technology leadership

PP – NHCC Advisory Meeting – discussion regarding economy. Last time the country was in this economic situation, the tuition doubled.

PP – Paraprofessional negotiations

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A document from *Growth and Justice* titled “Smart Investments in Minnesota’s Students” has been placed in board members’ inboxes.

9. CLOSED MEETING – This item was removed from the agenda.

A. Montrose Property – Eden Building

10. OTHER

- Schedule time with Patti regarding grievance hearing
- Olson – can the board look at alternatives to some of the budget reductions such as charging a fee for the activity busses. This will be worked on through the transportation committee.

Mohwinkel/Wilson to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.