

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday – April 12, 2010 6:02 P.M.
Becker City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lumley. Members present: Philip Norgaard, Mike Horgen, Dawn Hill, Tina Holty, Lynel Johnson and Mark Lumley. Administrators present: Supt. Steven Dooley, Gary Kawlewski, Dale Christensen, Betsy Ziemer, Susan Meyer and Sandy Logrono.

Procedural Items. The meeting was called to order, the pledge of allegiance was recited, and the agenda was reviewed. Chair Lumley recognized the visitors. Public Forum – Troy Robinson spoke on behalf of the Becker School Activities Advisory Committee regarding district budget modifications for athletics and activities. Chair Lumley reviewed the Reasons To Be Proud: From Principal Sandy Logrono... Social Studies Teacher Dan Olson reported that on Saturday, March 29th was our Regional History Day competition. We had the following students advance to the State competition which will be on May 1st: Austin Sable and Steph Hotten - Group Documentary; Rylee Wander and Tori Rolf - Group Exhibit; Alex Lange - Individual Exhibit; Tricia Tauer - Individual Exhibit; Anna Mann and Kendra Vigdal received Honorable Mention in the Group Exhibit category. In addition, Math Teacher, Marcia Erickson was awarded the Mines Award for Outstanding High School Teaching by the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.

Norgaard moved, seconded by Holty to approve Consent Agenda Items. Minutes: Special – March 24, 2010; Special – March 29, 2010; Voucher Batch 79372-79685 Total \$900,979.83. Motion carried.

Reports. Student Council Report. Sara Tiemens reported that several Student Council members just returned from spending the weekend at the Student Council State Convention. Election for next year's members will be held the week of May 17th - 21st; Spring Fling will be on Friday, May 21st. Sara reported that the student appointed school logo will be brought to the board at the next meeting.

Action Items. Horgen moved, seconded by Norgaard to approve the three year superintendent contract of Dr. Stephen L. Malone as recommended by the committee starting July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2013. Unanimously carried. Horgen moved, seconded by Holty to approve the employment posting for the position of Director of Business Services. The Chair appointed Member Horgen and Member Norgaard to serve on the committee for the position. Motion carried.

Personnel Items. The following personnel item was approved on the premise that it conforms to previous board approved actions or contractual agreements. Johnson moved, seconded by Holty approving the long term substitute teaching hire of Nicole Denekamp. Motion carried.

Discussion Items. 2010-2011 Budget: The board set two public meetings to be held: April 22nd at 4:00 p.m. and April 27th at 6:00 p.m. both will be held at the Becker High School Media Center. Standardized Grading: Member Norgaard spoke on the topic and reported that the Minnetonka school district has implemented a grading procedure and asked High School Principal, Sandy Logrono to contact them to get more information. Board Code of Ethics: – Norgaard handed out St. Cloud School District's Board of Education Governance Policy and the Minnesota School Board Association's Model Policy 209 Code of Ethics to be used as guidelines so the district can establish a Code of Ethics Policy.

Board Committee Reports. Member Norgaard handed out a note worthy article from the American School Board Journal regarding clarifying the responsibilities of board members and administrators and adopting a formal procedure for handling complaints. Vice Chair Horgen informed the board that he has submitted the Solar Energy Plan to Xcel and that it was a good start and that they look forward to working with the district. He also stated that he attended a meeting with Xcel energy to go over RDF grant money that the district may be able to access for the development of renewable-energy resources. Horgen also mentioned his involvement in the program Project Green Fleet which is part of the re-investment act and could reduce emissions in the district's busses.

Superintendent's Report. Supt. Dooley reported that the Integration funding project deadlines have all been met and we are expecting to hear positive news from the state department.

Other. Member Norgaard indicated an interest in changing to a seven member school board. Member Hill and Member Holty indicated that they will attend the meeting that will be held by the Becker Public School Activities Advisory Council at the Sleep Inn on May 5th at 7:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Tina Holty - Clerk
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