

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday – June 4, 2012 6:33 P.M.

High School Media Center

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jurek. Members present: Mike Horgen, Mark Swanson, Aaron Jurek, and Bryan Olson. Members absent: Phil Norgaard and Mark Lumley. Administrator present: Dr. Stephen Malone, Superintendent. In the absence of Mark Lumley, Chair Jurek appointed Member Horgen as the meeting's School Board Clerk. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chair Jurek thanked visiting audience members for coming to the meeting.

Rollen Oliver was present for the Visitor and Public Forum portion of the meeting to give an American Indian presentation.

Reports: Superintendent Malone gave his report to the board. On May 22, MDE released a new school accountability system: Multiple Measurement Rating (MMR). This was the result of Minnesota's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) waiver requests approved by the federal government. This rating does not yet reflect the current school year's performance. While schools and districts will continue to also receive an AYP rating, there will be no consequences associated with the rating. The Minnesota standards and assessments (MCAs) will remain the same. Students in grades 3-8 and 10 will continue to take the reading MCA; students in grades 3-8 and 11 will continue to take the math MCA. The new ratings that were released were based on two years' worth of MCA data—2010 and 2011. The MMR is Minnesota's new measurement of school performance. This rating is different from the AYP rating which only looked at student proficiency. The new MMR is based on four equally weighted areas: Proficiency, Student Growth, Achievement Gap Reduction and Graduation Rates. Schools earn points in each of these areas, resulting in the final MMR. Becker Public Schools earned the following percentage of points available in the MMR averaging 2010 and 2011 data: High School, 58.6%, Middle School, 77.6%, Intermediate School, 43.9%. The ratings also include three designations for Title I schools: Reward Schools: The highest-performing 15% of Title I schools in the state. The state named 128 schools in this category. Focus Schools: The 10% of Title I schools making the biggest contribution to the state's achievement gap. There are 85 schools that received this designation. Priority Schools: The 5% most-persistently low-performing Title I schools in the state. There are 42 schools that received this designation. The Becker Intermediate receives Title I funding and was not designated as a reward, focus, or priority school. The data released May 22nd provides useful historical data and is already under analysis by the administration. Malone

reported that he is looking forward to the 2012 data, which will be released this summer. The summer data will include specific information about each of the four MMR areas. The facilities committee will meet on June 12th to review and finalize the recommendation for the deferred maintenance/capital plan. The deferred maintenance/capital plan along with the proposed operating referendum will be an action item on the July 2nd board agenda. He reported to the board that he appreciated the cooperation and support of the teachers to implement weekly PLCs next year. Teachers will meet to plan instruction and intervention to improve student achievement using this research-based school improvement model. Superintendent Malone congratulated staff, administrators, and students for an excellent school year.

Committee Reports: None

Consent Agenda. Member Swanson requested Item F. 12-13 Activities Handbook to be removed from the consent agenda. Olson moved, seconded by Horgen to approve the following items: School Board Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting May 7, 2012, Special Meeting May 18, 2012, Special Meeting May 24, 2012; Voucher Detail 93472-94142 \$1,700,373.82; April Financial Report; Resignations accepted from K. Perkins – American Indian Student Advocate, M. Dean - Teacher, S. Nelson - Teacher, M. Miller - Teacher, N. Youngs - Teacher, and A. Burklund - Teacher; Contract approval of D. Eldridge - Teacher, A. Berdie - Teacher, J. Ihrke - Teacher, M. Miller - Teacher, R. Cox – Director of Instructional Technology, M. Maine - Teacher; Policies approved: Policy 211 Criminal Or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee or Student, Policy 423 Employee-Student Relationships, Policy 410 Family and Medical Leave Policy, and Policy 506 Student Discipline. A School Board workshop was set for June 21st; Approval of MOU with BEA. Motion approved.

After discussion, Olson moved, seconded by Horgen to approve the 12-13 Activities Handbook as presented. Motion approved.

The board held first readings on two policies: Policy 807 Health & Safety and Policy 103 Complaints.

District strategic planning was discussed. Supt. Malone suggested the possibility of having a presentation in July or August regarding school board governance education. Last year the board heard from Greg Vandal about goal setting. The 2012 stakeholder meeting information data was organized into Exit Outcome Areas – the information will be reviewed and discussed for the 2012-2013 goal setting.

The board held a Closed Meeting for the purpose of conducting the annual superintendent evaluation. The Closed Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened and adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Mike Horgen – Acting Clerk
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