

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2396
REGULAR MEETING – ACGC SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017
BOARD MEETING – 5:00PM
JSHS MEDIA CENTER–GROVE CITY, MN

Members Present: Hendrickson, Rasmussen, Lilleberg, Stafford, Rivard, Morrison, Kaisner

Member Absent: 0

Administration Present: Onstad, Tait, Goracke, Wall

Visitors Present: 3

Student Member Present: 0

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01PM by Hendrickson .

II. AGENDA REVISIONS/ADDITIONS

IV-C-3; IV-C-4; VIII-I

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Morrison and carried, to approve the Agenda of the December 18, 2017 meeting.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Rivard, seconded by Morrison and carried, to approve the following by consent:

A. MINUTE APPROVAL

1. November 27, 2017 Regular School Board Minutes
2. November 27, 2017 Worlds Best Workforce Community Meeting Minutes

B. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS

1. Expenditures for the month dated November 27, 2017 – December 18, 2017

General	\$ 63,781.71
Food Service	\$ 26,019.53
Transportation	\$118,188.76
Community Education	\$ 1,379.11
Student Activities	\$ 14,562.52
TOTAL	\$223,931.63

2. Transfers for total wire payments of \$ **233,047.37**

C. PERSONNEL

1. Football Assistant Coach Contract – Tyler Bulau
2. Football Assistant Coach Contract – Trever Heining
3. Substitute Teacher Contract – Jenna Aller
4. Substitute Teacher Contract – Breanna Ahlers

D. GIFTS

Weseman Construction, Inc.	ACGC Football	\$250.00
Donnel & Christa Williamson	FFA	<u>50.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$300.00

V. PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE

VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Cliff Carmody – SWWC Executive Director

VII. REPORTS

- A. CHAIRPERSON – MICHAEL HENDRICKSON
 - 1. SWWC Board Elections
- B. COMMITTEES
 - 1. Negotiation Committee- Morrison
 - 2. Facilities Committee- Stafford
- C. BUSINESS MANAGER – DAN TAIT
 - 1. Treasurer’s Report
 - 2. Budget Progress
 - 3. Wires
- D. BUILDING AND GROUNDS – TOM FORDYCE - ABSENT
- E. ACTIVITY/ATHLETICS DIRECTOR – MARJ MAUER - ABSENT
- F. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL – KODI GORACKE
 - 1. Review of Goals
 - 2. Upcoming Events
 - 3. Conference Totals
- G. 5-12 PRINCIPAL – ROBIN WALL
 - 1. Review of Goals
 - 2. Upcoming Events
 - 3. Conference Totals
- H. SUPERINTENDENT – NELS ONSTAD
 - 1. CLC
 - 2. City Council Meetings

MOTION BY RIVARD, SECONDED BY RASMUSSEN AND CARRIED, TO RECESS THE ACGC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT 6:00PM.

MOTION BY RIVARD, SECONDED BY MORRISON AND CARRIED, TO RECONVENE THE ACGC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT 6:04PM.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES FOR REVIEW
 - 1. 410 – Family and Medical Leave Policy
 - 2. 524 – Internet Acceptable Use & Safety Policy and Form
- B. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES FOR APPROVAL
 - 1. Motion by Morrison, seconded by Rivard and carried, to approve School Board Policy 104 – School District Mission Statement
 - 2. Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Morrison and carried, to approve School Board Policy 513 – Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design.
- C. SUPPORT FOR THE PURCHASE AND EXCHANGE OF SCHOOL TRUST LANDS IN THE BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA WILDERNESS PROCEEDING IN TANDEM
Member Rasmussen introduced the resolution.

WHEREAS, Minnesota’s School Trust Lands were granted by the United States to Minnesota at statehood, with the intent to provide a source of continued revenue, now and into the future, for public schools; and

WHEREAS, approximately 83,000 acres of the School Trust Lands have been locked up in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and unable to generate revenue for the trust for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Superior National Forest, by agreement with the State of Minnesota, manages these lands as interwoven fabric of the BWCAW landscape; and

WHEREAS there are limitations imposed by the Wilderness Act directly conflicting with State law that directs School Trust Lands management to “secure the maximum long-term economic return”; and

WHEREAS a Hybrid Model has been adopted that includes a combination of land sale and exchange to transfer School Trust Lands located in the BWCAW to the United States Forest Service (USFS); and

WHEREAS a Plan B has been developed as a three-step proposal to accomplish the purchase component of the Hybrid Model whereby the Conservation Fund would 1) purchase private forest lands in St. Louis County, and 2) exchange the parcels for School Trust Lands located in the BWCAW, and 3) the USFS would then buy the former School Trust Lands from the Conservation Fund with funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS it is valued by multiple stakeholders that the purchase and exchange of school trust lands proceed on similar timelines; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ACGC supports a combination of land sale and exchange to transfer School Trust Lands located in the BWCAW to the USFS using the Plan B model to ensure that thousands of acres of private forest land in northern Minnesota will be transferred to the School Trust. Plan B is an alternative that provides for a continued source of revenue for Minnesota schools, allowing for a sustained yield and stable employment for industries, and provides thousands of acres of land for public recreation.

The motion was for the adaption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Rivard and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor

thereof; Kaisner, Morrison, Rivard, Stafford, Lilleberg, Rasmussen, Hendrickson

And the following voted against the same: none

And the following abstained: none

And the following were absent: none

D. RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (MINNESOTA)

Member Lilleberg introduced the resolution

WHEREAS, local boards of education place a very high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality special education programs and instruction; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142) now known as The Individuals with Disabilities Act IDEA to: improve access to education for children with disabilities by guaranteeing a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment; assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected; assist States and school systems to provide for the education of all children with disabilities; and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate all children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, when IDEA became law in 1975, the federal government promised to fund 40 percent of the additional cost of educating children with disabilities; and yet the federal government has failed to adequately fund the mandated programs and services arising under IDEA, never providing more than 15 percent of the additional cost; and

WHEREAS, sufficient federal funding for IDEA would significantly enhance the ability of local school systems to provide an excellent education for all students; and

WHEREAS, the special education cross-subsidy continues to be a major obstacle for Minnesota School Districts to grapple with, due to the growing number of students receiving special education, more specialized services and rising costs associated with those services and inadequate funding; and

WHEREAS, the state special education funding system has not kept pace with the rising cost of mandated services and supports for students with special needs; and,

WHEREAS, the cross-subsidy for school districts for FY2016 is \$679 million; a 5.6 percent increase from FY2015; and

WHEREAS, between rising need and insufficient state and federal aid, the amount of funding school districts as a whole in Minnesota will be forced to pay for special education costs will reach an average of \$815 per student in FY17;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge the Governor and Legislature to strenuously advocate for significant increases in federal special education funding and meaningful special education reforms at the federal and state levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there is an urgency the Minnesota Legislature to convene a task force to work on special education funding, specifically with a focus on the impacts of the new

special education funding formulas, the projected cross-subsidy and recommendations with a timeline to eliminate the cross-subsidy.

The motion was for the adaption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Morrison and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof; Kaisner, Morrison, Rivard, Stafford, Lilleberg, Rasmussen, Hendrickson
And the following voted against the same: none
And the following abstained: none
And the following were absent: none

E. RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (FEDERAL)

Member Morrison introduced the resolution.

WHEREAS, local boards of education place a very high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality special education programs and instruction; and
WHEREAS, in 1975 Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142) now known as The Individuals with Disabilities Act IDEA to: improve access to education for children with disabilities by guaranteeing a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment; assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected; assist States and school systems to provide for the education of all children with disabilities; and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate all children with disabilities; and
WHEREAS, when IDEA became law in 1975, the federal government promised to fund 40 percent of the additional cost of educating children with disabilities; and yet the federal government has failed to adequately fund the mandated programs and services arising under IDEA, never providing more than 15 percent of the additional cost; and
WHEREAS, sufficient federal funding for IDEA would significantly enhance the ability of local school systems to provide an excellent education for all students; and
WHEREAS, the special education cross-subsidy continues to be a major obstacle for Minnesota School Districts to grapple with, due to the growing number of students receiving special education, more specialized services and rising costs associated with those services and inadequate funding; and
WHEREAS, the state special education funding system has not kept pace with the rising cost of mandated services and supports for students with special needs; and,
WHEREAS, the cross-subsidy for Minnesota school districts for FY2016 is \$679 million; a 5.6 percent increase from FY2015; and
WHEREAS, between rising need and insufficient state and federal aid, the amount of funding school districts as a whole in Minnesota will be forced to pay for special education costs will reach an average of \$815 per student in FY17;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge the President and Legislature to strenuously advocate for significant increases in federal special education funding and meaningful special education reforms at the federal and state levels; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Minnesota calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass appropriate legislation in order to increase funding for federal special education mandates to meet the urgent financial special education needs of our cities and towns; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be delivered to all United States Representatives and Senators representing Minnesota in the Congress of the United States

The motion was for the adaption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Rasmussen and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof; Rasmussen, Lilleberg, Stafford, Rivard, Morrison, Kaisner, Hendrickson
And the following voted against the same: none
And the following abstained: none
And the following were absent: none

F. 2018 LEVY

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Kaisner and carried, to certify the 2017 pay 2018 Levy of \$1,832,183.35. Compared to last year's levy of \$1,649,039.93, this represents an increase of 11.1 % and breaks down as follows:

\$1,483,217.94	General Fund
\$169,121.99	Community Services Fund
\$179,843.42	General Debt Service Fund

G. SCHOOL YEARBOOK CONTRACT

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Stafford and carried, to approve the 2019 Year Book Contract with Balfour in the amount of \$8,139.00 as presented.

H. 2017-2018 JSBS SNOW REMOVAL

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Rivard and carried, to approve the 2017-2018 JSBS Snow Removal Contract with D&D Ventures, Inc. as presented.

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. Motion by Rivard, seconded by Morrison and carried, to go into a closed session at 6:21 pm.
 - a. Superintendent Evaluation
2. Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Morrison and carried, to return from closed session at 6:44 pm.
3. Report on Closed Session
Evaluation on Superintendent Onstad was positive and we look forward to continuing to work with him.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Lilleberg – Leadership Conference January 11th
Morrison – Board Governance Model
Kaisner – Safety

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rivard, seconded by Rasmussen and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52PM.