

Board Review

An unofficial summary of School Board meetings for the community of Independent School District 192

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:30 p.m., August 24, 2009 Farmington High School

GOOD NEWS

Community Action Council thanked the service learning students for their recent donation on August 3, 2009 of \$138.56 to the Farmington Food Pantry.

CONSENT ITEMS

Certified Personnel - Employments

Abigail Leshner, BMS/DMS Language Arts Teacher;
Rush Wagner, BMS Music Teacher;
Theresa Wilson, FHS Business Education Teacher

Certified Personnel - Leave of Absence

Melissa Zey, RVES 3rd Grade Teacher.

Non-Certified Personnel - Employments

Theresa Burgess, RVES Lunchroom Supervisor;
Chrystie Dufon, RVES Kid Connection Assistant Instructor;
Angela Erlandson, DSC MARSS/Census Secretary;
Amy Gilbertson, ARES Lunchroom Assistant;
Amy Gilbertson, MVES Summer Kid Connection Instructor;
Amy Gilbertson, ARES Kinder Journey Assistant;
Kristen Hessa, ARES Kid Connection Assistant Instructor;
Diane Kloster, RVES Lunchroom Supervisor;
Anne Lamberty, RVES Lunchroom Supervisor;
Paula Skoviera, MVES Kid Connection Assistant Instructor;
Julie Suilmann, RVES Kinder Journey Assistant.

Non-Certified Personnel - Leave of Absences

Jessica Tate, DMS Educational Assistant.

Non-Certified Personnel - Change of Status

Betty McCarthy, MVES Kid Connection Assistant Instructor;
Elanor Melson, from FES Kid Connection Assistant Instructor to FES Kid Connection Instructor;
Jenny Rydeen, from MVES Kid Connection Assistant Instructor to RVES Kid Connection Instructor.

Extra-Curricular Employments

Jacelyn Brand, ARES I-Team;
Andrea Brokl, ARES School Patrol;
Andrea Brokl, ARES Noon Supervisor;
Jodi Hansen, ARES Camp Pepin Building Rep;
Kim Reynolds, ARES Noon Supervisor;
Anne Shadrack, ARES Noon Supervisor.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

A. Approval of Change Orders related to the new FHS: The School Board approved the following change orders related to the new Farmington High School project: All Systems Installation change order for an additional amount of \$4,307.45; Bloomington Electric Company change order for an additional amount of \$6,370.00; George F. Cook Construction change order for an additional amount of \$7,446.00; Kendell Doors and Hardware change order for an additional amount of \$2,242.00; Master Mechanical change order for an additional amount of \$30,508.45.

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B. Approval of Change Orders related to other summer remodeling projects: The School Board approved the following change order related to summer remodeling projects: George F. Cook Construction change order for an additional amount of \$11,779.00.

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B. Approval of Distributed Antenna System (DAS) Proposal: The School Board approved a contract with Ancom Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$143,336.20 to install a distributed antenna system in the new Farmington High School. The system ensures that emergency service providers, including police, fire and ambulance, will be able to receive and send radio signals from anywhere inside the school building. The system will also enhance the signal of the one cellular carrier used by district administrators, custodians, technology support and other staff members. The contract also includes 2-hour telephone support and next day on-site replacement equipment service.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Facilities Improvement Project Updates: Director of Administrative Services Rosalyn Pautzke reported on the facility improvement projects, including new high school construction and remodeling at Riverview Elementary and Boeckman Middle School. She said that projects are continuing on schedule and that most of what's left to be done would be considered punch-list type work. Superintendent Brad Meeks noted that kindergarten rooms at Riverview look ready for the school year.

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B. Schools for Energy Efficiency (SEE) Update: Finance Director Jeff Priess and SEE coordinator Anne Anderson presented an update on the District's efforts to reduce energy consumption through the SEE program. Ms. Anderson reviewed the program, which focuses on changing behaviors to lower energy use, rather than expensive facilities upgrades. She noted that the District has been very supportive of the program's efforts.

Ms. Anderson noted that the district's energy costs dropped by about \$30,000 in 2008-09 compared to the year earlier.

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C. FY 2009 Financial Summary: Finance Director Jeff Priess presented a summary of the District's finances for the 2008-09 school year. He noted that the budget included \$60.91 million in revenue, and actual revenue is \$61.06 million. State aid represents about 75% of total revenue at \$48 million. Local property taxes represent about 10% at \$5.9 million.

On the expense side, the budget was \$58.97 million and actual spending was \$59.24 million. Of that, \$48.86 million was for regular instruction and instructional support (82.5% of total spending), and \$2.52 million for school administration (4.3% of total).

The difference between spending and revenue helped the district build its unreserved fund balance to \$2.75 million general fund unreserved fund balance. This fund balance is used to protect the district against cash flow issues sometimes related to the timing of state aid payments or other emergencies, and represents 2 ½ weeks' worth of expenses.

Mr. Priess noted that these numbers are not considered final until the completion of the district's annual independent audit, which is required by the state Department of Education.

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D. 2009-10 Communications Plan: Communications Specialist Aaron Tinklenberg presented the district's communications plan for 2009-10. The plan sets broad goals, specific objectives and lays out tactics for communications activities and is based on recommendations from the NSPRA Communications Audit that was conducted last winter. The plan was also developed with the help of the Communications Advisory Council, which includes staff, parents and board members.

To see the plan, go to www.farmington.k12.mn.us/communications.

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NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30 p.m., Sept. 14, 2009 – Regular Business Meeting
Boeckman Middle School, Little Theater
800 Denmark Ave., Farmington

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