

The regular meeting of the ISD #318 School Board was called to order by Chair Paul Meyer at 7:00 p.m. on March 17, 2008 in the Board Room of the Administrative Services Building. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members present: Harvey Hietala, Cliff Schroeder, Tom Peltier, Lynda Ross, Mary Ann Olson and Paul Meyer
Members absent: None
Student Representatives: Ian Godfrey and Parker Havel

All reports, budget information, bids, etc., may be viewed and/or questions answered at the ISD #318 Superintendent's Office, 820 NW 1 Ave., Grand Rapids, MN, (218) 327-5704.

Motion by Ross, supported by Hietala, to approve the amended agenda for the March 17, 2008 regular School Board meeting with the additions as listed below. Motion carried without dissent.

- 6.i. Approval of Bev Robertson, secretary retirement
- 6.j. Approval of Don Pollard, carpenter retirement
- 6.k. Approval of Amy Bean, secretary replacement hire

HIGHEST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Student Board representative reports:

- Parker Havel – RJEMS: St. Patrick's Day celebrations, youth council to conference, the YMCA's MS school water park trip, spring sports
- Ian Godfrey– Sports update, choir activities, band fundraiser, West Side Story musical information, Thunderhawk Idol, end of quarter, spring break, decision making workshop, dancing with the stars, math team competitions, Project Lead the Way programming earned a 10.5 rating, career fair, student concerns regarding possible reduction of activities.

Students from the Grand Rapids High School, Gemma Miltich and Kelsey Petersen, presented information about the Green Team activities. The Green Team is lead by Sherry Colter and is a group who is concerned creating an environmentally friendly environment at the Grand Rapids High School. The Board applauded their efforts.

Patti Anderson presented the Title Programs Indicator Report. Title programming is focused on improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged by offering supported initiatives to qualifying schools. Lori Clifton, Sue Lehto and Stephannie Johnson discussed the Accelerated Reading Program which is being used in our elementary buildings.

Roy Johnson presented the Minnesota Academic Excellence (MAEF) Indicator Report. Mr. Johnson outlined the various programs being offer along with the number of participants and the instruction information. Volunteers work many hours assisting students.

EFFECTIVE & EFFICIENT SYSTEMS

Moved by Hietala, supported by Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the 2/19/08 School Board meeting. Motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Peltier, supported by Ross, to approve the minutes of the 3/3/08 School Board meeting. Motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Ross, supported by Hietala, to approve February 2008 claims. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Hietala, supported by Olson, to approve December 2007, January 2008, and February 2008 gifts and donations as listed. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Peltier, supported by Schroeder, to approve the consent agenda which included one agenda item: The hiring of Eric Mann, Indian Education tutor. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Schroeder, supported by Ross, to approve the retirement of Wayne Pender, Activities Administrator. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Olson, supported by Schroeder, to approve the certified administrator's contract for 2007-2009. Board members Tom Peltier and Lynda Ross negotiated this settlement. Motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Peltier, supported by Hietala, to approve the revised Children's Mental Health Contract for 2007/08 and 2008/09. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Ross, supported by Olson, to approve the retirement of Bev Robertson, secretary. Motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Hietala, supported by Schroeder, to approve the retirement of Don Pollard, carpenter. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Olson, supported by Peltier, to approve the hiring of Amy Bean, secretary. This is a replacement. Motion carried without dissent.

PARTNERSHIPS

Board Reports

Ross:	Alternative Learning IEIC Early Childhood Interlink
Olson:	Board workshop
Hietala:	District Shared Decisions District Staff Development
Schroeder:	Reif Board
Peltier:	Intergovernmental Planning Board Labor Management
Meyer:	Negotiations

Superintendent Report

Silko:	Minneapolis Business Journal Lobbying information Joint Legislative Session Phase IV Orientation Training Activities reductions IB testing information Swim Association donation thank you Scenic Range News expenditure comparison chart School calendar with early release dates Scheduled workshop for 5:15 p.m. on April 7
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Meeting announcements:

- (1.) Edge Center Board 3/19/08 5:15 p.m. Bigfork
- (2.) Intergovernmental Planning Board 4/2/08 11:30 a.m. Court House
- (3.) IASC Board 4/8/08 5:00 p.m. ICC
- (4.) School Board Open Forum 4/7/08 6:30 p.m. Board Room
- (5.) School Board Regular Meeting, 4/7/08 7:00 p.m. Board Room
- (6.) School Board Workshop 4/7/08 5:15 p.m. Room 135

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Chair Meyer closed the meeting for a negotiations strategy session.

Chair Meyer reopened the meeting as necessary after a closed session.

Hearing no further business, Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Harvey Hietala, Clerk