

The regular meeting of the ISD #318 School Board was called to order by Chair Paul Meyer at 7:00 p.m. on April 7, 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

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Motion by Peliter, supported by Schroeder, to approve the amended agenda for the April 7, 2008 regular School Board meeting. The amendments included removing 6.b.6. (Patrick Rendle-Activity Director, hire) from the consent agenda and listing it as 6.i. and adding 6.h. Approval of Jeff Britten, Robert J. Elkington Middle School lead principal replacement hire. Motion carried without dissent.

#### HIGHEST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Student Board representative reports:

Parker Havel – RJEMS: Thanked the School Board for not having school on Monday since we had 23.5 inches of snow, leadership training, April bingo, interview committee for lead principal at middle school.

Ian Godfrey– GRHS: Thanked the School Board for not having school on Monday, choir tour, band activities, spring concerts, West Side Story, Thunderhawk Idol postponed, March 26<sup>th</sup> assembly, new track and field link on website, new alumni website, fundraising carnival, prom on May 3rd, and spring sports.

Joe Silko, on behalf of the School Board, recognized Wayne Pender for his retirement from the Minnesota State High School League Administration Association and for receiving the Award of Merit.

Sue Mattson presented the School Board with the United Way's fundraiser award for the ISD #318 retirees being in the top ten area producers and Pat Rendle presented the School Board with the United Way's fundraiser award for the ISD #318 employees being in the top ten area producers.

#### EFFECTIVE & EFFICIENT SYSTEMS

Moved by Hietala, supported by Ross, to approve the minutes of the 3/17/08 School Board meeting. Motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Peltier, supported by Olson to approve the consent agenda with item 6.b.6. removed. Items are listed below. Motion carried without dissent.

1. Anna Koller - Teacher resignation
2. Dale Gunderson - GRHS Band Director, hire
3. Jeff Taylor - acceptance of ULA recall
4. Sally DeGagne - acceptance of ULA recall
5. Greg Campbell - acceptance of ULA recall
6. Michele Smith - ESP, resignation

Moved by Hietala, supported by Ross, to approve a part time leave of absence for Sue Hoeft. Motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Hietala, supported by Peltier, to postpone taking action until the next Board meeting on April 21 on 6.d. approval of additional .3 FTE special education position pursuant to the discussion at the workshop and the desire for more information. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Schroeder, supported by Olson, to approve the negotiated settlement for the Bus Driver's. Schroeder and Ross served as the Board's appointed committee members. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Ross, supported by Schroeder, to approve the negotiated settlement for service employees. Peltier and Meyer served as the Board's appointed committee members. Motion carried without dissent.

Clerk Hietala read a resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teaching contracts of several non-tenured teachers. Said teachers are probationary teachers in Independent School District No.318. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, the teaching contract of said probationary teachers in Independent School District No.318, are hereby terminated at the close of the current 2007-2008 school year. Written notice will be sent to said teachers regarding termination and non-renewal of his/her contract as provided by law. Said teachers may officially request that the School Board give its reasons for the non-renewal of his/her teaching contract. However, this action is taken because of the financial condition of the school district and decrease in enrollment.

Motion by Peltier, supported by Schroeder, to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teaching contracts of probationary teachers as read by Clerk Hietala and pertaining to these named teachers: Brenda Agurkis, Rachel Arlt, Leta Brey, Lori Clifton, Rebecca Deutsch, Patrick Hannah, Renae Garski, Robyn Heinle, Stephannie Johnson, Kayla LaTarte, Sue Lehto, Jacy Morgan, Lisa Peart, Mary Ruby, William Silliman, Betsy Sween, and Ruth Tatter. After discussion, motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote as follows: Peltier=yes, Schroeder=yes, Hietala=yes, Olson=yes, Ross=yes, Meyer=yes.

Moved by Hietala, supported by Ross, to approve Jeff Britten as a replacement hire for the position of lead principal at the Robert J. Elkington Middle School. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

Moved by Ross, supported by Peltier, to approve the hiring of Pat Rendle as the replacement hire for Activities Director. After discussion, motion carried without dissent.

#### PARTNERSHIPS

##### Board Reports

Ross:	Secretary negotiations
Meyer:	Principal interviews
	Secretary negotiations

##### Superintendent Report

Silko:	IASC American History Grant
	USGS property near the RJEMS

Meeting announcements:

- (1.) Itasca Area Schools Collaborative 4/8/08 5:00 p.m. ICC
- (2.) Reif Center 4/10/08 7:00 a.m. Reif Center
- (3.) District Staff Development 4/10/08 4:00 p.m. Board Room
- (4.) District Shared Decisions 4/14/08 8:00 a.m. Room 135
- (5.) Labor Management 4/14/08 9:30 a.m. Board Room
- (6.) IEIC Interlink (Interagency Early Intervention Committee) 4/14/08 1:00 p.m. IRC
- (7.) Endowment 4/16/08 4:30 p.m. Room 135
- (8.) Edge Center 4/16/08 5:15 p.m. Bigfork
- (9.) Alternative Ed Advisory 4/17/08 3:30 p.m. MALC
- (10.) School Board Open Forum 4/21/08 6:30 p.m. Board Room
- (11.) School Board Regular Meeting, 4/21/08 7:00 p.m. Board Room

- OTHER BUSINESS:
1. Alternative reduction option for activities was discussed.
  2. Silko scheduled Board workshop for 4/14/08 at 5:15 p.m. with agenda items to include continued discussion on budget reductions and educational programming at the Itaskin Education Center and continued discussion on budget reductions.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Hearing no further business, Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Harvey Hietala, Clerk