

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The February 21, 2006 regular school board meeting was called to order by Howard Glas at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

ROLL CALL: Present: Howard Glas, Tim Douglas, Sarah Gallagher, Len Roering, and Peter Brasket, Absent: Lorrie Mulholland and Becky Schaust.
2. **PROGRAM REVIEW** – Al & Cindy Briesemeister talked about teaching in Ethiopia over the last three years. They brought pictures, examples of clothing, jewelry, baskets, etc. and presented a slide show about the country, the people and their experiences teaching and traveling in Africa.
3. **MEETING AGENDA:** L Roering moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the agenda items
Motion passed 5-0.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** S Gallagher moved, P Brasket seconded to approve consent agenda.
Minutes: Board minutes for January 17, 2006 and January 30, 2006 Special School Board Meeting Minutes, Financial Affairs: Current Budget Status with Year to Date Adjustments, Investment Transactions, Automatic Payment Summary and Minnesota Liquid Assets Fund, Cash Report, Revenue and Expense Reports by Fund, Expense Report by Object, List of Bills Presented for Payment and List of Bills Paid Between Board Meetings. Donation of 25 Years of National Geographic Magazines from Clarice DuBay for the Middle School Media Center
Motion passed 5-0.
5. **PERSONNEL MATTERS:**
 - A. Recommendations for Employment: T Douglas moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve the following employment:
 1. Cindy Rammage, ES Paraprofessional, effective 01/25/06, replaces Jennifer Babatz, who resigned.
 2. Nancy Stelrecht, HS Special Ed Long Term Sub, effective 01/23/06 for Kelly Klein who is on approved leave
 3. Amy Garfkjen, ES Paraprofessional, effective 01/17/06 replacing Carla Watson.
 4. Andrea Doom, current basic skills tutor, to replace Jim Schmidt who is retiring, MS Special Ed, effective 08/01/06.
Motion passed 5-0.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
7. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
 - A. Superintendent: Dr. John Sweet reported he, John Konrath and Gwen Egly met with Commissioner Seagren and the Chief Information Officer for Minnesota to discuss where Minnesota is going with Technology. The key message was to find innovative ways to get the job done. They talked about on-line testing (32 districts are now using this) and on-line learning Dr. Sweet also reported the Technology Committee is working on curriculum and a Q Comp committee of three is in process of writing an application
 - B. High School Principal: Dr. Locklear recognized Laura Janis as our National Merit Scholar. He talked about the China initiative and brainstorming program which showed interest in adding a 3-4 week student and teacher exchange program, administrative exchange program, and becoming involved in business and language on-line. He proposed an addition of Chinese to

our curriculum The high school is tracking students GPA's and the data retention shows an increase in Algebra II from 70% in 2005 to 82% in 2007. He reported staffing needs for the next school year of 1 full-time Math teacher and FACS from part time to a full time position.

- A. Middle School Principal: Dick Rominski also talked about the China visitation and mentioned there are pictures and information on their web site under "News." He said the scrolling message boards are now in all classrooms and working well. The Technology committee is meeting on curriculum and discussing adding web design program etc. in the Middle School for students before they get to the High school level. Pennies for Patients goal is \$3,500 and have currently raised \$1,600. Middle School had their 2nd Quarter Lyceum today, Winter Activity day last Friday and Conferences are next Tuesday.
- B. Elementary School Principal: Darren Schuler reported on hosting the Chinese one afternoon in the Elementary School and having them take part in a clay activity with the students. Kindergarten Roundup will be March 16 and 21st. They have finalized census data for Kindergarteners with a total of 129 being registered currently. All Day Everyday Kindergarten prices went up \$10 per month to \$299. All the grades at the Elementary School celebrated the Winter Olympics with their own ceremony.
- E. Director of Business Affairs: Sarah Miller reported on tracking fuel costs and the HACCP process for Food Service as required from the State. She attended workshops on Feb. 2nd and 3rd on negotiating strategies, Q comp and the Special Ed billing process that is taken over by the State of Minnesota. She has some concerns on GASB 43 and 45 regarding benefits.
- F. Community Education: Diane Johnson reported youth enrichment classes are a growth area for Community Education and adult enrichment classes are filling up. ECFE parent-child classes are all at capacity and the ECFE/SR Advisory Council is working on winter fundraisers. Wee Tigers Open House for next year will be held on February 27th. The first issue of the new Tiger Activity Center newsletter has been sent out and the new intramural sports programs starts Feb. 6th. The Park and Rec City task force met and would like Community Ed to do the field scheduling for the summer.

8. BOARD REPORTS

- A. MAWSECO L Roering reported on Lana Jose retiring and advertising for her position.
- B. DASA: P Brasket reported because of the Hockey Teams success the Arena is at capacity for games and that hockey has become a very active organization. He talked about the need to raise money for the hockey program. The Rink manager is moving so the assistant manager will take over. Insurance questions have arisen and are being looked into.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Friend of Delano Schools Award: Dr. Sweet went over the criteria for selection and application process for the first draft proposal that is intended to recognize a community member that has made significant contributions to education at Delano Public Schools.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report on quotations for Bus Transportation Services Dr. Sweet discussed going out for quotes and receiving only one from Stahlke Bus Service. L Roering moved, T Douglas seconded to accept the Contract with Stahlke Bus Co. with an increase of 1 ½ to 2% depending on increase in fuel costs for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years.
Motion passed 5-0
- B. Report on Request for Proposals received for computerized Routing Software: Dr. Sweet reported putting out an RFP for routing software and receiving 4 proposals. They did three on-line demos with vendors and talked with users of the software. Dr. Sweet, Sarah Miller and Julie Bernick went to Spring Lake Park where one full time person is doing the routing. Routing software is probably needed to determine if a 1 ½ tier system can work which would reduce costs. L Roering made a motion to go with Education Logistics as the transportation proposal for an initial cost of \$4,000, one time optimization of \$3,000 and \$300/month support. S Gallagher seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5-0
- C. FY07 Budget Assumptions: Dr. Sweet discussed the General Fund Budget Assumptions. The Budget Assumptions show that the General Fund Unreserved Balance has been declining since 2005. It may be advisable to be looking at a levy referendum in the fall of 2007 for taxes payable in 2008. A board workshop will meet to discuss the assumption on February 28, 2006 at 2:00 pm in the District Office Conference room.

11. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Policy #701.2, Fund Balance, second reading: After reading the policy, L Roering moved, P Brasket seconded to approve Policy #701.2 Fund Balance.
Motion passed 5-0.
- B. Policy #214, Out-Of-State Travel by School Board Members, second reading: T Douglas moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve policy #214, Out-Of-State Travel by School Board Members which is a requirement as of January 1, 2006.
.Motion passed 5-0.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** L Roering moved, S Gallagher seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m.
Motion passed 5-0.

