

**REGULAR MEETING
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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #152
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Altenburg, Lisa Erickson, Cindy Fagerlie, Laurie Johnson, Scott Steffes (7:07 p.m.), Matt Valan and Dr. Lynne A. Kovash.

MEMBER ABSENT: Bill Tomhave.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Fagerlie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led everyone in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREVIEW OF AGENDA: Superintendent Kovash recommended approval of the agenda to proceed with revisions to pages 48 and 50.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Johnson moved, seconded by Erickson, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried 6-0.

WE ARE PROUDS:

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High team, The MeloDIs, for placing 14th out of 64 teams in the secondary level of the scientific challenge, Making Waves, at the 2015 Destination Imagination Global Finals on May 20-23 in Knoxville, Tenn. The team designed and constructed a sound machine, and team members integrated displays of sound waves into the presentation. Team members are Anthony Johnson, David Thibert, Seamus Neill, Nick Cameron and Alex Volk. The MeloDIs also received the secondary level Renaissance Award for demonstrating outstanding skill in the areas of engineering, design and performance by constructing their Incredible Sound Machine, which was a fully functional music box that played a full song. Team manager is Laurie Johnson.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High team, The B Team, for placing 14th out of 72 teams in the secondary level improv challenge, The Improv Games, at the 2015 Destination Imagination Global Finals on May 20-23 in Knoxville, Tenn. Improv Games required the team create three independent improvisational sketches and practice integrating randomly selected situations and settings. Team members are Anthony Johnson, David Thibert, Seamus Neill, Nick Cameron and Alex Volk. Team manager is Laurie Johnson.

We Are Proud of the Moorhead High and Horizon team The “Perfect” Princesses for placing 18th out of 79 teams in the secondary level fine arts challenge, Feary Tales, at the 2015 Destination Imagination Global Finals on May 20-23 in Knoxville, Tenn. Feary Tales required the team to present a team-created fairy tale about a character that deals with a phobia and create an expressive artwork that conveys a thought or feeling. Team members are Abigail Johnson, Emily Karevold, Lexi Dauner, Allison Hanson, Katie Staiger, Betsy Staiger and Kenzie Dauner. Team managers are Laurie Johnson and Denelle Dauner.

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We Are Proud of the Horizon team snrocinU wobniaR for placing 36th out of 89 teams in the middle level improv challenge, The Improv Games, at the 2015 Destination Imagination Global Finals on May 20-23 in Knoxville, Tenn. Improv Games required the team create three independent improvisational sketches and practice integrating randomly selected situations and settings. Team members are Maren Twedt, Rachel Craig, Emma Craig, Eliza Cant and Lydia Flaspohler. Team manager is Heidi Twedt.

Superintendent Kovash played the YouTube video of the performance by the Moorhead High team, The MeloDIs, at the Global Finals.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY CITIZENS/OTHER COMMUNICATIONS: (Citizens who wish to address a non-agenda item have the opportunity to speak by raising their hand and being recognized by the School Board chair. Speakers must state their name and will be limited to three minutes. Speakers must complete the sign-up form, which outlines the public input process, and submit it to the School Board secretary.) None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Steffes moved, seconded by Altenburg, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes - Approve the July 13, 2015 work session and regular meeting minutes and the July 27, 2015 special meeting minutes as presented.

Claims - Approve the August Claims, subject to audit, in the amount of \$1,246,476.78.

General Fund:	\$1,195,318.57
Food Service Fund:	\$17,959.87
Community Service Fund:	\$33,198.34
Post Employment Benefits Debt Service:	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1,246,476.78

The July Wire Payments, subject to audit, in the amount of \$788,163.85.

General Fund:	\$ 784,950.67
Post Employment Irrevocable Trust Fund:	\$3,213.18
TOTAL	\$ 788,163.85

2015-16 Bakery Bids - Accept the bakery bid received from Pan-O-Gold Baking Company.

Lease Agreement with JDP Automation - Approve the lease agreement with JDP Automation for classroom space at the JDP Building commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2018 at the cost of \$6,672.00 per month as presented.

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Clay County Lease Agreement - Approve the lease agreement with Clay County for classroom space at the West Central Regional Juvenile Center commencing on September 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016 at the cost of \$633.95 per month as presented.

West Central Regional Juvenile Center Clerical Contract Renewal - Approve the West Central Regional Juvenile Center Clerical contract for the 2015-2016 school year. The district's share of the cost is one-half or \$31,648.76.

Family/Medical Leaves

Megan Wheeler - EIS Teacher, Probstfield Center for Education, Family/Medical Leave (FMLA), effective November 22, 2015 for approximately eight weeks.

Retirements

Mary Fluto - Paraprofessional, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, effective July 31, 2015.
Sherry Fingarson - Paraprofessional, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, effective August 17, 2015.

Resignations

Amy Jensen - ECFE Teacher, Probstfield Center for Education, effective July 16, 2015.
Nezira Nasim - Paraprofessional, Probstfield Elementary, effective July 8, 2015.
Emily Pederson - ABE Paraprofessional, Adult Basic Education, effective August 13, 2015.
Sarah Anderson - Paraprofessional, Robert Asp Elementary, effective July 31, 2015.
Debra Beckett - Food and Nutrition Server, Probstfield Elementary, effective July 31, 2015.
Kimberly Anderson - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School, effective August 1, 2015.
Andrea Milbrandt - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School, effective July 29, 2015.
Kelly Baumgardner - Human Resource Administrative Assistant, Probstfield Center for Education, effective August 7, 2015.

Other Leave of Absence

Carrie Jenkins - Paraprofessional, Probstfield Elementary, effective with the 2015-16 school year.
Sue Lattimore - Paraprofessional, Moorhead High School, effective with the 2015-16 school year.
Louie Thrash - Paraprofessional, Horizon Middle School, effective with the 2015-16 school year.

New Employees

Cory Holton - Social Studies Teacher, Horizon Middle School, 1.0 FTE, BA (0) \$35,913.00, effective with the 2015-2016 school year (replaces Lynn Johnson).
Crystal Vanderhoof - LSS Teacher, Ellen Hopkins Elementary, 1.0 FTE, MA(8) \$52,617.00, effective with the 2015-2016 school year (replaces Renee Wolf).

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Jay Hartman - Physical Education/Health Teacher, S.G. Reinertsen Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA (2) \$38,212.00, effective with the 2015-2016 school year (replaces Dain Kalkbrenner).

Carrie Stavenger - Elementary Teacher, Robert Asp Elementary, 1.0 FTE, BA (0) \$35,913.00, effective with the 2015-2016 school year (replaces Jen Stumphf).

Emily Dahl - Teacher, Red River Area Learning Center, 1.0 FTE, BA (0) \$35,913.00, effective with the 2015-2016 (replaces Donna LeQuire).

Dawn Swenson - Science Teacher, Moorhead High School, 1.0 FTE. BA+10 (6) \$45,575.00, effective with the 2015-2016 school year (replaces Sarah Jastram).

Timothy Hiller - Bus Driver, Transportation, \$14.76 per hour, 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective July 20, 2015 (replaces Ken Manzella).

Rachel Sternhagen - Administrative Assistant, Horizon Middle School, A13 (3) \$16.39 per hour, 8 hours per day, effective August 11, 2015 (replaces Sheri Schumann).

Nicholas Schulz - COTA, Robert Asp Elementary/Ellen Hopkins Elementary, B31 (1) \$19.37 per hour, 6.75 hours per day, effective with the 2015-2016 school year (replaces Laura Smith).

Tom Dooher - Nordic Ski Head Coach, Moorhead High School, .10 \$5,526.00, effective with the 2015-2016 season (new position).

Taylor Abraham - Administrative Assistant, Probstfield Elementary, A13 (0-2) \$15.76 per hour, 8 hours per day, effective August 11, 2015 (replaces .5 Monica Dickman and new position per 2015-2016 staffing plan).

Hilda Cervantes Cardona - Early Riser Family Advocate, Probstfield Elementary, C41 (0-3) \$25.68 per hour, 7.25 hours per day, effective with the 2015-2016 school year (new position per 2015-2016 staffing plan).

Motion carried 6-0.

2015-2016 MOORHEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS PARENT AND STUDENT

HANDBOOK: Dr. Kovash reviewed the changes in the elementary handbook for the 2015-16 school year.

Steffes moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the 2015-2016 Moorhead Elementary Schools Parent and Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

2015-16 RED RIVER AREA LEARNING CENTER PARENT AND STUDENT

HANDBOOK: Janel Simonson, counselor/dean of students at Red River Area Learning Center, reviewed the handbook. The handbook has been developed this year to provide more guidance for families and students at the area learning center.

Erickson moved, seconded by Altenburg, to approve the 2015-16 Red River Area Learning Center Parent and Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

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APPROVAL OF POLICY 511: Steffes moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the policy, Enrollment of Nonresident Students 511, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON: Dr. Kovash reviewed the resolution required for the November 3, 2015 special election. The bond would pay for the construction of a new elementary school, a major addition to Horizon Middle School and security improvements and renovations at several schools. A November 3 special election will ask voters to approve raising property taxes to enable the school district to borrow \$78,280,000.

Greg Crowe, financial advisor with Ehlers and Associates, said that if voters approved the school funding request, taxes would increase by approximately \$9 a month on a \$150,000 home. The debt is structured so although the tax rate will increase for the next five years, it will return to the current tax rate by 2022 for the remainder of the 20-year bond. The impact on taxpayers also decreases as the tax base and population in the school district grow.

Discussion was held related to including language in the ballot question regarding safety and security upgrades at Horizon Middle School. Mr. Crowe responded the ballot question language was a summary of the major projects and did not need to include all details of the projects.

Erickson moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the Resolution Relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds and Calling an Election Thereon. A roll call vote was taken; the motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REVENUE: Brandon Lunak, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, and Greg Crowe, Ehlers and Associates, said during the Special Session of the 2015 Legislative Session the 2015 Education Act was passed. This established a Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue (LTFMR) program for school districts throughout Minnesota. Beginning in FY17, the new program replaces current Health and Safety Revenue, Deferred Maintenance Revenue, and Alternative Facilities Bonding and Levy programs. Traditionally only the top 25 largest districts were eligible for the Alternative Facilities Bonding and Levy programs, which was viewed as an unfair advantage. This program is more flexible than the revenue sources it is replacing and will change the approach many districts take to fund their Long-Term Facilities Maintenance programs.

Valan left the meeting at 8:11 p.m. and returned at 8:14 p.m.

The LTFMR program was approved to be phased in over a three-year period that will increase the funding formula each year FY 2017-2019. The LTFMR funding formula takes into account the number of pupils in the district and the age of the facilities in the district. In addition to

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the LTFMR funding formula each district can also include approved Health & Safety projects over \$100,000.

Included in this law is a significant equalization program to help alleviate the tax burden of this revenue source for several eligible districts. The eligibility requirements of this program will take into account the district's Average Net Tax Capacity with a reduction factor for Class 2a Agricultural Land.

The uses of the LTFMR program include "Like for Like" replacements of deferred capital expenditures and maintenance projects necessary to prevent further erosion of facilities. It also can be used to increase accessibility of school facilities and health safety projects under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.57. It cannot be used for the construction of new facilities, remodeling existing facilities, or the purchase of portable classrooms as well as several other parameters.

Altenburg moved, seconded by Steffes, to approve the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue program as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES UPDATE: Lunak provided construction project updates regarding the Moorhead High swimming pool, S.G. Reinertsen addition and parking lots and Probstfield kitchen.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dr. Kovash noted she attended a meeting with metro school districts, Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development staff and other organizations regarding a special viewing of the film "Most Likely to Succeed." She also provided an enrollment update. Kindergarten enrollment at Probstfield is at 525 and grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 at S.G. Reinertsen, grades 1 and 4 at Ellen Hopkins and grade 2 at Robert Asp are at capacity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Brief reports were heard related to the Community Facilities Task Force meeting, the Chamber "Eggs and Issues" and MSBA Summer Seminar event/conference.

OTHER PERTINENT ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: Chair Fagerlie indicated she would be sending the superintendent's evaluation electronically to board members and the superintendent evaluation is scheduled for the August 24 board meeting. Fagerlie also reported the MREA Fall meeting was scheduled for September 23 in Fergus Falls. Board members were asked to contact Michelle if interested in attending. Dr. Kovash noted details related to the MSBA Fall Area meetings would be forthcoming.

CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING: Steffes moved, seconded by Johnson, to close the public meeting at 8:51 p.m., pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.03, for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies. Motion carried 6-0.

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OPEN PUBLIC MEETING: Steffes moved, seconded by Valan, to open the public meeting at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Laurie Johnson, Clerk