

SAUK RAPIDS-RICE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47  
REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2009

A regularly scheduled, semi-monthly meeting of the Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD 47 Board of Education was called to order by Chair Holthaus on Monday, March 9, 2009, at seven o'clock p.m. in the SRRHS Board Conference Room of said district.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present included Braun, Hauck, Holthaus, Morse, Solarz, and Woggon. Member absent was Seamans. Others present were Superintendent Vandal; Business Manager Eisenschenk; Principals Clark, Martens, Paasch, and Swenson; Special Education Coordinator Haller; and SRRHS Student Council Representative Wurdelman.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Hauck, seconded by Braun, and carried approving the meeting agenda as printed and distributed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Woggon, seconded by Morse, and carried approving the following "Consent Agenda" items:

Minutes of February 23, 2009 School Board Meeting

Personnel

Leave requests from:

**Karen P. Gates**, SRRMS language arts teacher, for continuation of her family medical/sick leave through the end of the current school term (April 1, 2009 -May 29, 2009 for a total of 40 duty days).

**Kelly J. Peterson**, PV special education teacher, for a combination of disability/personal/child care leaves as necessary beginning on or about 05.20.09 through conclusion of the current school term.

Employment of **Jana L. Blomberg** as Community Education's Youth Development Coordinator effective 02.23.09 at a salary of \$14 per hour. Jana replaces Amy Vos.

Resignations of:

**Hannah E. Hutton** as SRRMS lunchroom paraprofessional effective 02.18.09.

**Angie L. Mixell** as MHES high risk duty paraprofessional effective 02.27.09.

Retirement of **Karen P. Gates**, who has served the district in several instructional and administrative capacities over the past 23 years, effective 05.29.09.

Change in duty for:

**Anne M. Cameron**, SRRHS business education teacher, for reduction of one class during the last trimester or .9091 annual duty at a salary schedule placement of MA+60, Step 12.

**Thomas L. Fenlason**, PV special education paraprofessional for 6.5 hours daily, to duty as a MHES high risk duty paraprofessional for 6.5 hours daily effective 03.06.09 at a salary schedule placement of Level VI, Step 9. Tom replaces Angie Mixell.

**Nicholas L. Klug**, part-time SRRHS classroom teacher, will assume the duty vacated by Anne Cameron for a total of .6767 contract for 08-09 effective 03.09.09 at a salary schedule placement of BA, Step 5.

**Kathryn E. Roehl**, MHES special education paraprofessional for 6.5 hours daily, will also assume the duties of elementary support staff sub calling, due to the resignation of Becky Cedergren, for one-half hour daily effective 09.02.08 at a salary schedule placement of Level V, Step 9.

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT HOURS**

A motion was made by Braun, seconded by Morse, and carried granting a request for up to twenty additional days of special education assessment time for the remainder of the current school year in response to high elementary school caseloads.

## 2008-2009 SPRING COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

A motion was made by Solarz, seconded by Hauck, and carried approving the following coaching duties as recommended by Activities Director Tom Conzemius:

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Schedule Placement</u>		<u>Season</u>
Daniel Allen	8th grade baseball	Step 12	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Megan Bemboom	10th grade softball	Step 3	7.0%	03.09.09 - 06.05.09
Gail Bialke	Head softball	Step 12	11.0%	03.09.09 - 06.05.09
Collin Botten	7th grade baseball	Step 6	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Jeremy Christie	8th grade softball	Step 2	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Michael Engelhart	7th grade softball	Step 12	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Loren Finlayson	Head girls track	Step 12	11.0%	03.09.09 - 06.06.09
Peter Frantti	Head boys golf	Step 8	9.0%	03.09.09 - 06.04.09
Rodney Fuchs	Ass't. boys track	Step 11	7.0%	03.09.09 - 06.06.09
David Hiedeman	7th grade softball	Step 12	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Jeffrey Hille	Head baseball	Step 2	11.0%	03.16.09 - 06.12.09
Kevin Hines	7/8th grade boys track	Step 6	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Danny Johnson	7/8th grade boys track	Step 12	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Eric Johnson	9th grade baseball	Step 12	6.0%	03.16.09 - 06.12.09
Danielle Jonsgaard	9th grade softball	Step 2	6.0%	03.09.09 - 06.05.09
Aaron Karasch	Ass't. girls track	Step 10	7.0%	03.09.09 - 06.06.09
Chet Kelm	Ass't varsity golf	Step 2	6.0%	03.09.09 - 06.04.09
Terrence Kipka	7/8th grade girls golf	Step 12	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Nicholas Klug	9th grade baseball	Step 5	6.0%	03.16.09 - 06.12.09
Sandra Lahr	8th grade softball	Step 2	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Michael Lynch	10th grade baseball	Step 2	7.0%	03.16.09 - 06.12.09
Peter Robinet	Head boys track	Step 12	11.0%	03.09.09 - 06.06.09
Ryan Szymanski	7th grade baseball	Step 2	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Elizabeth Trutwin	7/8th grade girls track	Step 7	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Sheldon Weston	7/8th grade boys golf	Step 12	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Marie Zeilenga	7/8th grade girls track	Step 3	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09
Trenton Ziegler	8th grade baseball	Step 6	4.5%	03.30.09 - 05.20.09

## REPORTS TO THE BOARD

### Student Council Representative Report - Wurdelman

Nik reported on:

- A. March food drive ("Feed Our Families")
- B. March 20 black light dance plans
- C. National and state convention attendance
- D. School Board/Student Council luncheon

### NWEA and Study Island Report - Mackenthun, Moon, Petron, Swenson, and Wilson

Board members were offered insights into NWEA, the progress monitoring program we are currently using in our elementary and middle schools as well as with our freshmen. This was followed by a demonstration of the Study Island web-based learning tool. Rice Principal Swenson, teachers Mackenthun, Moon, and Wilson, and Rice Student Council President Petron shared both staff and student experiences with these learning programs.

Student Council Representative Wurdelman excused himself from the meeting.

## PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input at 7:45 p.m.

## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD (continued)**

### Superintendent's Report - Vandal

A moment of silence was observed in honor of former School Board member Barbara Beniek who passed away over the weekend.

Report topics included:

1. Alternate calendar in review
2. GREAT Theatre - decision by mid-March
3. Catastrophic Leave Committee representative needed (Woggon volunteers)
4. Accolades
  - +Beniek visitation - all the volunteers who helped make arrangements!
  - +Transportation para Linda Palmer who always has a smile on her face as she delivers and picks up mail, no matter what the weather! (Deb Campbell)
  - +Lane Zyvoloski and Travis Baker: our MSHSL Academics, Arts, and Athletics (AAA) Award winners for 2009! (Tom Conzemius)
  - +Our culinary teams, under the leadership of Mary Levinski, participated in state competition last month. The Restaurant Management Team took first place and will be competing in San Diego in April at the national competition. Participants are Jessie Barthel, Jeremy Haakonson, Kaila Turck, Kevin Sparks, and Chris Matt! (Erich Martens)
  - +Sean McMahon and Lane Zyvoloski took first place in the Ridgewater College Skills Fest. Sean was a winner in Logo Design and Lane was first in Photo-Student Life! (Erich Martens)
  - +Joletta Falknor was given a Minnesota Reading Association Celebrate Literacy Award. She will be honored at a reception in Maple Grove on March 20! This award recognizes her for exemplary service, practice, and accomplishments in furthering literacy in the state! (Erich Martens)

## **CHILDREN'S DENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Braun, and carried authorizing Superintendent Vandal to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Children's Dental Services which will permit both parties to continue making plans to provide these services to district children and families beginning the 09-10 school term.

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

### Summer School Program Preview

A calendar of proposed summer school programs was distributed and reviewed. Board members will be asked to officially authorize a summer school program and to call for the posting of relevant positions at the March 23, 2009 School Board meeting in Rice.

### Middle School Program Revision Discussions Continue

Representatives from the middle school (Christoferson, Frischmann, Froiland, Johnson, Mackenthun, and Mann) were present to answer questions and discuss the direction the Long-Range Planning Team is going with next year's program model. A motion was made by Woggon, seconded by Morse, and carried moving the program change request to an action item at this time. A motion was made by Woggon, seconded by Braun, and carried endorsing recommended program changes from multi-grade houses to grade level houses to facilitate increased achievement and to better utilize available resources beginning the 2009-2010 school term, as recommended by the Committee.

### Budget Discussions Continue

Revised state budget forecast information released by the State was reviewed. Impact of the federal stimulus package provided to the State, on services funded by the federal government, were also discussed.

## **REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

### Benton County Economic Development - Hauck

Group members expressed appreciation for the School Board's continued presence.

### Public Relations Committee - Hauck

Committee members held their first meeting last week and discussed the following:

- A. Examination of existing strategies
- B. New opportunities
- C. Increased Board responsibilities/participation
- D. District newsletter and website
- E. Follow-up with constituents offering "Public Input"

### Standards and Achievement Committee - Woggon

Committee members Holthaus and Woggon participated in a recent administrative core team meeting and described a most interesting and informative exchange on past and present choice of curriculum, test development, and delivery models.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business appearing before the Board, a motion was made by Hauck, seconded by Solarz, and carried adjourning the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn L. Holthaus, Board of Education Chair  
Sauk Rapids-Rice ISD 47

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