

OFFICIAL
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 281, ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER BOARDROOM
4148 Winnetka Avenue North, New Hope
September 19, 2005

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Present: Bassett, Brown, Green, Johnson, Moreira, Van Heel, directors; Stan F. Mack II, superintendent.

Absent: Oetjens.

2. Additions to Agenda

Superintendent Mack noted the following changes to the agenda: 4.01.a. Eden Park Park Promise representatives, 5.01.b.c. work session minutes, 7.01. addition of supporting document, 8.02 change order, 10.07 Interschool Council report, 10.08. Robbinsdale Middle School Task Force report.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Bassett moved to accept the agenda with changes. Green seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Presentations and Special Reports

4.01. Superintendent's Recognition

4.01.a. Eden Park Park Promise and University of Minnesota School of Psychology Student Association

The superintendent and school board recognized the University of Minnesota School of Psychology Student Association. Each year the association students collect school supplies for a school or organization. This year the association selected the Robbinsdale Area Schools Park promise after-school program. The students collected enough school supplies and program supplies for all 60 students participating in the Park Promise program. Supplies for these 60 students consisted of notebooks, loose-leaf paper, pens, pencils, markers, colored pencils, art supplies, calculators and much more.

Park Promise is a grant-funded program which services 60 students attending Meadow Lake, Plymouth Middle School and Robbinsdale Cooper High School and who also reside at Eden Park Apartments in Brooklyn Park. The program has an integrated funding stream, which includes funding from the Department of Education (21st Century Grant), as well as the following foundations: Pohlrad, Cargill, Sundance and McNight. The program is a partnership between Robbinsdale Area Schools, Robbinsdale Area Redesign, Mosaic Youth Center Study Buddies, U of M Study Buddies, Real Estate Equities and Opportunity Neighborhood Development Corporation.

Melodie Hanson from Robbinsdale Redesign and Carrie Geise from Opportunity Neighborhood Development Corporation accepted thanks on behalf of the U of MN School of Psychology Student Association.

4.01.b. District 281 Authors – Geri Timperley and Nikki Timperley Arro

The superintendent and school board recognized Geri Timperley, a chemical health specialist at Robbinsdale Middle School and Nikki Timperley Arro, a teacher at Noble Elementary for their collaborate efforts in writing and publishing a book to help three year old Kylee Timperley understand what was happening when her dad, Adam, was called to active duty in Iraq. The book entitled "A Very Long Time" tells the story of a little girl who has to wait for her father to return from military service. The book was illustrated by Marlaina Kopietz, a student at Noble Elementary. They were congratulated and thanked for their outstanding efforts in creating a book that will benefit many children and families.

5. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included September 6, 2005 regular board meeting minutes, September 12, 2005 work session minutes, September 15, 2005 special board meeting minutes and personnel matters. Van Heel moved to approve the consent agenda. Moreira seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda items removed for discussion (none)

7. Teaching and Learning

7.01. Annual Report Card

Brown moved to approve the Robbinsdale Area Schools Annual Report Card on curriculum, instruction and student academic achievement. Van Heel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The board commended the excellent work of the System Accountability Committee and encouraged community members to consider joining the committee.

8. Business

8.01. Robbinsdale School District 281 Bid Awards – none

8.02. Robbinsdale School District 281 Change Orders

Bassett moved approval of 8.02.a. change order # 7, Jorgenson Construction, in the amount of \$49,604, for Forest Elementary School. Moreira seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8.03. Worker Compensation Insurance Renewal October 1, 2005- October 1, 2006

Green moved to approve the worker compensation insurance renewal with Minnesota School Boards Association Insurance Trust with a \$100,000 deductible per accident and \$600,000 aggregate. The premium quote is \$202,703. Moreira seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8.04. Proposed 2006 Tax Levy

Van Heel moved to approve the maximum levy allowed, an increase of 9.92 percent. Green seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Truth in Taxation Hearing is set for November 29, 2005.

9. Administrative Matters

9.01. Robbinsdale Area Schools Legislative Resolution to the Minnesota School Boards Association

Bassett moved to waive the reading and approve the following resolution. Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota School Boards Association support a bill for an act relating to education finance, authorizing a levy for certain utility costs of facilities used primarily for community education programs.

10. Board Reports

10.01. Legislative Update

10.01.a. Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Van Heel provided highlights of the recent AMSD meeting, including the recognition of AMSD Friends of Education, Senator Linda Scheid and Representative Doug Meslow. Discussions on Q-Comp continue.

10.01.b. TwinWest Legislative Breakfast

Green provided highlights of the TwinWest Legislative Breakfast with former Governors Anderson, Quie and Carlson.

10.02. Construction Update

Superintendent Mack reported that we are nearing closure on our construction projects.

10.03. West Metro Education Report

Moreira provided highlights of the recent WMEP Joint Powers Board meeting. WMEP board voted to have Robbinsdale pay an additional pledge of \$130,000. We will continue to evaluate the services and staff

development provided by WMEP. We will discuss integration revenue, compensatory funds and other revenues used in accordance with our Desegregation Plan and how those funds serve our students.

10.04. September 12 Work Session Report

Van Heel provided a review of the September 12 work session agenda which included: review of adapted physical education – swimming, District 287 interest in Hosterman, West Metro Education Program, Enrollment Update, Signage for RALC, Community Conversation Format, MSBA Legislative Resolution, Board Policy Committee Report.

10.05. Board Dialogue Report

Green provided highlights of a great board dialogue with booster club representatives and officers. The dialogue focused on the following questions: How does your booster club or parent group support students in the district? How do you address fundraising? What are your thoughts on collaborative fundraising efforts? What do you want the district to know? The board and administration will review input from the dialogue and look forward to future opportunities to meet with booster organizations. The board thanked all participants for their dedicated, energetic hard work to support our students.

10.06. Intermediate District 287 Report

Johnson provided highlights of the recent District 287 meeting which included information on their restructured advisory and communication efforts, and professional learning communities.

10.07. Interschool Council Report

Green provided highlights of the recent Interschool Council meeting. Information presented to the council focused on the district's web site, enrollment, Read Around Town, Healthy Schools Policy and the district budget.

10.08. Robbinsdale Middle School Task Force Report

Bassett provided an update on the program focus options that are being considered for Robbinsdale Middle School.

11. Board Rapport

Johnson attended the Minnesota School Boards Association Fall Area meeting. Delegates were elected to the Delegate Assembly. She noted that the primary speaker focused on the impact of methamphetamines and matters relating to prevention, education, treatment and enforcement. Bassett reported that the Minnesota Supreme Court is reviewing out of home placement for children and supportive practices to help families reunite and get treatment. She noted that Senators Ann Rest and Representative Lyndon Carlson will hold a community forum on September 20 at the Rockford Road Library. Van Heel thanked voters for voting in the Primary Election. She highlighted a *StarTribune* article about using student data to raise student achievement. She noted that many of our students are out knocking on doors for school fundraising; she thanked boosters for their passionate support of our students and for sharing their expertise with one another and with the board.

12. Announcements

13. Adjournment

Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Green seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
Respectfully submitted,

Barb Van Heel, clerk of the board

Approved October 4, 2005

Linda Johnson, chairperson