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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 281, ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

January 7, 2002

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Hernz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Patsy Green, Bob Hernz, Linda Johnson, Mary Moreira, Deb Oetjens, Barb Van Heel, Kendra Verbeten, directors; Stan F. Mack II, superintendent.

2. Additions to Agenda

Superintendent Mack noted the following additions to the agenda: 4.01.a. We Care About Kids Day Proclamation, correction of ESC in item 5.02.a.1.d. , 9.01 addition of first reading to Policy Governance agenda item.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Oetjens moved approval of the agenda with changes. Green seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Superintendent's Recognition

The superintendent recognized Jean Lipkin, a member of the We Care About Kids 2002 planning committee who shared share information about this event for families and youth.

4.01.a. We Care About Kids Day Proclamation

Community Ahead, a local coalition of volunteer adults and youth established to improve the assets of young people in communities served by Robbinsdale Area Schools, and coalition Chairperson Beth Brunstad, asked that the School Board of the Robbinsdale Area Schools approve the following resolution declaring Saturday, February 2, 2002, as WE CARE ABOUT KIDS DAY. Oetjens moved approval of the proclamation. Green seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The proclamation follows:

WHEREAS, our local Community Ahead initiative is hosting WE CARE ABOUT KIDS DAY on Saturday, February 2 as a free family event to promote youth assets; and

WHEREAS, there are 40 developmental assets identified as the framework for healthy growth in our children, such as family support, bonding to school, making good decisions, resolving conflicts and feeling like life has purpose; and

WHEREAS, these 40 developmental assets will be the focus of WE CARE ABOUT KIDS DAY through the volunteer efforts of community businesses, resource agencies, faith communities and schools; and

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility to build assets and help young people reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents of our community to attend the event to build assets and inform themselves about community resources for families while enjoying free entertainment, demonstrations, a student art show, free food and the fourth annual District 281 Role Model Awards on February 2, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Northwest YMCA in New Hope;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we are a school board that cares about kids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Saturday, February 2 is declared WE CARE ABOUT KIDS DAY throughout the school district.

4.02. Arts Showcase

The superintendent welcomed an eighth grade brass quintet from Sandburg Middle School. Student performers included Dane Anderson, Jeff Grubbs, Michelle Karch, Luke Streich, Garrett O'Connor and Matthew Hiel. Their teacher is Jen Anderson.

4.03. Legislative Update

Superintendent Mack shared information about an upcoming breakfast with local legislators on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at 7:30 a.m. Administrators and board members will share the AMSD/MSBA platform and the Robbinsdale Area Schools focus on alternative facilities as it related to Forest Elementary School. Hernz noted that he would also be in contact with the SCOPE Committee regarding the proposed platform and upcoming legislative session.

4.04. Construction Update

Walerius noted that 99.9% of the work is completed at Meadow Lake and unpacking has begun. He noted that Highview Alternative Program has moved to RACEC and the site works very well for staff and students. He also noted that work is scheduled for D building at Armstrong and bids will be let for Cooper in April. Hernz extended thanks to all involved in the move and construction for work well done.

4.05 Listening Hour Report – No citizens attended.

5. Consent Agenda

Moreira moved approval of the consent agenda including minutes of the December 17, 2001 regular board meeting, approval of trained surrogate parents, the resubmission of the pay equity report, teachers' achieving Continuing Contract Status and of June 30, 2001, personnel matters, financial matters, contracts, gifts and deposits in the amount of \$15,804.63 to Robbinsdale Area Schools, grants and leases. Oetjens seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda items removed for discussion. (None)

7. Teaching and Learning

7.01. Update on Desegregation/Integration Plan

Gayle Walkowiak, Jackie Fraedrich and Stephanie Crosby, along with the Rainbow Research staff, reviewed the information gained from the focus groups conducted throughout the past several months. These focus groups were designed to elicit input regarding the district desegregation/integration plan.

7.02. Results of Grade 4 Test of Written Composition

Gayle Walkowiak, Cheryl Videen and Steve Urbanski presented the results of the recent grade 4 Test of Written Composition.

8. Business

8.01. Robbinsdale School District 281 Change Orders

Oetjens moved approval of the following change orders. Moreira seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Change order: 8.01.a. Midwest Asphalt Corporation change order #4 in the amount of \$10,474 for Armstrong High School Y2000 Site Improvements, 8.01.b. RJM Construction change order #1 in the amount of \$17,460 for Cooper High School Renovation Phase II, 8.01.c. RJM Construction change order #4 in the amount of \$42,737 for Cooper High School Renovation Phase II, 8.01.d. RJM Construction change order #5 in the amount of \$91,433 for Cooper High School Renovation Phase II, 8.01.e. RJM Construction change order #6 in the amount of \$45,478 for Cooper High School Renovation Phase II, 8.01.f. RJM Construction change order #7 in the amount of \$44,655 for Cooper High School Renovation Phase II., 8.01.g. Veit Environmental, Inc. change order #7 in the amount of \$919 for Meadow Lake Elementary Asbestos & Microbial Abatement, 8.01.h. RJM Construction change order #7 in the amount of \$16,903 for Meadow Lake Elementary School Renovation, 8.01.i. Shaw-Lundquist Associates, Inc. change order #6

in the amount of (\$19,430) for Neill Elementary School Renovation Y2000, 8.01.j. Lund Martin Construction, Inc. change order #3 in the amount of \$26,492 for RHS Resource Center Renovation Phase II Y2001 (RALC), 8.01.k.. Lund Martin Construction, Inc. change order #4 in the amount of \$45,101 for RHS Resource Center Renovation Phase II Y2001 (RALC), 8.01.l. EnviroBate Metro change order #1 in the amount of \$3,716.85 for Sonnesyn Elementary Asbestos & Microbial Abatement, 8.01.m. Palmer West Construction change order #1 in the amount of \$16,789 for Sonnesyn Elementary School Emergency Roof Repairs, 8.01.n. Lund Martin Construction, Inc. change order #6 in the amount of (\$27,080) for Sunny Hollow Elementary School Renovation, 8.01.o. RJM Construction change order #7 in the amount of \$34,477 for Zachary Lane Elementary Renovation, 8.01.p. RJM Construction change order #8 in the amount of \$45,865 for Zachary Lane Elementary Renovation, 8.01.q. RJM Construction change order #9 in the amount of \$17,358 for Zachary Lane Elementary Renovation.

9. Administrative Matters

9.01. School Board Policy Governance – first reading

Moreira moved to adopt Robbinsdale Area Schools Policy Governance Draft 4. Oetjens seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9.02. Desegregation/Integration Plan for Magnet Schools/Program

Hernz moved to endorse the district's Desegregation Plan for magnet schools, including a proposed year round magnet program at the elementary level. Moreira seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Board Rapport

Moreira welcomed new board members. Verbeten, Green and Johnson all shared enthusiasm for their work together at the board work session on Saturday. Hernz noted that it was good to have the new board in place. Oetjens provided information on the District 287 math league and encouraged citizens to check out their web site. Van Heel noted that she is happy to be serving on the board. Superintendent Mack noted that we are all fortunate to be a part of a great school district and that we are fortunate to be able to do great things for students, we are moving ahead in a positive direction.

11. Adjournment

Hernz adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Verbeten, clerk of the board

Approved January 22, 2002

Robert Hernz, chairperson