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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 281, ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

October 8, 2001

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Hernz called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Present: ReNae Bowman, Bob Hernz, Mary Moreira, Bev O'Connor, Deb Oetjens, Kendra Verbeten, directors; Stan F. Mack II, superintendent. Absent: Steve McLaird.

2. Additions to Agenda
Superintendent Mack noted the following additions: 4.02 names of sixth grade student presenters, 4.03 Forest Elementary School of Excellence Award, and the reordering of items 8.02 and 8.03 to permit Tom Walerius to leave for a district referendum information presentation.

3. Acceptance of Agenda
Oetjens moved approval of the agenda with changes. Moreira seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Superintendent's Recognition and Special Reports

4.01 Superintendent's Recognition
The superintendent recognized and thanked North Memorial Health Care and Joe Boston, Executive Director of the North Memorial Community Foundation, for sponsorship of the 2001-2002 Robbinsdale Area Schools calendar. Mr. Boston and the superintendent joined in recognizing the following student artists whose work appears in the calendar: Kyle Johanson, Grade 8 – Plymouth Middle School; Rachel Lee, Grade 3 – Zachary Lane Elementary; Faith Nelson, Grade 4 – Noble Elementary; Elizabeth Ladwig, Grade 5 – Sonnesyn Elementary; Brittany Rodgers, Grade 6 – Sandburg Middle School; Danielle Lussier, Grade 3 – Sunny Hollow Elementary; Pao Yang, Grade 10 - Robbinsdale Cooper High School; Emily Blau, Grade 5 – Pilgrim Lane Elementary; Steve Reutiman, Grade 12 – Robbinsdale Armstrong High School; Shannon Niles, Grade 6 – Plymouth Middle School; Bryson Tyrrell, Grade 10 – Robbinsdale Armstrong High School; Brandi Ellison, Grade 10 – Highview Alternative Program; Ka Vang, Grade 4 – Northport Elementary School; Joe Peters, Grade 8 – Technology and Language Campus; Jacob Norberg, Grade 3 – Neill Elementary; Kathryn Jeffy, Grade 3 – Neill Elementary.

4.02 Arts Presentation
The superintendent introduced Ev Sonnechsen, a visual arts teacher at Plymouth Middle School, and sixth grade students Danielle Bresnahan, Eric Seaburg and Emily Aanerud who provided information on the artwork on display in the boardroom. Grade 6 students at Plymouth Middle School created works expressing feelings and ideas about American freedom and patriotism. The works include important symbols and images of our country and were completed following the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

4.03 Forest Elementary School of Excellence Award

The superintendent recognized Connie Grumdahl, Principal of Forest Elementary School and members of the Forest Site Council as Forest Elementary School was recently named a 2001 School of Excellence by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association. The award is presented annually by MESPA to schools whose principals, staff and school communities complete a program assessment and develop and implement a school improvement plan. Schools are evaluated in six categories: organization, leadership, curriculum and instruction, staff development, school climate and assessment. Congratulations to Principal Grumdahl and the entire Forest community.

4.04 Construction Update – The construction update was waived.
4.05 Listening Hour Report – No citizens attended.

5. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Mack reviewed the consent agenda, including minutes of the September 24, 2001 regular board meeting, approval of engrossments of WMEP's Joint Powers Board Agreement and Bylaws, approval of pay rate for election judges for 2001 (judges will be paid $7.50 per hour and head judges will be paid $8.50 per hour), approval of request and supporting document to extend the pay equity report resubmittal date, approval of the appointment of a trained surrogate parent, personnel matters, contracts, gifts, other deposits, grants, and change orders as follows: RJM Construction change order #2 in the amount of $31,323 for the Cooper High School Phase II renovation, Northstar Fire Protection change order #5 in the amount of $322 for the Cooper High School Fire Protection System, W.L. Hall Company change order #1 in the amount of $7,786 for the RALC (RHS) Resource Center Renovation Window Purchasing Package, RJM Construction change order #5 in the amount of $39,790 for the Meadow Lake Elementary School Renovation, All State Communication, Inc. change order #1 in the amount of $9,130.60 for the Cooper High School Voce and Data Upgrades, All State Communication, Inc. change order #1 in the amount of $23,177 for the RALC (RS) Resource Center Voice and Data Upgrades, DMJ Corporation change order #1 in the amount of $48,072 for Sonnesyn Elementary 2001 Improvements, RJM Construction change order #6 in the amount of $37,710 for the Zachary Lane Elementary School Renovation. O'Connor moved approval of the consent agenda.   Oetjens seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

7. Teaching and Learning

7.01. Review of ACT, IB and AP
Gayle Walkowiak and Jackie Fraedrich, along with Holly Lewis from the IB Program and Heather Trettel from the AP Program, presented information on our outstanding student performance on recent high school assessments.

8. Business

8.01 Robbinsdale School District 281 Change Orders
Bowman moved approval of the following change orders: RJM Construction change order #3 in the amount of $181,039 for the Cooper High School Renovation – Phase 2, Phasor Electric Company change order #3 in the amount of $147,967.49 for the Cooper High School Fire Protection System. Moreira seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8.02 Enrollment Report
Tom Walerius, Executive Director of Administrative Services, reported on enrollment in the Robbinsdale School District for the 2001-2002 school year.

8.03 Budget Projection Projections

Tom Walerius, Executive Director of Administrative Services, reported on the status of and budget projections for the general fund.

9. Administrative Matters

9.01. Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the November 6. 2001 School District General Election and Special Election
Verbeten moved to waive the reading and approve the resolution appointing judges for the November 6, 2001 School District General Election and Special Election. Oetjens seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous. The resolution follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 281, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The individuals specified as follows, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election for the school district's general election and special election on November 6, 2001 to act as such at the combined polling places listed on said exhibit.

2. The election judges appointed by the City of Golden Valley for its November 6, 2001 municipal elections are also appointed as election judges of the School District's general election and special election held in conjunction with that municipal election. Their names are incorporated in this resolution as though fully set forth herein.

3. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast, and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections. A complete list of election judges is available in the district's business office.

10. Board Rapport
O'Connor noted that our school board resolution on alternative facilities that was sent to MSBA would go forward without recommendation because few districts are affected by the resolution and the matter is not well understood. O'Connor attended the recent Nobel Peace Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College. Superintendent Mack is enjoying the task of serving as a teacher to the community about the upcoming referendum.

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment
Hernz adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bev O'Connor, clerk of the board

Approved October 22, 2001

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Robert Hernz, chairperson