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St. Anthony – New Brighton  
Independent School District 282  
**Regular School Board Meeting – March 19, 2013**  
St. Anthony High School/Middle School Media Center  
3303 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE  
St. Anthony, MN 55418

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Dave Evans; Barry Kinsey; Don Siggelkow; Andrea Scamehorn, Leah Slye and Mike Volna

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Bob Laney, Director of Business Services, Kristen Hoheisel, Executive Assistant to Superintendent and School Board, Sheli Pollard, St. Anthony Middle School Principal, Renee Corneille, Wilshire Park Principal, Kari Page, Union President, Nancy Terry

**Guest Present:** Tom Oswald, K-12 Transportation Management Services

The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Board Chair, Barry Kinsey, in the St. Anthony High School-Middle School Media Center.

**APPROVAL AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Leah Slye and seconded by Don Siggelkow to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carries.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Mike Volna and seconded by Andie Scamehorn to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2013 Regular School Board Meeting. The motion carries.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Andie Scamehorn and seconded by Dave Evans to approve the March 19, 2013 Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carries.**

**ACTION**

**1. Consideration of Bus/Transportation Notice:**

**A motion was made by Mike Volna and seconded by Don Siggelkow** "...to authorize district administration to initiate procurement for student transportation services commencing with 2013-14 school year for a period not to exceed (2) two years with an option for an additional one or two years, or a maximum of four (4) years, consistent with Minnesota Statutes 2008. Sec 123B.52 Subds. 1 and 3, as presented."

Director of Business Services, Kristen Hoheisel briefly outlined the process used for securing transportation services for the school district. Ms Hoheisel indicated that the school district has been well served by the current provider; but that she believed we could possibly get a better contract by going out for bid. She introduced Tom Oswald of K-12 Transportation Services who had been overseeing our transportation contract with Minnesota Central School Bus LLC and now is working with K-12 Transportation Services. Mr. Oswald will be coordinating the effort to obtain bids from other providers.

58 Mr. Oswald addressed the school board and wanted to make the board aware of several important  
59 factors:

- 60 • St. Anthony New Brighton is very attractive to transportation providers because of the small  
61 size of the district. Most of the transportation service providers to our surrounding larger  
62 districts would be interested in adding our district to their current routes. This factor may result  
63 in driving down prices for our district.
- 64 • Our current contract did not have “teeth” in it for non-performance. With the new contract  
65 proposed there are provisions for swift action in the event of unsatisfactory service.
- 66 • This contract would be a 2-year contract with a review cycle in 2 years to either renew or  
67 replace the transportation provider.
- 68 • There have already been eleven (11) bus companies indicating that they intended to bid for our  
69 business. At the request of one of the board members, Mr. Oswald named the eleven  
70 interested transportation providers.

71 Ms. Hoheisel and Mr. Oswald assured the board that cost would not be the only factor considered  
72 when awarding the bid; that safety record, customer service, and response time will also play major  
73 roles in who would be awarded the contract. **The motion carries.**

## 74 **DISCUSSION**

### 75 • **Technology Plan Update:**

76 The technology committee created three possible plans that will allow St. Anthony New Brighton  
77 schools to truly integrate curriculum/instruction and technology. Director of Business Services, Kristen  
78 Hoheisel and Middle School Principal, Dr. Renee Corneille presented the three plans (including  
79 financial projections) to the board.  
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82 Dr. Corneille introduced the discussion with telling the board that the Technology Committee had as  
83 their first assumption or “mission” that curriculum, instruction, and technology cannot be three separate  
84 items. They are inter-related; the committee looked at building the infrastructure to support that  
85 mission/belief.  
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87 **Plan A** – Cost of technology if we just keep the **“Status Quo”**

88 **Plan B** – Cost of technology if we go with a **“BYOD” Model** (Bring Your Own Device).

- 89 • Plan “B” has an increased cost of \$165k over Plan “A”
- 90 • Students that have devices would bring them to school and use the district provided  
91 internet services
- 92 • We would need to provide additional devices for those students that did not have their  
93 own
- 94 • We would need to provide additional devices for testing
- 95 • This plan would fund a “Specialist” position to support students and staff

96 **Plan C** - Cost of technology for **“One-to-One”**

- 97 • District provides web-enabled devices for all students
- 98 • This plan also funds the “Specialist” position

99 After considerable discussion, the board requested that they receive additional information including:  
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- 101 ➤ How are technology costs broken down by category:
  - 102 ○ Safety/Health i.e. camera technology for safety
  - 103 ○ Telecommunication technology (phone system)
  - 104 ○ Instructional technology (computers-I-Pads, etc.)
  - 105 ○ Financial systems technology (payroll systems)
- 106 ➤ How much of the technology is currently funded on recurring dollars? They would like to  
107 see to the nearest \$5k what is currently funded.  
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112 The board thanked Ms. Hoheisel and Dr. Corneille for their hard work and diligence in providing them  
113 with the detailed technology plans. The information requested will be brought back to a future  
114 meeting.  
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116 • **Legislative Discussions:**  
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118 Superintendent Laney, Board Vice President, Leah Slye and Board Director Andrea Scamehorn  
119 reported to the board on their visits to the capitol with legislators to discuss school finances, the  
120 Alternative Attendance Adjustment Aid and PEIP (Public Employee Insurance Program). The  
121 Superintendent and Board members reported mixed results from their meetings, but felt that at least  
122 some progress had been made in making some of the legislators more aware of the district's position  
123 on these two important issues.  
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125 • **Enrollment Update:**  
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127 The board received enrollment numbers for next year as they currently stand as well as “target”  
128 numbers for enrollment. Much discussion focused on Wilshire Park and the “target” number of 660.  
129 The issue of whether or not to continue with one class of combined grades 4 & 5 was reviewed not  
130 only for next year, but if the district did continue with a combined 4/5 next year – did that mean the  
131 board was ok with this for the foreseeable future.  
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133 Wilshire Park Principal, Kari Page addressed the board and relayed the concerns of her staff with the  
134 combined class and the impact the space issues at Wilshire Park have on the arts and science  
135 classes. Principal Page told the board that while the survey results from families with students in the  
136 combined class had been overwhelmingly positive, it does impact their ability to teach art and science.  
137 When the board asked Principal Page when she wanted a commitment from the board, she told the  
138 board that for planning purposes she would prefer to have a decision as soon as possible.  
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140 One board member noted that the enrollment issue was their “*Rubics Cube*” – can’t win unless  
141 everything lines up perfectly. We don’t know how many people will be moving into or out of the district  
142 over the summer and what grade their students will be enrolling in or out of when they move. Every  
143 pupil in or out affects the budget (which is based largely upon enrollment). When space is such a  
144 large issue for the district, enrollment must be managed as carefully as possible.  
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146 The possibility of utilizing some space at the Community Center for some classes was raised by  
147 several members of the board. The board would like to review the option of possibly holding the all  
148 day kindergarten class at the Community Center which would free up some space at Wilshire Park.  
149 The board agreed that building any new facilities was not an option so they were going to “take it up a  
150 notch” and make it a priority to find a solution to the space issue at Wilshire Park.  
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152 The entire board and Principal Kari Page agreed that the data supports the fact that that earlier our  
153 district receives students, the better they do in their educational career.  
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155 • **Staffing Process/Progress:**  
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157 Superintendent Laney provided the timeline for staff reductions due to potential loss of Integration  
158 Revenue and to ADSIS. The information provided at the meeting indicated that there would be

- 159 ➤ 6 certified staff “***non-renewed***”
  - 160 ➤ 3 staff placed on “***unrequested leave of absence***” (one @ .1, one @ .2, one @ .4)
  - 161 ➤ 6 non-certified staff “***layoffs***” (one loss of 8 hour, one loss of 20 hours, four lose positions)
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163 The final paperwork will be brought to the board at the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 meeting.  
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165 • **Decision Resources Update:**  
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167 Superintendent Laney informed the board that the City of St. Anthony had declined the opportunity to  
168 partner with the district in a community survey; so the district will proceed with the process on their

169 own. Superintendent Laney told the board it would be a relatively quick process and the results should  
170 be available yet this spring.

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172 • **G.I.S. Discussion**  
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174 The city and school district have received a proposal from WSB Engineering regarding GIS services.  
175 This would create a city plot for us and load our student data information on top of it. One possible use  
176 would be to help us improve our transportation efficiency.  
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178 Superintendent Laney informed the board that the City was ready to move forward with the project and  
179 he recommends that the district join with the city and move ahead. The cost to the district would be  
180 \$2,600 up front cost; but after that the cost would be negligible.  
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182 Members of the board had several queries regarding the system and its potential benefit to the district:

- 183 • Can we wait and let the City go with the system first and see how it works for them before we  
184 join? Will they hold pricing if we want to come in later?
- 185 • How often does the system “refresh”?
- 186 • Is this technology “overload”? Is this “premature”?
- 187 • Is census data going to be helpful enough to warrant the cost?
- 188 • What boundaries will the system recognize? (The answer was that it would cover the school  
189 district boundaries not just the City boundaries)  
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191 Superintendent Laney will come back to the board with more detailed information on GIS in the future.  
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193 **REPORTS**  
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195 **Superintendent Report:**  
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- 197 • Superintendent Laney told the board that he enjoyed the time at the capitol with board members  
198 and that he believed it was time well spent, albeit frustrating at times to deal with certain  
199 legislators.
- 200 • Informed the board that there were three meetings scheduled with community representatives to  
201 discuss funding priorities and gather information. This will give the board information which, along  
202 with Decision Resource survey information, will help the board. The meetings are being held on  
203 March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
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205 **Board Member Reports:**  
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207 **Mike Volna:**  
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- 209 • Attended band events over the past two weeks, and found them highly entertaining – good job!  
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211 **Don Siggelkow:**  
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- 213 • SANBE – attended a meeting on 3/18/13 and was happy to see some new faces in attendance – a  
214 productive meeting overall
- 215 • Plans on attending the Mel Hart Pancake breakfast being held Saturday, March 23, from 8-10 a.m.  
216 at the Saint Anthony Applebee’s, 2800 39th Avenue N.E. Tickets are \$10 and in addition to  
217 pancakes the breakfast includes eggs and sausage. Proceeds will go to St. Anthony Village High  
218 School’s Mel Hart Scholarship Fund.  
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220 **Leah Slye:**  
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- 222 • Attended “Band-A-Rama” and found it to be a successful event
- 223 • Has spent a great deal of time at the capitol meeting with all legislators that she can get time with  
224 to discuss the high priority needs of educational funding.  
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**Dave Evans:**

- Director Evans is also planning to attend the Mel Hart Pancake breakfast
- SAMS Parent Advisory Meeting: Director Evans attended the meeting and reported that there were 15 parents in attendance and that the meeting was highly productive.

**Andrea Scamehorn**

- Andrea attended the “Band-A-Rama” as well as “Murder in the Knife Room” and enjoyed both performances
- WMEP:
  - Reported that the contract for Dr. Toni Johns to serve as WMEP Superintendent was extended by four weeks as personnel issues continue toward resolution.
  - Tuition rates have been reviewed as they look for more consistent and transparent methods of calculating tuition.
  - Minneapolis wants a higher percentage of free and reduced students in their WMEP enrollment
- Has been busy at the capitol along with Superintendent Laney and Board Vice Chair, Leah Slye. Director Scamehorn told the board that Leah’s extensive knowledge of school issues and finance has been a tremendous asset in the legislative meetings.

**Barry Kinsey:**

- Chair Kinsey attended the Middle School play “Murder in the Knife Room” and was impressed by the fact that there were 78 cast members with speaking parts. There were some students who were obviously talented – but **all** of them seemed to genuinely enjoy being a part of the play; they all were having fun.

**Adjourn**

The Regular School Board meeting of March 19, 2013 was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Sheli Pollard

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Don Siggelkow, School Board Clerk

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