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St. Anthony – New Brighton
Independent School District 282
Regular Meeting / Work Session – March 25, 2014
St. Anthony Village High School Media Center
3303 33rd Ave NE
St. Anthony, MN 55418

MINUTES

Members Present: Leah Slye; Barry Kinsey; Don Siggelkow; Mike Volna; Andrea Scamehorn; and Laura Oksnevad

Staff Present: Superintendent Robert Laney; Director of Business Services Bill Menozzi; St. Anthony Village High School Principal Wayne Terry; Director of Athletic, Activities and Facilities Troy Urdah; Wilshire Park Elementary Principal Kari Page; Director of Community Services Wendy Webster; and St. Anthony Middle School Principal Renee Corneille.

The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair, Leah Slye, in the St. Anthony Village High School Media Center.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Don Siggelkow and seconded by Laura Oksnevad to approve the March 25, 2014 Agenda, as presented. The motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Volna and seconded by Andrea Scamehorn to approve the Minutes from the March 17, 2014 Regular Meeting / Work Session noting a revision to the budget discussion, as presented. The motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Barry Kinsey and seconded by Don Siggelkow to approve the March 25, 2014 Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion carries.

ACTION

1. All Day Kindergarten Experience – RFP’s

The administration recommended that the Board pass a resolution allowing for the solicitation of bids for the complete Wilshire Park remodel. This includes the Media Center, office, and instructional spaces for specialists currently housed in the Media Center, and storage spaces to create more instructional spaces at Wilshire Park. This work is being done to accommodate All Day Kindergarten next year.

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A motion was made by Mike Volna and seconded by Laura Oksnevad to approve the request to move forward with the Request for Proposals (RFP'S) for the remodel at Wilshire Park Elementary to accommodate the All Day Kindergarten Experience, as presented. The motion carries.

1. The Achievement and Integration Plan

The administration recommended that the Board approve the 2014 -2017 Achievement and Integration Plan. The approved plan will be submitted to The Department of Education on March 26, 2014.

A motion was made by Andrea Scamehorn and seconded by Barry Kinsey to approve the 2014 - 2017 Achievement and Integration Plan, as presented. The motion carries.

ADJOUNED THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING at 7:08 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER THE WORK SESSION at 7:08 p.m.

DISCUSSION

1. 2014 – 2015 Budget

Faced with a projected deficit of \$425,000 for the 2014-2015 school year, the School Board hosted a listening session before its meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2014. The Board heard feedback from community members, parents, and teachers regarding the options for budget reductions presented by administration at the School Board meeting on March 17, 2014.

Although state aid funding will increase 1.5% in the 2014-2015 school year, it does not erase the history of minimal state funding for Minnesota's schools. From 2009-2013, state aid funding increased 3.5% or an average of .7% per year. However, our expenses in St. Anthony-New Brighton School District are increasing at a higher rate.

The preliminary 2013-2014 school year budget had a projected deficit of \$449,000 in the general fund. The Board decided to utilize a portion of the unappropriated general fund balance to absorb the deficit instead of pursuing budget reductions for the 2013-2014 school year. The Board's rationale for using the fund balance was because the legislature was still in session and it was unclear what changes in revenue were going to occur. The Board determined it was unwise to make cuts until the revenue picture was clear.

The projected deficit of \$425,000 for the 2014-2015 budget represents 2.7% of our unappropriated general fund operating expenses. The School Board directed administration to generate options to reduce expenses in the 2014-2015 budget and administration presented those options at the School Board meeting on Monday, March 17, 2014. The Board reviewed options on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, and gave direction to each building to present a final recommendation at the Board meeting on April 1, 2014, when final decisions will be made on budget reduction amounts.

109 Kari Page, Principal at Wilshire Park Elementary School, outlined options to reduce expenses by \$115,000
110 for the 2014-2015 school year. The Board asked Page to consider eliminating a Grade 4/5 teaching
111 position and the Dean position with the goal of increasing classroom assistant time for the upper grade
112 levels. Page will reevaluate and present a new proposal at the April 1 meeting.
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114 Dr. Renee Corneille, Principal at St. Anthony Middle School, presented an option to move to a six period
115 day for the 2014-2015 school year to reduce expenses by \$72,000. Dr. Corneille shared how this change
116 would create a combination Humanities/Reading class in 6th grade, eliminate a Computer Applications
117 course in 7th grade, and reduce programming in physical education and Spanish. Music classes will
118 transition to an every-other-day schedule.
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120 Wayne Terry, Principal at St. Anthony Village High School, discussed two options to reduce expenses by
121 \$120,000 for the 2014-2015 school year. A full-time high school teacher currently teaches ten classes a
122 year. In the 2014-2015 school year, Terry recommended an increase to eleven classes a year. This
123 change would increase the number of course sections available to students while reducing teaching
124 positions and maintaining class sizes. A second option would be to maintain the teaching schedule of ten
125 classes a year and reduce the number of class sections; thus, increasing class sizes.
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127 Troy Urdahl, Director of Athletics, Activities, and Facilities, recommended several options to increase
128 revenue and ultimately reduce expenses by \$13,000. Urdahl recommended a slight increase to high
129 school athletics registration fees, moderate increases to middle school registration fees to match fees paid
130 by high school students, and the elimination of middle school basketball. St. Anthony Sports Boosters will
131 continue to provide basketball opportunities for middle school boys and girls.
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133 The School Board will review the recommendations and make a final decision on budget reductions at its
134 meeting on April 1, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the St. Anthony Community Center.
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138 **2. Summer Board Meeting Dates**

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140 The Board changed the August 5th meeting to August 6th and July 15th will be added as an additional
141 summer meeting date.
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143 **Board Member Reports:**

144 **Andrea Scamehorn:**

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147 Andrea Scamehorn attended the Middle School play, the SAMSA meeting and met with Senator Goodwin
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151 **Laura Oksnevad:**

152 Laura Oksnevad attended the Middle School play and reminded the Board about the WPPA Spring Giving
153 campaign.
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155 **Barry Kinsey:**

156 Barry Kinsey attended the Middle School play.
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158 **Leah Slye:**

159 Leah Slye attended the Middle School play and met with Senator Goodwin and Representative Laine.
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Agenda Question

“What have we done for learners?”.....”continued the process for the All Day Kindergarten Experience and improved the District’s Achievement and Integration Plan....”


Adjourn

The Regular Meeting / Work Session of March 25, 2014 was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Lannier

ATTEST:



Don Siggelkow, School Board Clerk