
MISSION STATEMENT
St. Cloud Area School District 742

The mission of St. Cloud Area School District 742 is to prepare all learners, in partnership with their families and the community, to live and contribute within a changing and diverse world.

Board of Education
St. Cloud Area School District 742
St. Cloud, Minnesota

September 23, 2010
7:00 PM
City Hall

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

I. CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION - Roll Call) *The consent agenda consists of non-controversial items that the Board adopts routinely without debate. Any single member may remove an item from the consent agenda by requesting removal at the time the consent agenda is moved for adoption. The full text of items approved by consent may be found at the conclusion of the agenda.*
(7:00-7:05)

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes (Meetings of August 26 and September 8, 2010)
- C. Approval of Payment of Bills and Other Financial Transactions in the grand total amount of \$3,062,329.08
- D. Approval of Personnel Staff Changes
- E. Acceptance of Grant Awards/Donations
- F. Approval for Submission of Grant Application

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Update (7:05-7:35)

Stephanie Peterson, Secondary Academic Achievement Coordinator, will address our Advanced Placement Vision Card progress. She will highlight District news pertaining to Advanced Placement and preparation thereof, such as our 2010 Brain Camp, which was held this past summer.

Brenda Sprenger, Assessment Coordinator, will present our data related to the growth measures on General Outcomes Measures District-wide.

Dr. Julia Espe, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, will address progress related to increasing our growth projectory plans for students who are performing below proficiency levels. In addition, she will report summer Welcome Center activity related to new student registration.

B. Enrollment Information (7:35-7:45)

Amy Skaalerud, Controller, will present information regarding District 742 enrollment. A copy of the enrollment report, as of September 17, 2010, will be attached as soon as it is available.

C. Final Levy Certification Announcement (7:45-7:50)

Amy Skaalerud, Controller, will announce that the Final Levy Certification will take place at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on December 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Cloud City Hall located at 400 2nd Street South, St. Cloud, Minnesota. There will be time for public testimony.

III. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. Preliminary Levy Certification 2010 Payable 2011 (ACTION) (7:50-8:00)

Amy Skaalerud, Controller, will present 2010 Payable 2011 Preliminary Levy Certification information.

B. Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement (ACTION) (8:00-8:15)

Dr. Julia Espe will provide information on the 2009-2010 Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement. She will review the crosswalk

between the Annual Report and our Vision Cards Monitoring reports. This report must be approved for submission to the Minnesota Department of Education by October 1, 2010. Included in the report is information on the Curriculum and Instruction Advisory Committee, surveys, District testing and other teaching and learning items. A copy is attached.

The Administration recommends approval of the 2009-2010 Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement.

C. Request for Proposal Conducting Special Education Study (ACTION)
(8:15-8:25)

Dr. Elisabeth Lodge Rogers, Executive Director of Special Education/Student Services, will present information about the Request For Proposal to conduct a Special Education Study. A copy of the Request for Proposal is attached.

IV. **REPORTS**

A. Superintendent's Report
(8:25-8:35)

The Superintendent may present information on current activities in District 742.

B. Board of Education Standing Committee Reports
(8:35-8:45)

Standing Committee Reports will be presented as follows:

Board Development Committee (Deb Lalley, Chair)
Community Linkages Committee (Bruce Mohs, Chair)
Finance and Audit Committee (Bruce Hentges, Chair)
Integration and Equity Committee (Les Green, Chair)
Legislative Committee (Cindy Harner, Chair)
Personnel & Negotiations Committee (Jerry Von Korff, Chair)

V. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
(8:45-8:55)

Board of Education members may suggest items/topics for future Board Meeting agendas. Items brought forth should have been previously discussed with the Board Chair or Vice Chair, Board Standing Committee, or at a prior Board Work Session/Meeting.

October Work Session Topics will include:
Kindergarten Readiness Task Force Update
Student Expulsion Checklists

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Detail Information)

A. Approval of Agenda.

B. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings of August 26 and September 8, 2010.

C. Approval of Payment of Bills

The Administration recommends approval of the payment of bills and other financial transactions in the amount of \$3,062,329.08 (Check Numbers 187102-187620).

D. Personnel Staff Changes

The Administration recommends approval of the following personnel changes pursuant to relevant laws and appropriate provisions of negotiated agreements between the Board of Education and exclusive representatives. For new hires, the indicated rates are consistent with current negotiated agreements and Board approved rates of pay. All rates/salaries listed do not include fringe benefits.

1. Licensed Staff

Alternative Leave

Linda McNelly, Early Childhood Family Education Teacher, Roosevelt Early Childhood Center, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, 16% of a 84% contract. Ms. McNelly will work 68% of a full time contract.

Jill Neumann, Art Teacher, Discovery Community School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, .15% of a full time contract.

Health Leave

Miriam Murphy, Special Education Teacher, Madison Elementary School and Roosevelt Early Childhood Center, action effective November 16, 2010, through January 3, 2011. This is an amendment to the September 8, 2010, Board action on the consent agenda where this item was listed as a Special Education Paraprofessional.

Andrea Swanberg, Social Studies Teacher, South Junior High School, action effective October 11, 2010, through November 22, 2010.

New Hire

Leah Gagne, Social Studies Teacher, Area Learning Center (70%) and Technical High School (20%), action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (90% of a full time contract for 188 days). Ms. Gagne's salary for

this assignment will be \$30,057.00. This is an amendment from the August 26, 2010, Board action on the consent agenda where this item was listed as full time.

Stacy Louis, Fourth Grade Teacher (Long Call Substitute), Madison Elementary School, action effective August 30, 2010, through November 24, 2010, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (full time contract for 60 days). Ms. Louis' salary for this assignment will be \$10,658.40.

Kimberly Norskog, Fourth Grade Teacher, Oak Hill Community School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 2 (full time contract for 188 days). Ms. Norskog's salary for this assignment will be \$39,598.00.

Todd Solom, Special Education Teacher, Talahi Community School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 3 (full time contract for 188 days). Mr. Solom's salary for this assignment will be \$41,336.00.

Bruno Theisen, Adult Basic Education Instructor, Discovery Community School and Adult Basic Education, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 2 (.26 of a full time contract for 188 days). Mr. Theisen's salary for this assignment will be \$10,295.48.

Wendy Theisen, Early Childhood Teacher (Long Call Substitute), Madison Elementary School, action effective for August 30, 2010, through November 5, 2010, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (80% of a full time contract for 47 days). Ms. Theisen's salary for this assignment will be \$6,679.17.

Maren Wacholz, First Grade Teacher, Discovery Community School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (full time contract for 188 days). Ms. Wacholz's salary for this assignment will be \$33,397.00.

Brian Westgard, Music Teacher, Oak Hill Community School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (80% of a full time contract for 188 days). Mr. Westgard's salary for this assignment will be \$26,718.00.

Chris Zhang, Chinese Immersion Teacher (Long Call Substitute), Madison Elementary School, action effective August 30, 2010, through November 30, 2010, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (full time contract for 64 days). Ms. Zhang's salary for this assignment will be \$11,368.96.

Reassignment

Kristin Pitt, Special Education Licensed Supervisor, Riverwoods, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane MA+60, Pay Level 15 and Lane D, Step 1 (full time contract for 204 days). Ms. Pitt's salary for this assignment will be \$72,914.81.

Lori Proulx, Special Education Licensed Supervisor (40%) and Read 180 Teacher (60%), Kennedy Community School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane MA+15, Pay Level 16 and Lane D, Step 1 (full time contract for 204 days). Ms. Proulx's salary for this assignment will be \$64,394.55.

Rehire

Kim Barth, Early Childhood Educator, Roosevelt Early Childhood Center, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (full time contract for 188 days). Ms. Barth's salary for this assignment will be \$33,397.00.

Chad Emery, Physical Education Teacher, South Junior High School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane BA , Pay Level 2 (30% of a full time contract for 188 days). Mr. Emery's salary for this assignment will be \$10,019.00.

Julie Hagen, Third Grade Teacher, Madison Elementary School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 6 (full time contract for 188 days). Ms. Hagen's salary for this assignment will be \$47,454.00.

Timothy Hjelmeland, Language Arts Teacher (Long Call Substitute), Riverwoods, action effective August 30, 2010, through October 22, 2010, Lane MA+15, Pay Level 2 (full time contract for 37 days). Mr. Hjelmeland's salary for this assignment will be \$8,467.08.

Jennifer Lucken, Teacher, Madison Elementary School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 4 (80% of a full time contract for 188 days). Ms. Lucken's salary for this assignment will be \$34,462.40.

Crystal Schlosser, Special Education Teacher (Long Call Substitute), Clara's House, action effective for September 2, 2010, through October 1, 2010, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (full time contract for 21 days). Ms. Schlosser's salary for this assignment will be \$3,730.44.

Barbara Searles, Teacher, Madison Elementary School, action effective for the 2010-2011 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 2 (50% of a full time contract for 188 days). Ms. Searles' salary for this assignment will be \$22,897.00.

Retirement

Marsha Elg, Kindergarten Teacher, Discovery Community School, action effective June 4, 2011, after almost 24 years of service in District 742.

2. **Non-Licensed Staff**

Health Leave

LaVonne Popp, Special Education Paraprofessional, Area Learning Center,

action effective September 7, 2010, through January 3, 2011.

Alan Stark, Special Education Paraprofessional, City Life, action effective September 13, 2010, through November 1, 2010.

Leave of Absence (Rescind)

Aksel Krafnick, Special Education Paraprofessional, South Junior High school, action effective September 7, 2010, to rescind the leave that the Board previously approved at the May 5, 2010, Board meeting. Mr. Krafnick will resume his Paraprofessional position.

Pearl Lehen, Student Support Paraprofessional, Clearview Elementary School, action effective September 7, 2010, to rescind the leave that the Board previously approved at the June 9, 2010, Board Meeting. Ms. Lehen will resume her Paraprofessional position.

Leave of Absence

Heidi Hughes, Special Education Paraprofessional, City Life, action effective September 10, 2010, through December 1, 2010.

New Hire

Sara Albrecht, Special Education Paraprofessional, Technical High School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Facia Best, Cultural Navigator, Lincoln Elementary School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Tristen Ellering, Special Education Paraprofessional, City Life, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Ifrac Farah, Jump Start Paraprofessional, Talahi Community School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Amy Feddema, Special Education Paraprofessional, Oak Hill Community School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Jennifer Feigum, Special Education Paraprofessional, North Junior High School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Jason Heilig, Special Education Paraprofessional, Oak Hill Community School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Pamela Karstensen-Schafer, Bus Driver, District Services Building, action effective September 1, 2010, at a rate of \$12.30 per hour.

Ashley Kock, Special Education Paraprofessional (Long Call Substitute), Area Learning Center, action effective September 7, 2010, through December 23, 2010, at a rate of \$10.47 per hour.

Mary Miller, Student Support Paraprofessional, Clearview Elementary School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$8.70 per hour.

Abdisamed Omer, Jump Start Paraprofessional, Talahi Community School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Carlyn Ray, Education Equity Coordinator, District Wide, action effective August 30, 2010, at a rate of \$19.80 per hour.

Jennifer Schmidt, Cultural Navigator, Clearview Elementary School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Alison Shattuck, Special Education Paraprofessional, Riverwoods, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$10.47 per hour.

Jacqueline Siddons, Special Education Paraprofessional, Oak Hill Community School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$11.35 per hour.

Amber Stranger, Special Education Paraprofessional, Clearview Elementary School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$10.47 per hour.

Daniel Wennerberg, Special Education Paraprofessional, Apollo High School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate \$11.35 per hour.

Rehire

Shirley Emerson, Special Education Paraprofessional, Talahi Community School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$10.47 per hour.

Deb Gans, Special Education Paraprofessional, Oak Hill Community School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$10.47 per hour.

Phyllis Kleinschmidt, Title I Paraprofessional (Long Call Substitute), Westwood Elementary School, action effective for September 7, 2010, through November 16, 2010, at a rate of \$10.47 per hour.

Leslie Matanich, Special Education Paraprofessional, Talahi Community School, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$14.65 per hour.

Jami Palmer, Special Education Paraprofessional, Discovery Community School, action effective September 13, 2010, at a rate of \$10.47 per hour.

Renee Zieglmeier, Student Support Paraprofessional, action effective September 7, 2010, at a rate of \$8.70 per hour.

Resignation

Robert Hoekstra, Head Boys Soccer Coach, Apollo High School, action effective September 10, 2010.

Annette Pull, Clerical Paraprofessional, Discovery Community School, action effective September 2, 2010.

Kaia Swenson, Special Education Paraprofessional, Talahi Community School, action effective September 1, 2010.

Retirement

Clarence Stang, Bus Driver, District Services Building, action effective August 4, 2010, after almost 6 years of service in District 742.

Termination

Lisa Huckenpoehler, Student Support Paraprofessional, North Junior High School, action effective September 7, 2010.

E. Acceptance of Grant Awards/Donations (Requires 2/3 Majority of Governing Board, Minnesota Statute §465.03)

The Administration recommends acceptance of the following grant awards/donations:

1. Donation in the amount of \$150.00 to Kennedy Community School from the Central MN Federal Credit Union (school supplies and \$60.00 cash).
2. Donation in the amount of \$400.00 from the St. Cloud Eagles Club to Tech High School for 2010 Scholarship.
3. Donation of books (approximate value of \$300.00) to Westwood Elementary School from the St. Cloud Reading Room.
4. Donation of school supplies (approximate value of \$35.00) to Westwood Elementary School from Bob Piano.
5. Donation of 15 dozen hotdog buns (value of \$30.00) from Coborn's to South Junior High School for all school picnic lunch.
6. Donation of 44 dozen hotdog buns (value of \$88.00) from Pan-o-Gold Baking Company/Holsum Country Hearth Breads to South Junior High School for all school picnic lunch.
7. Target *Take Charge of Education* funds as follows:

Apollo High School in the amount of \$2,957.46
Lincoln Elementary School in the amount of \$667.44
South Junior High School in the amount of \$557.14

8. Donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the St. Cloud Optimist Club to Apollo High School Gymnastics Program for a new spring floor.

9. Donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Ron Stock to the Apollo High School Boys/Girls Cross Country Program.

10. Donation in the amount of \$650.00 from the St. Joseph Jaycees to the Apollo Boys Swim/Dive Team for the purchase of equipment.

11. Donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Sandra and John Zander to Tech High School for a John "Jack" Zander Memorial Scholarship.

12. Donation in the amount of \$750.00 to South Junior High School from the College of St. Benedict Education Department for academic program and teacher support (in appreciation for hosting CSB/SJU Education students for field experiences).

13. Donations of school supplies from Lutgen Companies as follows:

\$250.00 to Madison Elementary School
\$250.00 to Westwood Elementary School

14. Donation of school supplies (estimated value of \$400.00) from St. Cloud Post Office Employees to the District 742 Homeless Program.

15. Donation of school supplies (estimated value of \$300.00) from Trustone Financial to Kennedy Community School.

16. Donation of school supplies (estimated value of \$300.00) to Westwood Elementary School from Cindy Meyer.

17. Donation of six backpacks with school supplies (estimated value of \$250.00) to Madison Elementary School from Advantage Chiropractic.

F. Approval for Submission of Grant Application

The Administration recommends approval for submission of a grant application in the amount of \$685.00 by Clearview Elementary School to Target entitled "*Important Local Places for Safety.*" The purpose of the grant will be to visit local resources that play a major role in the lives of Kindergarten students such as the post office, fire station, police station, and local health clinic.

Bruce Watkins
Superintendent