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**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.*

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

**February 27, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**  
**City Hall**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**I. SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK**

(7:05-7:10)

Each year, the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) designates one week in February as School Board Recognition Week. This year, it is February 17-21.

Chris Blauer, Principal of Lincoln Elementary School, along with students and staff will make a presentation recognizing the efforts of our School Board Members and expressing appreciation for their service.

**II. 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.*

(7:10-7:15)

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes (Meetings of January 23 and February 12, 2014)

C. Approval of Monthly Treasurer's Report for January, 2014

- D. Approval of Payment of Bills and Other Financial Transactions in the grand total amount of \$2,306,120.08
- E. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report
- F. Approval of Personnel Staff Changes
- G. Acceptance of Grant Awards/Donations
- H. Renaming of Former Kennedy Elementary School

### III. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### A. Teaching and Learning Update (7:15-7:35)

Sonia Dickrell, K-12 Volunteer Coordinator, will present an update on current volunteer numbers in our District, including the types of activities in which they are involved. She will also include information on how her office supports the volunteers. Jenifer Odette, a District volunteer, will share her experiences as well.

#### B. Summary of February Work Session (7:35-7:45)

The topic of the Board Work Session held on January 12, 2014, was Special Education Study Followup. Dr. Patty Popp, Executive Director of Special Education/Student Services, will provide a recap of the Work Session, including key messages and next steps.

#### C. Review of Contract Agreement with the St. Cloud Administrators' Association (7:45-7:50)

At their February 12, 2014, meeting, the Board of Education approved the contract agreement with the St. Cloud Administrators' Association for 2013-2015. Tracy Flynn Bowe, Executive Director of Human Resources, will review the details of the contract agreement. Information is attached.

#### D. Annual Staffing Timelines (7:50-8:00)

Tracy Flynn Bowe will present information regarding annual staffing timelines. Information is attached.

### IV. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

#### A. Approval of School Calendar of Instructional Days for 2014-2015 (ACTION) (8:00-8:10)

Superintendent Willie Jett will review the proposed School Calendar of Instructional

Days for 2014-2015. Information regarding proposed staff development days will be brought forth at a later date.

*The Administration recommends approval of the School Calendar of Instructional Days for 2014-2015.*

V. **REPORTS**

A. **Superintendent's Report**  
(8:10-8:20)

Superintendent Willie Jett may present information on current activities in District 742.

B. **Board of Education Standing Committee Reports**  
(8:20-8:30)

Standing Committee Reports will be presented as follows:

- Board Development Committee (Jerry Von Korff, Chair)*
- Community Linkages Committee (Bruce Mohs, Chair)*
- Finance and Audit Committee (Cindy Harner, Chair)*
- Integration and Equity Committee (Al Dahlgren, Chair)*
- Legislative Committee (Peter Hamerlinck, Chair)*
- Personnel & Negotiations Committee (Dennis Whipple, Chair)*

VI. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**  
(8:30-8:35)

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.

**March Work Session Topic:**

*Early Childhood Goals and Measures (Alicia Jepsen and Andrea Preppernau will present what is currently in place for the Early Childhood Programs)*

**Future Work Session Topics:**

*Strategic Planning and World Cafe Followup/Core Planning  
High School Graduation Rates*

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Detail Information)**

A. Approval of Agenda.

B. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings of January 23 and February 12, 2014.

C. Approval of Monthly Treasurer's Report

The Administration recommends approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Report for January, 2014.

D. Approval of Payment of Bills

The Administration recommends approval of the payment of bills and other financial transactions in the amount of \$2,086,398.33 (Check Numbers 211251-211781 and ACH Numbers 131401261-131401761) and PCard total of \$219,721.75 for a grand total of \$2,306,120.08.

E. Monthly Financial Report

The Administration recommends acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report for January, 2014.

F. 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

**Additional Assignment**

Michael Beehler, Physical Education Teacher, Discovery Community School, effective March 10, 2014 through the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (4% of a full time contract). Mr. Beehler's salary for this assignment will be \$1,362.72. Mr. Beehler is currently a 60% of a full time contract teacher.

Erin Phillips, Art Teacher, Technical High and Kennedy Community Schools, effective January 27, 2014 through the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, Lane MA, Pay Level 4 (2% of a full time contract for 91 days). Ms. Phillips salary for this assignment will be \$4,254.15. Ms. Phillips is currently a full time contract teacher.

Carol Potter, Elementary Principal, Talahi Community School, effective for the 2013-2014 year, 10 additional days of compensation for administrative duties related to extended school year for Talahi Academy Program. Ms. Potter's salary

for this assignment will be \$4,034.43.

Steven Wagner, Physical Education Teacher, Apollo High School, effective March 10, 2014 through the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, Lane MA+15, Pay Level 14 (3% of a full time contract). Mr. Wagner's salary for this assignment will be \$1,718.10. Mr. Wagner is currently a full time contract teacher.

### **Alternative Leave**

Melanie Jiskra, Teacher, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

### **Child Care Leave**

Kelly Aguilar, English as a Second Language Teacher, Discovery Community School and Area Learning Center, effective on or about April 14, 2014 through the remainder of the school year.

Laura Vincent, Music Teacher, Discovery Community and Madison Elementary School, effective on or about May 17, 2014 through the remainder of the school year.

### **Health Leave**

Patrick Forte, Sixth Grade Teacher, Kennedy Community School, until further notice.

Gerald Huls, Physical Education Teacher, Area Learning Center, effective March 3, 2014 through March 31, 2014.

Darlene Primus, Fifth Grade Teacher, Oak Hill Community School, effective December 2, 2013 through the remainder of the school year.

### **Leave of Absence**

Stacy Louis, Fourth Grade Teacher, Madison Elementary School, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

Brenda Siers, Math Teacher, Technical High School, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, 40% leave of a full time contract.

### **New Hire**

Anna Ohlsen, Speech Language Pathologist, Madison Elementary School, effective February 6, 2014, Lane BA+30, Pay Level 2 (60% of a full time contract for 85 days). Ms. Ohlsen's salary for this assignment will be \$10,099.36. Ms. Ohlsen was previously a Special Education Paraprofessional.

### **Reassignment**

Jill Murphy, Interim Director of Alternative and Care and Treatment Programs, Riverwoods, at a prorated annual salary based on \$85,000.00 effective January 6, 2014. Ms. Murphy was previously the Assistant Elementary Principal, Talahi Community School.

### **Rehire**

Stephanie Lommen, Special Education Teacher (Long Call Substitute), Kennedy Community School, effective January 14, 2014 through February 19, 2014, Lane MA+60, Pay Level 2 (full time contract for 26 days). Ms. Lommen's salary for this assignment will be \$6,460.59.

Joseph Patten, Physical Education Teacher (Long Call Substitute), Area Learning Center, effective January 18, 2014 through February 28, 2014, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (full time contract for 27 days). Mr. Patten's salary for this assignment will be \$4,892.75.

### **Resignation**

Karin Rau, Music Teacher, Talahi Community School, last day of service April 17, 2014.

## 2. **Non-Licensed Staff**

### **Leave of Absence**

Nancy Nistler, Media Paraprofessional, Westwood Elementary School, effective March 31, 2014 through May 12, 2014.

### **New Hire**

Roni Reeve, Special Education Paraprofessional (Long Call Substitute), Roosevelt Early Childhood Center, effective February 12, 2014 through March 13, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Noelia Santamaria, Classroom Paraprofessional, Roosevelt Early Childhood Center, effective February 12, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Brandon Sedivy, Student Support Paraprofessional, Westwood Elementary School, effective February 14, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$10.75 per hour.

Rebecca Winburn, Student Support Paraprofessional, Kennedy Community School, effective February 19, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$10.75 per hour.

### **Resignation**

Brittany Ranck, Behavior Support Specialist, Talahi Community School, last day of service February 21, 2014.

### **Retirement**

Rebecca (Becky) Mayer, Student Support Paraprofessional, Apollo High School, last day of service February 13, 2014 after 30 years of service in District 742.

### **Termination**

Kahiye Warsame, Special Education Paraprofessional, Talahi Community School, last day of service February 13, 2014.

## G. 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 \$30.00 from Maureen & Thomas Jovanovich to Lincoln Elementary School for supplies for 4th grade classroom.
2. Donation in the amount of \$700.00 from Scholarship America to the Tech High School American Sign Language Club for Target Field Trip.
3. Donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Tech Boys' Basketball Booster Club to South Junior High School to upgrade and purchase new equipment for the weight room.
4. Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Daniel and Susan Miller to Tech High School for a Tech Band Florida trip.
5. Donation in the amount of \$2,300.00 to the Tech High School Boys' Swimming Program from Swim With A Tiger Booster for an additional coach.
6. Donation in the amount of \$83.51 to Madison Elementary School from DonorsChoose.org to fund a classroom project called: "Be a Buddy Not a Bully."
7. Donation in the amount of \$500.00 to Discovery Community School from Derek Tamm for school needs.
8. Donation in the amount of \$20.00 to Apollo High School from David and Laurie Tesch for the Girls' Basketball Program.
9. Donations to the Apollo High School Granite City Gearheads for the Robotics Club as follows:
  - \$250.00 - Saint City Skatepark
  - \$1,000.00 - Talon Innovations Corporation

\$1,000.00 - Central Minnesota Manufacturers Association

10. Donation of steel door, plywood, plexiglass, etc. (estimated value of \$400.00) from Heartland Glass Company, Inc. to the Apollo High School Granite City Gearheads for caged in storage area to help contain and maintain materials for use by the Robotics Team.
11. Donation of Emergency EpiPens (estimated value of \$8,300.00) from BioRidge Pharma to St. Cloud Area School District 742 Nursing Services.
12. Donation in the amount of \$1,250.00 to Discovery Community School from St. Cloud Granite Rotary for supplies for the Orchestra Program.
13. Grant award from the Central Minnesota Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,045.44 to Discovery Community School for educational activities.
14. Donations to Tech High School for Speech Program expenses, as follows:
  - \$250.00 - Bernick's Pepsi of St. Cloud
  - \$250.00 - Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, P.A.
15. Donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Jeanne and Mathew Kilian to Discovery Community School for students.
16. Donation of clothing and household items (estimated value of \$250.00) from Renee Miller to the District 742 Homeless Program to help homeless families in the District.
17. Donation in the amount of \$174.73 to Lincoln Elementary School from the KC Auxiliary 5548 to use for Free Fridays milk and juice for students unable to pay.
18. Grant award in the amount of \$500.00 to Discovery Community School from the Central Minnesota Community Foundation (Kevin and Teresa Hilger Fund) for student needs.
19. Donation in the amount of \$500.00 to Tech High School from Courtney Paulson for a 2014 Knowledge Bowl Scholarship.
20. Donation in the amount of \$100.00 to Lincoln Elementary School from the University of Illinois to be used for technology.
21. Donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the District 742 Band/Orchestra Program from Eckroth Music Company to offset costs for middle level students to participate in an Honors Band.
22. Donation to Oak Hill Community School from DonorsChoose.org as follows:
  - \$511.00 for classroom use for reading
  - \$384.00 for incorporating technology in the classroom for math and reading

23. Donation of an iPad (estimated value of \$444.00) to the District 742 Elementary Counseling Program from DonorsChoose.org.

24. Donation in the amount of \$500.00 to Madison Elementary School from Exxon Mobil Corporation-Educational Alliance Program (AI's Westside Service) for student needs.

25. Donation in the amount of \$1,012.87 to Madison Elementary School from the Razoo Foundation, Washington, D.C., for student needs.

26. Donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Westwood Elementary School from the Parent Association of Westwood for library books.

27. Donation in the amount of \$53.49 to Kennedy Community School from Gail Berg.

#### H. Renaming of Former Kennedy Elementary School

The Administration recommends approval of a new name for the former Kennedy Elementary School building in St. Joseph. The students at the new Kennedy Community School have suggested the name "Colts Academy" and the School Board Finance and Audit Committee has reviewed the new name and recommends the name change.

Willie Jett  
Superintendent