INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 477

The regular meeting of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Eric Minks on the 2nd day of October, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Center Board Room.

Roll Call: Members Present: Howard Vaillancourt, Eric Strandberg, Craig Johnson, Eric Minks, Deb Ulm, Chad Young and Sue VanHooser. Others present: Superintendent Ben Barton, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Human Resources Jason Senne, Student Council member Ellie Pomerleau, High School Principal Barb Muckenhirn.

Citizen Comments: None

REPORTS- Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended. Howard Vaillancourt: Community Education Advisory Committee, Hall of Fame Committee; Eric Strandberg: Executive Planning, Long Range Planning; Craig Johnson: None; Eric Minks: Executive Planning, Long Range Planning, Finance Committee; Deb Ulm: Long Range Planning; Finance Committee; Sue VanHooser: SEE General Meeting, Chad Young: Finance Committee.

Student Council Report: Coronation & homecoming week at High School.

Superintendent Report: Big focus on communications right now with Coffee & Conversation, column in the Union Times, weekly Newsletter. Working with marketing firm to establish campaign to tell positive stories about our district.

APPROVE AGENDA- Motion made by Howard Vaillancourt, seconded by Eric Strandberg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES- Motion made by Sue VanHooser seconded by Howard Vaillancourt, to approve the September 18, regular meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA- Motion made by Deb Ulm, seconded by Chad Young, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Personnel, Gifts, Grants, Fundraisers, At-Will Contracts, Title I Program Change, and High School counselor request. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION-

First Reading of Policies- Changes to policies 427, 605, 627, 610, and 704 were presented with minimal changes.

ACTION-

Long Term Facilities Maintenance $4.5 M Bond Project- Motion to direct administration to move forward with planning documents related to the $4.5M Long Term Facilities Maintenance list was made by Chad Young, seconded by Deb Ulm. Motion passed 6:1. Craig Johnson abstained. Discussion: Are these projects firmly in place? Michelle Czech: These are priority projects and the planning process for bidding needs to begin soon. The need for individual projects are open to discussion as needed.

ADJOURN-

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Howard Vaillancourt and seconded by Eric Minks. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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