

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 252
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CANNON FALLS, MN 55009
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The School Board of Independent School District 252 met in a regular session, Monday April 22, 2013 in the High School Media Center. Present: Bob Brintnall, Pat Dougherty, Jerry Reinardy, Brenda Owens, Curt Beissel, Rob Siebenaler. Others present: Superintendent Beth Giese, Lori Hanson, Tim Hodges, Derek Bell, Dave Davisson, Jake Winchell, Josh Davisson, Mike Gesme, Ryan Foster, Nora Felton and several community members.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Bob Brintnall at 6:00 p.m.
2. Moved by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Curt Beissel and unanimously approved the agenda with the removal of: Scheduled presenter: Assistant Chief of Police, Rich Wisniewski-Police Liaison joint agreement with the City of Cannon Falls and Item B) under old business: Consideration to approve a liaison police officer joint agreement with the City of Cannon Falls.
3. Moved by Brenda Owens, seconded by Rob Siebenaler and unanimously approved the minutes from March 25 and April 8, 2013.
4. Moved by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Jerry Reinardy and unanimously approved the finance report
5. Moved by Curt Beissel, seconded by Rob Siebenaler and unanimously approved to keep the Elementary Phy Ed position in place for the 2013-14 school year. **(No Reduction)**
6. Moved by Jerry Reinardy, seconded by Rob Siebenaler and unanimously approved the consent agenda.
7. Moved by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Jerry Reinardy and unanimously approved the expenditures.
8. Member Curt Beissel introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION AND NON-RENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT OF Kevin Landry a PROBATIONARY TEACHER. WHEREAS, Kevin Landry is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 252. BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 252, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Kevin Landry, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 252 is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2012-13 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of Kevin Landry contract as provided by law. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Pat Dougherty and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Rob Siebenaler, Brenda Owens, Jerry Reinardy, Bob Brintnall, Pat Dougherty, Curt Beissel And the following voted against the same: None. Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.
9. Moved by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Rob Siebenaler and unanimously approved the 13-14 Activities Handbook.
10. **Discussion: Soccer.** Bob Brintnall opened the discussion by saying we have a group of parent and students who have approached the school about starting a MSHSL Soccer team(s) in Cannon Falls. Some issues that have been talked about at planning meetings include Use of facilities, Use of John Burch Park, Use and Maintenance of the school fields and grassy areas, Title 9 compliance, Funding, etc. Rob Siebenaler stated that a lot of work goes into getting a new sport up and running, we have 1200 kids enrolled in Cannon Falls. They do not all choose the same sports to participate in and we would hate to restrict them a good physical activity/opportunity based on our grassy areas or lack thereof. The kids are more important than the grass. It seems we need to address the grass and care issues whether or not we choose to start Soccer. Beth Giese reminded the board that we will have St. Paul's Soccer fields to share. Jerry Reinardy stated that if St Paul's is willing to let us utilize their fields then the school grounds and John Burch Park shouldn't even be an issue. He feels that Varsity games should be the only games played at JBP downtown and we should move the MS, JV, Elem games to our school grounds to preserve the shape of the field at JBP anyway. This also gives the Varsity the spotlight or earned time to be on that field. Bob Brintnall and Curt Beissel both stated they like the idea to offer more opportunities to kids. I think we need to research and figure out our facilities, practice and game schedules, etc to be sure it's feasible, space-wise. Beth Giese said she was approached 2 years ago and feels we have those space/scheduling issues worked out. Her direction from the board has always been to find new revenues and Soccer could be that opportunity to do that through participant fees, potential open enrollments, keeping kids here, etc. Even though this idea may seem new

to the board and some community members, it's not new to our AD and Admin team as far as research. **Curt Beissel** stated that if we don't implement it now, the fields need to be looked at anyway. **Beth Giese** said this will be a 2 year trial period. Most Schools don't have the opportunity like we do with St Paul's fields. We are in compliance with Title 9 rules/regulations. The intent of the Soccer parents and students and Admin is not to pull focus or participants from other sports – only to offer an opportunity that is already being played as a club sport. **Rob Siebenaler** stated that it appears to be a unique 2 year trial opportunity that will not cost the district anything. We can see if this is something that will take off and if we can fund it in the future. Again, the fields need to be dealt with whether or not Soccer is implemented. **Brenda Owens** asked how the coaches and other expense are paid if it's free for the school. The parents will continue to provide the necessities and most of the coaches are volunteer. **Jake Winchell** would still be the AD and our Athletic guidelines would apply. **Jake Winchell** said the biggest decision from the board is if it's a go, we would like to make it sustainable after the 2 years. Soccer currently has 312 kids participating at all age levels. **Pat Dougherty** had received a call 2 years ago asking if we could get Soccer in Cannon Falls as an HVL recognized sport. We need to track the expenses and revenues over these next 2 years so the district knows what they are looking at and figure out if we are able to afford this and be ready to absorb those costs that we will eventually be responsible for. Concerns: 1) Hiring and firing of coaches, 2) We have an AD who is already juggling multiple responsibilities, can he fit another sport in, 3) Can the Athletic trainer be at Soccer events, 4) Enrollment is up and Title 9 compliance is in place but do we have enough student athletes to support and sustain the program and not take from other sports, making them struggle in numbers? Pat stated that he thinks it a great opportunity for the kids and the school but let's make sure we are fully prepared and to do this with long range goals. **20 Varsity Soccer boys in the club sport now and none are out for football. **Brenda Owens** stated that in the initial stage today it sounds like an excellent opportunity for everyone to get a sport up and running to see how it goes. She too wants to be sure we can be there in 2 years to help sustain the program. **Bob Brintnall** agreed wholeheartedly that this is a great and unique opportunity for kids. For some board members the information is new and he would like to gather some additional information and have this on the May 20 agenda.

Discussion: Booster Clubs. **Curt and Bob** attended a seminar at the MSBA conference where they emphasized that fewer are better when it comes to Booster (fundraising) clubs. We as a district are ultimately responsible and need to make sure we follow the bylaws, statutes, policies and procedures. The clubs need to show a budget, what their expenses are and how the funds are being appropriated. Curt Beissel and Jerry Reinardy are to meet with AD Jake Winchell to make sure we are covered and report back.

Discussion: Field House. **Dave Davisson** reported that a sign for the field house showing rules and hours would be \$500. Additional cameras in the field house will run about \$2000. The field house gets used – not abused. Curt B. posed the question that if we invest in more cameras, do we have policies and procedures in place to deal with what we catch on tape? Do we have the staff to enforce?

Discussion: Transportation. **Bob Brintnall** started the discussion reminding the audience and community that this topic is one that has been discussed for years. The entire committee and transportation employees had an opportunity to meet this morning to brainstorm as well. We have an aging fleet of vehicles and now Obama care (potential penalties) that has made us ask: Do we sell the transportation part of our 'business'? If we do that, we know we lose all control and we will never have the funds to restart a bus garage. We have an opportunity to have someone manage our personnel to free up not only staff/administrative time but also avoid the potential penalties with the Obama Care Health Reform coming at us. We all know that selling everything is a short term, quick fix. Meeting in the middle and having Andy Sandstroms Company take over personnel management while we keep the busses may be a good compromise for us during the next 2 years. We have time to see what shakes out with his health care reform act, see if this is an avenue we want to take. It gives us a window to go back to fully owning and operating or look at pursuing selling it all. This is a midpoint opportunity and with all of our administration and office cuts we have no extra time to deal with personnel issue which will become part of the contracted services. We can focus on researching a lease-to-own option and start replacing our busses.

Motioned by Curt Beissel, seconded by Pat Dougherty and unanimously approved to make Discussion: Transportation, into an action item. Motioned by Curt Beissel, seconded by Jerry Reinardy and unanimously approved a 2 year contract with Andy Sandstrom and SafeLink Transportation, LLC.

11. Adam Rueger and Val Dockter presented information to the board about the Soccer Club. 1) Must be the best kept secret in Cannon Falls (since no one has really known a Soccer Club has been parent run for the last couple of years) 2) They have members, numbers and 1-year and 2-year plans all laid out, 3) It is NOT the intent of the Soccer Program to take away from any other sport, 4) Soccer is unique and you can be any size to play. The Summer program has over 300 kids now where 5-8th are on the same teams and ½ are girls, 5) It is NOT the intent of Soccer to play games at John Burch Park. They did play there once last year and it was fun, but they will be playing at St. Paul's Fields. 6) Soccer wants to be part of the solution, not add to the problem of getting your grassy areas and fields into better shape. 7) Soccer has already been paying for the referees, coaches, paints, flags, transportation, uniforms, etc., so the costs handed in on the spreadsheet are pretty solid. Maggie Rutter and Zach Dockter were the student reps who spoke about the great things Soccer has done for them as an individual and for so many students who tried (Tennis or Volleyball or Football) but it was not the right fit for one reason or another. This would continue to give kids an opportunity of another sport to play. They had surveyed some Randolph friends and they are interested. Zach also mentioned that he not only has played, but has had the opportunity to coach for the younger kids which has helped him as well. There are good numbers in Soccer and it will be there for years to come plus with the health emphasis it's a great way to keep in shape – seems to be a Win-Win and a way to get kids involved in something. David Bahr said that in Cannon Falls, the numbers are approximately 600 student athletes in grades 3-6 and what happens when youth athletics uses up all the fields, space times, field house, etc already. It just seems if you are talking budget cuts you shouldn't be adding costs and adding another sport. Matt Fimmen commented that St. Paul's has done a great job and he currently takes his kids to Northfield for Soccer. He feels Soccer in Cannon Falls will be a viable sport.

12. Student Board Report:

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- Speech Team went to the State Tournament in Blaine this past Saturday- 7 made it to finals. Sydney Erhardt was the state champion, Rebecca Gesme- 2nd, Kailee Stiles- 3rd, Alex Traynor- 4th, Hannah Brummund- 6th, Josh Siebenaler- 7th, Matt Lockett- 8th. Overall, Cannon Falls was 4th in the state out of 90 teams in the tournament and 192 Class A schools in Minnesota.
- Yesterday there was a Slice of Jazz Band Fundraiser in the High School Auditorium. The jazz band and jazz choir performed.
- Student Council Applications for next year can be picked up in the main office or on the school website- due May 3rd.
- The Cannon Falls High School/Middle School Art Show will be Saturday April 27 from noon-5 and Sunday April 28 from 11-3.
- This Thursday is the last day to purchase Prom tickets. Prom is May 4th and the Grand March starts at 4:30 in the auditorium.
- PLC Day this Wednesday the 24th. Classes start at 8:30.

13. Motioned by Brenda Owens, seconded by Pat Dougherty and unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:46 pm.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District 252, State of Minnesota, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the School Board of said District held on the date therein indicated.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such Clerk this 20th day of May, 2013.

Brenda Owens