

OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD**REGULAR MEETING**

Independent School District No. 492

Monday, August 9, 2004 6:30 p.m.

Austin City Council Chambers

500 Fourth Avenue NE, Austin, Minnesota

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Andersen

Kathryn Green

Daniel Heins

Susan Fell Johnson

Richard Lees

David Simonson

Superintendent Candace Raskin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kim Jacobson

MEETING CALLED**TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Austin City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

AGENDA APPROVED:

A motion was made by Mr. Simonson, seconded by Mr. Andersen and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as printed.

DELEGATIONS:

Parents Sarah Ehret and Mary Barinka addressed the board with concerns regarding staff changes in the autism program.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mr. Andersen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simonson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 7/12/04 and special meeting of 7/26/04 as printed.

BILLS APPROVED:

A motion was made by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mr. Simonson and carried unanimously to approve the bills for payment as of 8/9/04 as submitted.

(A COMPLETE LISTING OF THE BILLS IS ATTACHED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK.)

STUDENT ACTIVITY**ACCOUNT APPROVED:**

Mr. Andersen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simonson and carried unanimously to approve the addition of a student activity account for Elementary Band.

HUMAN RESOURCES**ITEMS APPROVED:**

A motion was made by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mr. Simonson and carried unanimously to approve the following personnel items:

Administrative Staff:

1. Contracts for Approval – Karen Connelly-Benson, food service manager, 230 day contract, effective 8/2/04 and Edwina Harder, principal, 210 day contract, effective 8/16/04

Certified Staff:

1. Contracts for Approval - Wendy Bidne, special education teacher, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/04; Jessica Bistodeau, speech teacher, 1.0 FTE,

effective 8/25/04; Carol Davis, occupational therapist, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/04; Jayme Mallory, grade 2 teacher, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/04; Nancy Miller-Kelm, music teacher, .7 FTE, effective 8/25/04; Jacob Schwarz, grade 3 teacher, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/04; Zachary Schwenn, physical education teacher, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/04; Erica Stevens, social studies long term substitute teacher, 88 days, effective 8/25/04; Megan Wellmann, grade 3 teacher, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/04; and Amber Yost, grade 4 teacher, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/04

2. Resignation – Jill Wagner, life science teacher, effective 8/25/04

Non-certified Staff:

1. Contracts for Approval – Anthony Allen, KSMQ master control, increased to full time status, effective 6/7/04; Sandra Bustad, paraprofessional, 4.25 hrs/day, effective 9/1/04; Duane DeBoer, mental health practitioner, 8 hrs/day; effective 8/25/04; Erica Loutzenhiser, mental health practitioner, 8 hrs/day, effective 8/25/04; Sandy Mullenbach, paraprofessional, 6.25 hrs/day, effective 9/1/04; and Steve Rogers, utility truck driver custodian, effective 8/2/04.

2. Request for Leave - Catherine Krebsbach, childcare professional for Kids Korner, effective 8/20/04 - 10/3/04

3. Resignations - Andrea Lewis, paraprofessional, effective 7/29/04; Tracy Lund, mental health practitioner, effective 7/26/04 and Elizabeth Nelson, paraprofessional, effective 8/2/04

4. Release of Claims Approval - Martha Lawler, information systems technician, release of all claims settlement agreement, effective 7/28/04

(A COMPLETE COPY OF THE PERSONNEL REPORT IS ATTACHED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK.)

KSMQ RESOLUTION

APPROVED:

A motion was made by Mr. Heins, seconded by Mr. Simonson and carried unanimously to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of the KSMQ television license to Southern Minnesota Quality Broadcasting, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

(A COMPLETE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK.)

TRANSPORTATION

CONTRACTS FOR 2004-05

AND 2005-06 APPROVED:

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lees and carried unanimously to award contracts to Austin Transportation for the following:

- Regular transportation in the amount of \$24.20/student/month for city routes and \$44.90/student/month for rural routes for 2004-05 and \$24.95 student/month for city routes and \$46.45/student/month for rural routes for 2005-06.
- Special education transportation in the amount of \$221.65 rural/student/month and \$208.42 city/student/month for 2004-05 and \$228.30 rural/student/month and \$214.67 city/student/month for 2005-06. The charge for between school runs will be \$12.00 for 2004-05 and \$12.35 for 2005-06.

Member Dan Heins introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO TRANSFER THE OPERATION AND TELEVISION
LICENSE OF KSMQ, APPROVING KSMQ BUSINESS PLAN AND ELIMINATING
GENERAL MANAGER POSITION**

WHEREAS, due to budget shortfall and to effectively manage the School District with limited resources, the School Board must consider reducing expenditures by discontinuing programs and eliminating positions;

WHEREAS, based upon the cost of operation of KSMQ public television, the School District no longer wishes to operate it;

WHEREAS, discussions have been ongoing over the past year with Riverland Community College, and other interested entities, to transfer the operation and television license of KSMQ to a Southern Minnesota Quality Broadcasting, Inc., a non-profit corporation;

WHEREAS, Riverland Community College and other entities have provided the School Board with a proposed KSMQ Business Plan regarding the transfer of operation and television licensure of KSMQ to Southern Minnesota Quality Broadcasting, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the proposed KSMQ Business Plan provides that television programming will include K-12 education;

WHEREAS, the proposed KSMQ Business Plan initially transfers management of the public television station from the School District to a transition team, including the School District, until the television license is transferred to Southern Minnesota Quality Broadcasting, Inc.;

WHEREAS, during the transition period, as part of the restructuring of KSMQ, the duties of the General Manager of KSMQ can be reassigned and the position eliminated;

WHEREAS, reassignment of duties of the General Manager of KSMQ during the transition period will save the School District the cost of the salary for this position;

WHEREAS, upon completion of the transfer of the operation of KSMQ and television license of KSMQ to Southern Minnesota Quality Broadcasting, Inc., all School District positions at KSMQ will be eliminated and the transfer will result in further significant cost-savings to the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 492 as follows:

1. The Board will transfer the operation and television license of KSMQ to Southern Minnesota Quality Broadcasting, Inc., a non-profit corporation.

2. The Board approves the KSMQ business plan presented at the Board Meeting on July 26, 2004 which sets forth the steps to transfer operation and television license of KSMQ to a Southern Minnesota Quality Broadcasting, Inc.

3. The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent, Dr. Candace Raskin, to manage the implementation of this transfer of KSMQ to Southern Minnesota Quality Broadcasting, Inc.

4. The Board approval of the KSMQ business plan does not in anyway provide a warranty, guarantee or promise regarding any or all of the items or steps set forth in the KSMQ business plan.

5. The Board approves transfer of the day-to-day operation and management of KSMQ to a transition team, including one or more designees of the School District, until the transfer of the television license of KSMQ becomes effective; subject, however, to retention of final control over station policy and operations by the Board.

6. The Board has reviewed and hereby approves the Notice to the General Manager of KSMQ notifying her of the elimination of her position and termination of her employment. The Board Chair is directed to sign the Notice on behalf of the Board and to serve the Notice on the employee along with a copy of this Resolution and to place a copy of both documents in the employee's personnel file.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by David Simonson and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Larry Andersen, Kathryn Green, Daniel Heins, Susan Fell Johnson, Richard Lees and David Simonson.

and the following voted against the same: --

Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

August 9, 2004