

Board of Education Special Meeting # 3
August 12, 2008

Board Members present: Ken Artis, Lois Corey, Don Mathews, Laurel Meek,
Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Ron Wirtz

Board Members absent: Ramie Bakken

Meeting was called to order by president Don Mathews at 6:00 p.m.

Employment recommendations presented to the Board were as follows: Chris Divyak, HS technology education teacher – resignation; Theresa Hunter, part-time 4K teacher – employment; Bev Carlson, MS LMC director – employment. Ron Wirtz made a motion to accept the employment recommendations and Lois Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The tentative agreements for the 2008-2010 BRF Educational Support Personnel Association contract were presented to the Board of Education for ratification. The BRFEPSA ratified the agreement on Tuesday, August 5th. Lois Corey moved to ratify the agreements between the BRFEPSA and Board of Education for the 2008-2010 contract. Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board discussed the community survey that has been developed by School Perceptions. The intent is to allow constituents to either complete online or via paper. The paper copy would be mailed to all of the households in the District. Prior to releasing the survey this fall, informational pieces could be put on the website, channel 4, the Insights, and in the school newsletters. There could also be features run in the local newspapers. Overall, there was great dissatisfaction with the layout of the survey. Many felt it was too long and not connected. Don Mathews directed Paul Blanford and Jill Collins to work with School Perceptions and to make changes to the format of the survey. Lois Corey made a motion to disapprove the survey in its current format. Ken Artis seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Paul Blanford inquired of the Board how they could better connect and communicate with the public and district staff. Some ideas suggested were building tours and volunteering in the schools and at other events. The discussion also included ideas on how the superintendent could best connect with the public. Ideas for this included holding Saturday morning coffees at various locations within the district, town hall meetings, attending a variety of other events in the communities, and utilizing the media resources. Additionally, the Board discussed the evaluation process of the superintendent.

The board members will meet individually with Paul within the next couple of weeks.

Lois Corey moved to adjourn and Ron Wirtz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.