

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #95  
Cromwell-Wright, Minnesota  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
December 21, 2011  
at approximately 6:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 95, Cromwell, MN was called to order at the C-W ITV/School Board Work Room on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. All Board members were present; S. Bridge called away at 6:58 p.m.

Also present were Superintendent Backer, Principal Libbon and other interested parties.

**Agenda Changes/Additions**

Motion by J. Haugan, second by S. Bridge to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by W. Collman, second by G. Eliason to approve the December 7, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Chairperson's Announcements**

**A. Good Things Happening**

The 4th grade students of C-W have adopted foster grandparents for the 2011-12 school year. This is the 18th year the program has existed! The foster grandparents are residents at the Villa Vista/Cardinal Court. The faculty of the Villa Vista work hard to match each student with a willing resident. Once each month the 4th graders will travel to the Villa Vista and visit their special foster grandparent. The residents share memories and experiences. The 4th graders complete a special activity with their foster grandparent each month. They share themselves in a new and special way. It helps the students connect and feel comfortable with people of older generations. It is amazing how quickly relationships are formed and how eager the students are to spend time with their special "grandparent." The residents and students connect, share and truly touch each other in a unique and special way...a valuable program to our students and our community.

**B. Public Participation**

1. Strategic Plan Statement/Questionnaire; review and discussion.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by T. Johnson, second by W. Collman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Approve the hiring of Lori Wester for the Student Council Advisor/School Spirit position for school year 2011-12.

B. Approve the leave of absence of Lori Wester for the Knowledge Bowl position for school year 2011-12 and school year 2012-13.

C. Approve the hiring of Keith Bergstedt for the Knowledge Bowl position for school year 2011-12.

**Financial Report Review**

A. Federal Education Update-funding cuts for 2012-2013 school year; information and discussion.

**Payment of School District Bills**

Motion by S. Bridge, second by J. Haugan to approve the payment of School District bills as follows. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Invoices totaling \$342,275.33.

B. Electronic Fund Transfers totaling \$185,140.53.

**Reports/Presentations**

**A. Principal**

**1. Student Handbook Changes**

Motion by G. Eliason, second by T. Johnson to amend student handbook with proposed additions per copy in district office. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Superintendent**

1. Enrollment is at 301.

2. MDH Update; the cafeteria had a good inspection.

3. Emergency protocol, bus incident follow up. All District protocols were followed, 911 was called immediately.

4. Master schedule, strategic planning; what skills are needed by business and how do we provide them to our students, also fostering good habits and thinking skills.

**Items for Action and Discussion**

Truth in Taxation discussion; 50,599 debt service figures.

**Future Meetings and Calendar Update**

A. Early Dismissal, December 23, 2011

B. Winter Break, December 26-January 2, 2012

C. Special School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by Closed Meeting, January 4, 2012.

D. MSBA Conference, January 12-13, 2012

E. Staff Multi-District In-Service, January 16, 2012

F. School Board Meeting, January 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

G. Staff In-Service, January 23, 2012

H. School Board Meeting, February 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

I. School Board Meeting, February 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by J. Haugan, second by T. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**Unapproved Minutes**

Walter Collman, Clerk Board of Education

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