

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4225 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE  
ST. FRANCIS, WI 53235

REGULAR MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
June 1, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board adjourned into closed session in the St. Francis High School library pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(f) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and the consideration of financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons, specifically, St. Francis Education Association grievance and contact(s) for non-represented employee(s).

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer and Superintendent Topinka

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Attorney Rob Buikema – Davis & Kuelthau, S.C.; Business Manager Kelly

The President called closed session to order at 5:30 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 6:30 p.m., taking no action.

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**VISITORS:** Mr. Pat Seitz / Mr. Rich Luce – Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc.; Mr. Eric Ellison / Mr. John Foster – C.G. Schmidt, Inc.; Building Administrators – Mr. Mark DiStefano, Ms. Michelle Mancl and Ms. Mary Garcia-Velez; Ms. Nicole Hoffman – St. Francis High School Teacher; No additional public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter to approve the agenda for June 1, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There was none.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Mayer, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of May 18, 2009
- Minutes of May 26, 2009
- Accounts payable bills totaling \$201,629.69 and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$415,091.29.
- Personnel Items:
  1. The 2009 FMLA request for Candy Dowd, Intermediate School Teacher.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the Board unanimously approved the 2009 Summer School contracts as presented.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Willow Glen Building Administrator, Ms. Michelle Mancl presented the following new/revised School Board Policies for review and approval:

- Revised Policy E-2 – K-12 Program Evaluation. Discussion ensued. The Board requested Ms. Mancl to make recommended revisions to Policy E-2 and bring back to a future School Board meeting for review/approval.
- Revised Policy E-3 – Instructional / Media Materials. After discussion and upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, revised Policy E-3 – Instructional / Media Materials was unanimously approved as presented.
- New Policy E-10 – Homework. After discussion and upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, new Policy E-10 – Homework was unanimously approved as presented.

A referendum project update was presented to the Board. Representatives from Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc. and C.G. Schmidt, Inc. presented a final construction document to the Board. Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board unanimously approved a motion to approve the bidding and construction phase of the referendum project.

Business Manager Kelly reported on the following:

- 1) Business Manager Kelly presented information on the District’s property insurance renewal. The District currently contracts with the Local Government Property Insurance Fund. The District did not bid the property insurance out this year as the rates are estimated to decrease by 5%. After discussion and upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the motion to renew the District’s contract with Local Government Property Insurance Fund for 2009-2010 was unanimously approved.
- 2) Business Manager Kelly presented information on the Deer Creek roofing project. The District’s 10-year maintenance plan incorporates one roofing project per year and this year, the scheduled project is the replacement of the roof on the recreation building at Deer Creek Intermediate School. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$90,000.00. After discussion and upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the motion to utilize funds from the Fund 80 balance to pay for the new roof on the Recreation Building at Deer Creek Intermediate School was unanimously approved.

There was no Board Members’ report.

Superintendent Topinka reported on the following:

- 1) Superintendent Topinka presented an update on registration for 2009 Summer School. Students are able to register in person or by mail. As of May 31, 2009, the District has 161 students registered, 382 slots filled. For the 1<sup>st</sup> session of Summer School, 20 of 23 class offerings have adequate enrollment; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> session has 17 of 21 class offerings with adequate enrollment.

Board President Hemmer reported on the following:

- 1) The St. Francis Association of Commerce awarded seven (7) student scholarships to St. Francis High School students at the May 19, 2009 Scholarship Dinner.
- 2) The St. Francis High School Senior Awards Night presented approximately \$527,000.00 in student scholarships.
- 3) President Hemmer reminded fellow Board Members of the following upcoming important dates:
  - o June 4<sup>th</sup> – District Staff End of Year Celebration – St. Francis Brewery / Restaurant - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
  - o June 10<sup>th</sup> – Willow Glen Family Picnic – 11:00 a.m.
  - o June 10<sup>th</sup> – Deer Creek 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Program – 1:00 p.m.
  - o June 11<sup>th</sup> – High School Graduation – 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
May 26, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Iwanski, seconded by Ms. Mayer, the Board adjourned into closed session in the St. Francis High School library pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically, food service contract.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Mayer, and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** Board Members Boknevitc and Rutter; Superintendent Topinka

**VISITORS:** None

The President called closed session to order at 5:35 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 5:53 p.m., taking no action.

President Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 5:54 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Mayer, and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** Board Members Boknevitc and Rutter; Superintendent Topinka

**VISITORS:** Mr. Mark DiStefano – SFHS Principal; no public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Business Manager Kelly reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Mr. Iwanski, seconded by Ms. Mayer to approve the agenda for May 26, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:**

Business Manager Kelly explained the rationale that she and Business Manager Papala of the Cudahy School District used to recommend Chartwells Dining as the District's food service provider. Discussion ensued. Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Iwanski, the Board unanimously approved the 2009-2010 food service contract with Chartwells Dining.

St. Francis High School Principal, Mr. Mark DiStefano and Business Manager Kelly discussed their rationale for recommending the High School lockers be replaced, i.e., school safety, student confidentiality and funds available. The lockers will be replaced before the start of the next school year. Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Iwanski, the Board unanimously approved the St. Francis High School locker replacement to be funded out of the District's general fund at a cost of approximately \$85,000.00 to \$95,000.00.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Iwanski, the President declared the special meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Approved by:

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Diane F. Mayer  
Acting School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

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REGULAR MEETING  
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May 18, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the work session to order at 5:04 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevitiz, Rutter, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** Board Member Mayer

**VISITORS:** No public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

**WORK SESSION TOPICS:**

A draft copy of the St. Francis School District Communication Plan was distributed for review and discussion. The following proposed District communication goals were reviewed:

- Educate the community and area residents about the District and its needs, challenges and opportunities.
- Inform staff about the work of the School Board.
- Inform community members about school activities.
- Engage the entire district community in a conversation about what the district is doing well, what it needs to do to improve, and what should be expected of the district in the future.
- Engage community in a discussion about what future St. Francis School District graduates must know and be able to do in an increasingly complex and competitive global economy and society.
- Engage community about ongoing efforts of the school district to make the most of taxpayers' investment in the schools.
- Meaningful connect with community members who do not have strong connection with School District.

Communication methods were discussed at length. The District will utilize various internal and external communication tools to share information with staff and community.

The School Board work session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.; after a brief recess, School Board President, Jacqueline N. Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevitiz, Rutter, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** Board Member Mayer

**VISITORS:** Mr. Steve Erickson – District Technology Coordinator; no public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Iwanski to approve the agenda for May 18, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

- A note of appreciation from Mr. Larry Lesniewski for sympathies expressed by the District.
- A note of appreciation from Peter and Judy Caruso for sympathies expressed by the District.
- A note of appreciation from the Willow Glen staff for the wonderful breakfast of bagels and orange juice in acknowledgement of Teacher/Staff appreciation week.
- A note of appreciation from the Deer Creek 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff for supporting Outdoor Education.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There was none.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of May 4, 2009
- Accounts payable bills totaling \$170,467.20; bond invoices totaling \$296,912.57; and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$495,293.30
- Personnel Items:
  1. The 2009-2010 child-rearing leave for Carla Herried, School Counselor.
  2. The appointment of Mary Kay Kasten-Dickinson as District Library Media Specialist for the 2009-2010 school year.
  3. The appointment of Mark Edwards as Elementary Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year.
  4. The appointment of Jamie Dropik as Elementary Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year.
  5. The appointment of Kim Nash as Elementary Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year.

Upon motion by Mr. Bokneviz, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the Board unanimously approved the District donation of \$1,000.00 from the Milwaukee School of Engineering in support of the Deer Creek Robotics Program.

Upon motion by Mr. Bokneviz, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the Board unanimously approved the District donation of \$1,000.00 from Carol Topinka to be utilized as travel grants for students participating in the field trip to Costa Rica.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

The School Cadet field trip to Gurnee, Illinois in June 2009 was presented for approval. The City of St. Francis Common Council has generously donated funds to cover half of the costs associated with the field trip. Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the School Cadet field trip to Gurnee, Illinois in June 2009 was unanimously approved contingent upon compliancy with Board Policies D-17 and D17A. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the St. Francis Common Council by Superintendent Topinka.

A referendum project update was presented to the Board. Representatives from Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc. will present a final construction document to the Board at the June 1, 2009 meeting. At that time, the Board will consider a motion to approve the bidding and construction phase of the referendum project. Prior to the June 1, 2009 meeting, Business Manager Kelly will prepare a document for the Board that will provide additional information to assist in answering any questions prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Business Manager Kelly reported on the following:

- 1) Mr. Richard Marchel from Actuarial & Health Care Solutions, LLC discussed the Actuarial Valuation Reports for the District's OPEB and Pension Liabilities. Discussion ensued.
- 2) The food service contract approval was tabled until the May 26, 2009 special School Board meeting.
- 3) Mr. Steve Erickson, District Technology Coordinator presented information on "Thin Client and Server Virtualization." Thin Clients are a desktop or laptop computers with no hard drive. Each device is run over the District servers, which are centrally managed. Thin Client would assist the District in maintaining control over the security of all computers, as well as, provide assistance in handling technical issues remotely. Business Manager Kelly and Mr. Erickson will research further by obtaining pricing, cost savings and the possibility of an implementation / pilot program.
- 4) Business Manager Kelly presented an update on Governor Doyle's budget report. The Governor may look at cutting 5% of aid to school districts. If this scenario occurs, the District may face budget cuts in late summer.

Board Members' reported on the following:

- 1) Board Treasurer Bokneviz inquired on the New Student Barbeque held on May 13, 2009.
- 2) South Shore Citizens for a Prosperous Future has scheduled a forum for local State Representatives on May 26, 2009 at the Cudahy Public Library.
- 3) The Board expressed their appreciation for the excellent program presented at Deer Creek and Willow Glen's Fine Arts Night.

Superintendent Topinka reported on the following:

- 1) Superintendent Topinka announced the Japanese class field trip to Japan has been cancelled due to the Swine Flu crisis. Refund arrangements are being made to students.
- 2) Due to the District's partnership with Discovery World, the District has been provided one-week session student scholarships to attend Discovery World.

There was no report from Board President Hemmer.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Bokneviz, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

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REGULAR MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
May 4, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**VISITORS:** Two (2) public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter to approve the agenda for May 4, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

A note of appreciation from High School Secretary, Ms. Dianne Gruchalski regarding get well wishes she received from the District.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, Jacqueline Hemmer was elected School Board President.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, Russell Iwanski was elected School Board Vice President.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Mayer, Robert Boknevit was elected School Board Treasurer.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, Kathleen Rutter was elected School Board Clerk.

President Hemmer thanked the Board for their continued commitment to the students.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the appointment of Kathleen A. Rutter as representative of the St. Francis School District to the Cooperative Educational Services Agency #1 2009 Annual Convention was unanimously approved. The Board appreciates Ms. Rutter's commitment and time to represent the St. Francis School District as our CESA representative.

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There was none.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Mr. Iwanski, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of April 20, 2009
- Minutes of April 27, 2009
- Accounts payable bills totaling \$269,422.99; bond invoices totaling \$251,361.07; and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$399,849.17
- Personnel Items: None

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class field trip to Costa Rica in June 2010 was presented for approval. Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class field trip to Costa Rica in June 2010 was unanimously approved contingent upon compliancy with Board Policies D-17 and D17A.

The 2009-2010 CESA #1 Service Contract and Summary Worksheets were presented for approval. Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the 2009-2010 CESA #1 Service Contract and Summary Worksheets were unanimously approved.

A referendum project update was presented to the Board. The project design development is approximately 75% completed. Discussion ensued. Further architectural updates will be presented to the Board in June. Business Manager Kelly reported on the following:

- 1) Business Manager Kelly presented information on the District's long-term disability insurance renewal. Natural Insurance Services, the current District's long-term disability carrier proposes the current 2008-2009 rate for the next two (2) years (2009-2010 and 2010-2011). Business Manager Kelly recommends renewing with National Insurance Services. Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the long-term disability contract with National Insurance Services for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.
- 2) Business Manager Kelly presented the BestFlex contract resolution for approval. The District currently contracts with Employee Benefits Corporation to manage the District's BestFlex Plan for Employees. Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Mayer, the undersigned St. Francis School District being the sponsor of the St. Francis School District Flexible Spending Account Cafeteria Plan (the "Plan") hereby adopts the following resolutions on May 4, 2009:

Whereas, the Employer originally established the Plan effective January 1, 2002; and  
Whereas, the Employer now wished to have the Plan administered in accordance with a restated Plan document.

Now, Therefore, Be It:

Resolved, that the Employer adopts the restated Plan document; and

Further Resolved, that the officers of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions to carry out the above resolution.

- 3) Business Manager Kelly presented health and dental insurance renewal rate information for approval. For the 2009-2010 school year, the recommendation was made to maintain the current insurance rates, with no increase. Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the Board unanimously approved the proposed health and dental insurance renewal rates for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 4) Business Manager Kelly presented an update on the Food Service contract approval. The State of Wisconsin required that all school districts bid out their food service program for the 2009-2010 school year. The District sent bid requests to four (4) companies: Chartwells; Taher; Aramark; and A'viands. Mr. Jim Papala, Business Manager of the Cudahy School District and Business Manager Kelly will meet with representatives from each of the four companies on May 8, 2009 to discuss questions on the Food Service Request for Proposal and offer tours of some of the facilities. Bid proposals are due May 15, 2009. At that time, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly will meet with the Cudahy School District to open and review bids. A recommendation will be presented at the May 18, 2009 School Board meeting.
- 5) Business Manager Kelly presented an update on Federal pool compliance upgrades at Deer Creek Intermediate School. In compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, all public pools and spas must have ASME/ANSI A112.19.8-2007 compliant drain covers and a second anti-entrapment system installed, when there is only a single main drain. All school districts are required to comply by 2009. The District received quotes from three (3) companies and the Pool Doctors came in with the lowest bid. The cost to bring the pool into compliance was \$5,250.00. Because the pool had to be drained, some drains and tiles were replaced and other maintenance work was completed at a cost of \$9,150.00. The funds will come out of Fund 80, the District's community service fund.

Board Members' reported on the following:

- 1) The next Willow Glen/Deer Creek PTO meeting is May 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Deer Creek Intermediate School.
- 2) The Music Booster Club is sponsoring a craft fair on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Superintendent Topinka reported on the following:

- 1) Superintendent Topinka presented proposed Board meeting dates for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 2) Superintendent Topinka reported the St. Francis School District has no confirmed cases of the Swine Flu. Superintendent Topinka has been in contact with the City of St. Francis Public Health Nurse, Ms. Kathy Scott.

Board President Hemmer reported on upcoming important dates in May:

- o May 11<sup>th</sup> – School Board Work Session – 5:00 p.m. – St. Francis High School library
- o May 13<sup>th</sup> New Student Open Enrollment Barbeque – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. – St. Francis High School cafeteria
- o May 18<sup>th</sup> – Regular School Board meeting – 6:30 p.m. – St. Francis High School library
- o May 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Francis Association of Commerce Scholarship Dinner at the Polonez Restaurant
- o May 20<sup>th</sup> – National Honor Society Induction / Senior Awards Night – 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

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WORK SESSION MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
April 27, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer\*, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Mr. Joe Donovan – Donovan Group, LLC; Mr. Mark DiStefano – St. Francis High School Principal; Mrs. Michelle Mancl – Willow Glen Primary School Principal; no public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

\*Board Member Mayer arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Boknevit to approve the agenda for April 27, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WORK SESSION:**

Mr. Joe Donovan of Donovan Group, LLC reviewed feedback received from the recent St. Francis School District communications audit. Discussion ensued; suggestions were made to improved communications. The District will begin the process of coordinating a St. Francis School District Communication Plan. The first step in this process will be to set up goals on ways to improve communication within the local community (i.e., City of St. Francis, new community members, senior citizens and local businesses). Future work sessions will be planned.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the President declared the work session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

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REGULAR MEETING  
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April 20, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Bokneviz, the Board adjourned into closed session in the St. Francis High School library pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically, personnel issues.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Bokneviz, Rutter, Mayer and Superintendent Topinka

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Business Manager Kelly

The President called closed session to order at 5:45 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 6:25 p.m., taking no action.

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Bokneviz, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**VISITORS:** Ms. Nicole Morawski – St. Francis High School Teacher; one (1) additional public visitor (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Mr. Bokneviz, seconded by Ms. Mayer to approve the agenda for April 20, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

School Board Vice President, Russell J. Iwanski, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Board Members, Jacqueline N. Hemmer and Kathleen A. Rutter.

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There was none.

Upon motion by Mr. Bokneviz, seconded by Mr. Iwanski, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of April 6, 2009
- Accounts payable bills totaling \$59,306.07; bond invoices totaling \$2,668.25; and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$525,307.12
- Personnel Items: None

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

A referendum project update was presented to the Board. There will be a core referendum project meeting on April 22, 2009 at Deer Creek Intermediate School. Further architectural updates will be presented to the Board at the May 4, 2009 regular meeting.

There was no report from Business Manager Kelly.

Board Members' reported on the following:

- 1) The Miss St. Francis Pageant was held on April 18, 2009 at St. Thomas More High School.
- 2) The Willow Glen/Deer Creek Science Night on April 7, 2009 was very well attended and was a huge success.

- 3) Inquiries were made on the current sound system utilized for High School graduation. Superintendent Topinka will research and report back to the Board.

There was no report from Superintendent Topinka.

Board President Hemmer reported on the following:

- 1) The next School Board work session is Monday, April 27, 2009 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) The election of School Board Officers is scheduled for the May 4, 2009 regular meeting.
- 3) The New Student Barbeque is Wednesday, May 13, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis High School cafeteria.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

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Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

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April 6, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**VISITORS:** Mr. Rich Luce / Mr. Patrick Seitz / Mr. Bob Vajgrt – Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc.; Mr. Eric Ellison – C.G. Schmidt, Inc.; Mr. Mark DiStefano - St. Francis High School Principal; Ms. Kathy Doty / Ms. Beth Lewis / Mr. Paul Oestreich – District Music Teachers; three (3) additional public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Hemmer to approve the agenda for April 6, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

A note of appreciation from the family of Theresa Maudie for sympathies expressed and the District's memorial donation to the Froedtert Cancer Center.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

Ms. Susan Lyles expressed her appreciation towards Board Members on their efforts to communicate and reach out to the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There was none.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of March 12, 2009
- Minutes of March 16, 2009
- Minutes of March 19, 2009
- Minutes of March 30, 2009
- Accounts payable bills totaling \$238,236.65; bond invoices totaling \$111,045.86; and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$401,301.57
- Personnel Items:
  1. The Board approves the 2009 family and medical leave request for Dianne Gruchalski, High School Principal's Secretary.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the Board unanimously approved the approval / denial of resident and non-resident Open Enrollment applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the Board unanimously approved the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) application for cooperative team sponsorship in Boys Swim pending contract language regarding salary and pool maintenance responsibility.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Ms. Susan Lyles introduced the newly organized St. Francis Music Boosters Association to the Board. A copy of the Music Booster Association's constitution was distributed to the Board for review.

Mr. Mark DiStefano, High School Principal presented further revisions to School Board Policy D-13 – Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. Discussion ensued, additional revision recommendations were made. Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the revised School Board Policy D-13 - Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse was unanimously approved. The revised policy will be distributed to students and parents.

Mr. Rich Luce, representative of Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc. presented an overview on the referendum design development. The Board reviewed designs for the main entry to the High School and science lab addition, the Willow Glen cafeteria expansion, and the Deer Creek main entry.

There was no report from Business Manager Kelly.

Board Members' reported on the following:

- 1) Board Member Mayer will canvas the election ballots with Ms. Susan Lyles and Mr. Jeff Mayer at 11:00 a.m. on April 8, 2009 at St. Francis City Hall.
- 2) Willow Glen/Deer Creek Science Night is April 7, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Deer Creek Intermediate School.
- 3) The St. Francis Association of Commerce Annual Spaghetti Dinner held on Sunday, March 29, 2009 was well attended. Proceeds sponsor scholarships to eligible St. Francis High School students.

Superintendent Topinka reported on the following:

- 1) Superintendent Topinka discussed recent District communications with Cardinal Stritch University.

Board President Hemmer reported on the following:

- 1) President Hemmer reminded citizens to vote on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.
- 2) The MATC District Board Appointment Committee met on March 21, 2009 and reappointed Dr. Richard Monroe, Ms. Ann Wilson, and Mr. Bobbie Webber.
- 3) President Hemmer expressed her appreciation to everyone who participated in the recent District communication survey. The results of this survey will assist the District to effectively communicate school and District information.
- 4) Drug Task Force dogs were utilized in a routine procedural exercise recently at Deer Creek Intermediate School.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Mayer, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Approved by:

/original signed/

Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4225 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE  
ST. FRANCIS, WI 53235

SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
March 30, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the Board adjourned into closed session in the St. Francis High School library pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically, personnel; performance evaluation data.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevitiz, Rutter, Mayer and Superintendent Topinka

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Business Manager Kelly; Building Administrators DiStefano, Garcia-Velez and Mancl

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Mr. Boknevitiz, seconded by Mr. Iwanski to approve the agenda for March 30, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

The President called closed session to order at 5:00 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 7:25 p.m., taking no action.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevitiz, the President declared the special meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
March 19, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevitz, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the Board moved into closed session at 5:00 p.m., according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(f) and Wisconsin State Statutes 119.25 and 120.13(1) related to pupil expulsions.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevitz, and Superintendent Topinka

**EXCUSED:** Board Members Rutter and Mayer

**VISITORS:** Parent and Student; Attorney Mary Hubacher – Davis & Kuelthau, S.C.;  
Mrs. Mary Garcia-Velez, Deer Creek Intermediate School Principal

The President called closed session to order at 5:00 p.m. The student, parent, Superintendent Topinka, and Principal Garcia-Velez were excused from the closed session meeting at approximately 6:20 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 7:34 p.m., taking the following action:

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Iwanski, the Board moved to unanimously approve the findings of fact, conclusions and order of the Board regarding the expulsion of a student.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevitz, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the President declared the special meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Approved by:

/original signed/

Robert G. Boknevitz  
Acting School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4225 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE  
ST. FRANCIS, WI 53235

REGULAR MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
March 16, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** Board Member Mayer

**VISITORS:** Mr. Rich Luce – Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc.; Mr. John Foster / Mr. Eric Ellison / Mr. Bob Simi – C.G. Schmidt, Inc.; Mr. Mark DiStefano - St. Francis High School Principal; two (2) additional public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit to approve the agenda for March 16, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There was none.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of February 23, 2009
- Minutes of March 2, 2009
- Minutes of March 5, 2009
- Accounts payable bills totaling \$242,243.99; bond invoices totaling \$5,425.50; and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$688,401.97
- Personnel Items:
  1. The Board approves the 2009 family and medical leave request for Michelle Fons, Special Education Paraprofessional.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the Board unanimously approved the Youth Option requests for the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Mr. Mark DiStefano, High School Principal presented proposed revisions to School Board Policy D-13 – Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. Discussion ensued, recommendations were made. Principal DiStefano will make further revisions and bring the policy back to the Board for review.

Superintendent Topinka presented two organizational charts for the St. Francis School District. Discussion ensued, recommendations were made. Revised charts will be brought back for review. It was suggested that once the charts are completed, they be placed on the District's web site.

School Board Member, Diane Mayer and St. Francis resident, Susan Lyles have volunteered to perform the canvassing of ballots for the April 2009 election.

The Eppstein Uhen contract will not be complete until the construction contract is negotiated. The District's attorney is working with Eppstein Uhen and will bring back the contract for approval once both contracts are finalized.

Business Manager Kelly reported on the following:

- 1) Business Manager Kelly reviewed the Governor's budget proposals and the impact it will have on the District's budget. Ms. Kelly also spoke briefly about the stimulus and how the monies can be utilized.
- 2) Business Manager Kelly presented the 2009 audit contract with Virchow Krause & Co., LLP for approval. Ms. Kelly will bid out late summer/early fall for 2010 audit contract services. Upon motion by Mr. Bokneviz, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the 2009 audit contract with Virchow Krause & Co., LLP was unanimously approved.
- 3) Business Manager Kelly, representatives from Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc. and C.G. Schmidt, Inc. reviewed the Referendum Executive Summary which reflected updates to the budget. Due to the additional requirement of a sprinkler system throughout the High School, the budget allocations between schools have been shifted to reflect estimated costs. Representatives from C.G. Schmidt, Inc. and Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc. will provide a referendum update at the School Board meeting on April 6, 2009.

Board Members' reported on the following:

- 1) Board Treasurer Bokneviz requested the Administrative Team to follow up with Milwaukee District Attorney, John Chisholm on his recent PTO presentation, "Ramifications of Illegal Cell Phone Usage." After the presentation, it was suggested that Attorney Chisholm's talk be linked to the School District's website. To date, that has not been done.
- 2) A reminder that all three (3) schools need to provide text books to the St. Francis Public Library.

Superintendent Topinka reported on the following:

- 1) Superintendent Topinka expressed her appreciation to the District's Art Teachers on the wonderful job they did at the recent Art Show at the St. Francis Public Library.
- 2) The District is conducting a communication survey on how the District can better share school and District information. Citizens, parents and staff may take the survey online on the District's website or obtain a paper copy of the survey at any of the District's schools.

Board President Hemmer reported on the following:

- 1) President Hemmer expressed her appreciation to the St. Francis Public Library for hosting the District's Art Show.
- 2) The St. Francis Music Booster Association is sponsoring a fundraising "Open Mic" event at the FIXX Coffee House on Sunday, March 22, 2009. Students, parents and faculty will perform.
- 3) The MATC District Board Appointment Committee meeting is Saturday, March 21, 2009.
- 4) The St. Francis Association of Commerce Annual Spaghetti Dinner is Sunday, March 29, 2009 at St. Paul's Catholic Church from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Proceeds sponsor scholarships to eligible St. Francis High School students.
- 5) The School Board work session with the District Administration is Monday, March 30, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
- 6) The High School will be hosting an informational meeting for parents on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis High School "Little Theater." The meeting will cover "21<sup>st</sup> Century Safety" and "Character Education."
- 7) Willow Glen/Deer Creek Science Night is April 7, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Deer Creek Intermediate School.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Bokneviz, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
March 12, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevitz, the Board moved into closed session at 5:00 p.m., according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(f) and Wisconsin State Statutes 119.25 and 120.13(1) related to pupil expulsions.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevitz, Rutter, Mayer, and Superintendent Topinka

**VISITORS:** Parents and Student; Attorney Mary Hubacher – Davis & Kuelthau, S.C.;  
Mr. Mark DiStefano, St. Francis High School Principal

The President called closed session to order at 5:00 p.m. The student, parents, Superintendent Topinka, and Principal DiStefano were excused from the closed session meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 5:55 p.m., taking the following action:

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevitz, the Board moved unanimously to expel the student brought forth for the expulsion hearing. The student is hereby permanently expelled from the School District of St. Francis, all classroom and school-related activities, as well as, School District premises, from this date forward until the student's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Attorney Hubacher was excused from the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m. Superintendent Topinka returned to the open session at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevitz, the Board unanimously approved the teacher contract renewals / notices of layoff for the 2009-2010 school year.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevitz, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the President declared the special meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
March 5, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevitiz, the Board adjourned into closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically, personnel issue.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevitiz, Rutter, Mayer, and Superintendent Topinka

**VISITORS:** None

The President called closed session to order at 5:00 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 5:10 p.m., taking the following action:

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevitiz, seconded by Ms. Mayer, the Board moved unanimously to approve the resignation request dated March 3, 2009 for a St. Francis Education Association employee.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevitiz, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the President declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
March 2, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board moved into closed session at 5:00 p.m., according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(f) and Wisconsin State Statutes 119.25 and 120.13(1) related to pupil expulsions.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer, and Superintendent Topinka

**VISITORS:** Parents and Student; Attorney Mary Hubacher – Davis & Kuelthau, S.C.;  
Mr. Mark DiStefano, St. Francis High School Principal

The President called closed session to order at 5:00 p.m. The student, parents and Principal DiStefano were excused from the closed session meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 6:00 p.m., taking the following action:

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board moved unanimously to expel the student brought forth for the expulsion hearing. The student is hereby permanently expelled from the School District of St. Francis, all classroom and school-related activities, as well as, School District premises, from this date forward until the student's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the President declared the special meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

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Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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REGULAR MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
February 23, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the Board adjourned into closed session in the St. Francis High School library pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically, bargaining union negotiations discussion and other personnel issues.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer and Superintendent Topinka

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Business Manager Kelly

The President called closed session to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 6:30 p.m., taking the following action:

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board unanimously denied the request to reinstate employment and removal from the retirement list for the two (2) employee requests.

President Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Mr. Mark DiStefano, St. Francis High School Principal; Ms. Nikki Morawski, High School Teacher  
One (1) additional public visitor (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter to approve the agenda for February 23, 2009 with the recommendation to remove item 9b, Eppstein Uhen Architects Contract. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. Personnel Item 8a, v, 1 was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of February 9, 2009
- Minutes of February 11, 2009
- Minutes of February 16, 2009
- Accounts payable bills totaling \$98,660.99; bond invoices totaling \$178,454.05; and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$462,959.58
- Personnel Items:
  1. Item removed from consent agenda.
  2. The Board approves the 2009 family and medical leave request for Joel Barthel, High School Teacher.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board unanimously approved the "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$14,300,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds."

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Iwanski, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip request to Chicago, Illinois was unanimously approved.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Mr. Mark DiStefano, High School Principal presented updates to the High School Course Selection Book:

- Band will have a section for percussion instruments.
- Work Experience class will drop from 1.0 to .5 credit.
- No additional fees will be assessed.

Item 9B – Eppstein Uhen Architects Contract was removed from the agenda.

Business Manager Kelly presented the referendum update. Ms. Kelly, representatives from Eppstein Uhen Architects and C.G. Schmidt, Inc. met with the St. Francis Fire Department to discuss fire code compliance for the St. Francis High School. A second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

Business Manager Kelly reported on the following:

- 1) Business Manager Kelly announced the District will accept bids for the 2009 audit contract.
- 2) Business Manager Kelly presented an overview on the preliminary 2009-2010 budget. Depending on the State budget, the District could face anywhere from a \$225,000 to \$360,000 deficit. The Board will continue discussions on the 2009-2010 budget at future meetings.

There was no Board Members' report.

Superintendent Topinka reported on the following:

- 1) Superintendent Topinka requested Board Members to call Lisa Jarosh to confirm their availability to attend a closed session before the regular meeting on Monday, March 2, 2009.
- 2) Discovery World has contacted the St. Francis School District with a proposal to work with our 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

Board President Hemmer reported on the following:

- 1) The next regular School Board meeting is Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Francis High School Library.
- 2) Willow Glen Primary School's "Green Eggs and Ham" Annual Breakfast is Wednesday, March 4, 2009.
- 3) The St. Francis Association of Commerce Annual Spaghetti Dinner is Sunday, March 29, 2009 at St. Paul's Catholic Church from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Proceeds help to sponsor scholarships to eligible St. Francis High School students.
- 4) The School Board work session with the District Administration is Monday, March 30, 2009 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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WORK SESSION MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
February 16, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the Board adjourned into closed session in the St. Francis High School library pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically, District Administrator evaluation.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevitiz\*, Rutter, Mayer and Superintendent Topinka

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** None

\*Board Treasurer Boknevitiz arrived at 5:11 p.m.

The President called closed session to order at 5:00 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 6:15 p.m., taking no action.

President Hemmer called the work session to order at 6:15 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevitiz, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** No public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevitiz to approve the agenda for February 16, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WORK SESSION TOPIC – SCHOOL BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT:**

The Board reviewed the self-assessments completed by each Board Member. A discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevitiz, the President declared the work session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE  
February 11, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and  
Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** Board Members Iwanski and Boknevitcz

**VISITORS:** No public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Mayer to approve the agenda for February 11, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Mayer, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Personnel Items:
  1. The Board approves the preliminary non-renewal presented by Administration in the closed session of the February 9, 2009 regular meeting.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the President declared the special meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

/original signed/

Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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REGULAR MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
February 9, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board adjourned into closed session in the St. Francis High School library pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically, bargaining union negotiations discussion and other personnel issues.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer and Superintendent Topinka

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Business Manager Kelly

The President called closed session to order at 5:45 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 6:31 p.m., taking no action.

President Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Mr. Bob Vajgrt / Mr. Rich Luce – Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc.; Mr. Eric Ellison / Mr. John Foster – C.G. Schmidt, Inc.; Building Administrators – Mr. Mark DiStefano, Ms. Michelle Mancl and Ms. Mary Garcia-Velez; Two (2) additional public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Mr. Iwanski to approve the agenda for February 9, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Mayer, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of January 26, 2009
- Bills totaling \$159,814.31 and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$436,654.85
- Personnel Items:
  1. The Board approves the June 2009 early retirement request of Marilyn Peterson, Elementary Teacher.
  2. The Board approves the 2009 family and medical leave request for Larry Hanlon, High School Teacher.
  3. The Board approves the following extra-curricular/athletic contracts for the 2008-2009 school year:

**SFEA Extra-Curricular Contracts**

Peter Graven, Robotics Club, CIII .5	440.00
Jason Dropik, Robotics Club, CIII .5	440.00
<b>Total SFEA Extra-Curricular Contracts:</b>	<b>\$ 880.00</b>

**Non-SFEA Athletic Contracts**

Ashley Paczocha, Jr. High Volleyball Coach\*

1,126.37

**Total Non-SFEA Athletic Contracts:**

**\$ 1,126.37**

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Mayer, the Board unanimously approved the High School International Club field trip request to Chicago, Illinois.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

Representatives from Eppstein Uhen Architects and C. G. Schmidt, Inc. presented referendum project preliminary schematic design proposals. The Board reviewed the proposed main entry to the High School and science lab addition. The Board also reviewed the proposed main entry to Deer Creek, which addresses the current water issue in the lower level computer lab. Information on the Willow Glen cafeteria expansion was also presented for Board review, as well as, modifications to the main entry.

Remodeling projects at each school will address some restrooms, elevators, doorways, railings and handicap lifts to ensure compliance. The team answered questions presented by the Board and discussion ensued.

There was no Board Members' report.

Superintendent Topinka reported on the following:

- 1) Superintendent Topinka expressed her congratulations to the following High School student organizations on their recent competition successes:
  - a. For the second time in the past two years, the St. Francis High School Dance Team took first place in both Pom and Kick Divisions at the Wisconsin Southern Dance Regional Championship. Further congratulations to the St. Francis Dance Team on winning the 2009 State Championship in Poms and their success in earning State runner-up in the Kick Competition.
  - b. The St. Francis High School Forensics team had its first tournament of the season at Mukwonago High School. High School students Mark Silva and Katie Boknevit received medals in the play acting category, scoring 70 out of a possible 75 points. Melissa Marchese received a blue ribbon in the poetry category, scoring 67 out of a possible 75 points.
  - c. A total of sixty-seven (67) teams from the Milwaukee area competed recently in the UW-Milwaukee Chemistry Scavenger Hunt. Eight of those teams represented the St. Francis High School. Students Nick Darrow and Vicki Mueller received first place in the Annual UW-Milwaukee Chemistry Scavenger Hunt, while Katie Boknevit and Marisa Roch received third place.
- 2) The joint meeting with the Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, Cudahy and St. Francis School Boards and local elected government officials scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2009 has been cancelled.

Board President Hemmer reported on the following:

- 1) President Hemmer expressed her appreciation to the District for their assistance in preparing the St. Francis High School gymnasium for the City of St. Francis citizens' hearing on February 2, 2009.
- 2) The School District Negotiations Team is meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 3:45 p.m.
- 3) The School Board work session is Monday, February 16, 2009 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

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Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4225 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE  
ST. FRANCIS, WI 53235

REGULAR MEETING  
HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
January 26, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board adjourned into closed session in the St. Francis High School library pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c)(e) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically, bargaining union negotiations discussion and other personnel issues.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer and Superintendent Topinka

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Business Manager Kelly

The President called closed session to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 6:35 p.m., taking no action.

President Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Ms. Wendi Unger and Ms. Margie Sobczak – Virchow, Krause & Company;  
Five (5) additional public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Mr. Iwanski to approve the agenda for January 26, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of January 12, 2009
- Bills totaling \$124,952.22 and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$217,197.48
- Personnel Items:
  1. The Board approves the resignation request of Marge Kosloske, Special Education Paraprofessional effective June 12, 2009.
  2. The Board approves the June 2009 early retirement request of Ellen Gyland, Elementary Teacher.
  3. The Board approves the following extra-curricular/athletic contracts for the 2008-2009 school year:

**Non-SFEA Athletic Contracts**

Erin Clapper, Jr. High Volleyball Coach, C6, 1+Yrs	1,126.37
Melissa Rourke, Boys/Girls Assistant Track Coach, CII/EA 0Yrs	2,111.94
<b>Total Non-SFEA Athletic Contracts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,238.31</b>

Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Bokneviz, the Board unanimously approved the "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sales of \$7,100,000 Bond Anticipation Notes Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes."

#### **AUDIT REPORT PRESENTED BY VIRCHOW, KRAUSE & COMPANY, LLP**

Representatives from Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP - Ms. Wendy Unger and Ms. Margie Sobczak, presented the 2007-2008 audit of the District's financial statements.

#### **REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

The Board reviewed enrollment projection data in determining new Open Enrollment seats for the 2009-2010 school year. The District proposes to open a total of 70 new seats under the Open Enrollment Program. The Board determined a limit of 60 new Open Enrollment seats at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level and 10 new Open Enrollment Seats at the 10<sup>th</sup> grade level. This is necessary in order to maintain class sizes in two required subjects, English and History, to no more than thirty (30) students per class. Based upon guidelines, the Board concluded that 70 new Open Enrollment seats with additional wait lists at all other grade levels, along with providing additional seats for current tuition waivers, would assist in stabilizing the District's enrollment. Upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the approval of 70 new Open Enrollment seats, with additional wait lists at all grade levels, along with providing additional seats for current tuition waivers was approved by Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Rutter and Mayer. Board Member Bokneviz voted nay.

Mr. Nick Schuster and Mr. Brandon Blahnik presented a curricular change to the St. Francis High School Social Studies Program. The proposal would eliminate World Geography and Honors World Geography from the curriculum as the 9<sup>th</sup> grade social studies requirement and offer World History and Honors World History in its place. This change will reduce the amount of physical geography that is taught in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, while increasing the amount of history, cultural evolution, and human geography that is taught. Upon motion by Mr. Bokneviz, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the proposed curricular change was unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed information on the 2009 Summer School Program. Principal Mark DiStefano discussed a proposal for a pilot program provided students the opportunity to earn a .5 credit in physical education during summer school.

Business Manager Kelly reported on the following:

- 1) Business Manager Kelly presented a revised version of the recently approved boys' soccer cooperative agreement with the Cudahy School District for the school years of 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 was presented for discussion and reapproval. The School Board would like to see St. Francis recognition on the soccer uniforms, similar to the wrestling cooperative agreement and the team name listed as "Cudahy / St. Francis." Upon motion by Mr. Bokneviz, seconded by Ms. Hemmer, the revised boys' soccer cooperative agreement with the Cudahy School District was unanimously reapproved.
- 2) Mr. Steve Erickson, District Technology Coordinator presented the School Board an overview of projected cost savings the District could anticipate with a renegotiated contract with AT&T. The new contract proposes increasing bandwidth on the network lines to increase network speed and efficiency.
- 3) Business Manager Kelly stated the District will not propose an increase to school fees for the 2009-2010 school year.

Board Members' reported on the following:

- 1) The Board discussed the recent Wisconsin State Education Convention held January 21-23, 2009. The three-day event brings state and national experts on an array of education topics to our state's school leaders. Soladad O'Brien gave an excellent presentation on diversity and values.

Superintendent Topinka reported on the following:

- 1) Superintendent Topinka is assisting the City of St. Francis with preparations for the citizens' hearing scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2009 in the St. Francis High School gymnasium.
- 2) The St. Francis High School Dance Team took first and second place at a recent State competition.
- 3) The Cardinal Stritch University will sponsor a citizens' information session on January 28, 2009 at the Carleton Grange Pub in St. Francis.

Board President Hemmer reported on the following:

- 1) A joint meeting with the Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, Cudahy and St. Francis School Boards and local state government officials has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at the Cudahy Public Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved by:

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School Board Clerk

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January 12, 2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

President Jacqueline Hemmer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the Board adjourned into closed session in the St. Francis High School library pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically, District Administrator evaluation and other personnel issues.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer and Superintendent Topinka\*

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Business Manager Kelly\*

\*Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly were excused from the closed session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly joined the closed session at 6:15 p.m.

The President called closed session to order at 5:30 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 6:30 p.m., taking no action.

President Hemmer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Hemmer, Iwanski, Boknevit, Rutter, Mayer, Superintendent Topinka and Business Manager Kelly

**EXCUSED:** None

**VISITORS:** Three (3) public visitors (sign-in sheets retained in official minute book)

Superintendent Topinka reported that proper notification of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

A motion was made by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Ms. Hemmer to approve the agenda for January 12, 2009. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

Mrs. Liz Hasenstein expressed her concerns regarding the proposed Cardinal Stritch expansion absorbing potential residential properties and inquired if the Board has taken a position in support or against the Cardinal Stritch expansion project.

**CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

President Hemmer inquired if there was any item(s) that should be removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were unanimously approved:

- Minutes of December 8, 2008
- Minutes of December 15, 2008
- Bills totaling \$204,593.27 and payroll/payroll-related bills totaling \$883,209.03
- Personnel Items:
  1. The Board approves the 2009 FMLA request for Peter Graven, Intermediate School Teacher.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the Board unanimously approves the renewal of the existing boys' soccer cooperative agreement with the Cudahy School District for the school years of 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the Board unanimously approved the two (2) High School Japanese class field trip requests to Arlington Heights, Illinois contingent upon an appropriate chaperone ratio compliant with Board policy.

#### **REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

The Board requested Superintendent Topinka to draft a letter that states the Board's support of the re-zoning of the WE Energies property in conjunction with the Cardinal Stritch expansion. The draft will be reviewed at the January 26, 2009 regular meeting for review and approval.

Business Manager Kelly reported on the following:

- 1) Business Manager Kelly presented 2008-2009 budget adjustments for review and approval. After discussion and upon motion by Ms. Rutter, seconded by Mr. Boknevit, the 2008-2009 budget adjustments were unanimously approved as presented.
- 2) Business Manager Kelly presented an update on the investment of referendum proceeds. Mr. Brian Brewer of Robert W. Baird, Inc. is researching when the District will go out to bid. At the present time, long-term investment rates are really low.

Board Members' reported on the following:

- 1) Board Treasurer Boknevit expressed concerns about the High School exam exemption policy. The policy will be turned over to the committee working on the Homework & Grading Policy and will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

Superintendent Topinka reported on the following:

- 1) A joint meeting with the South Milwaukee, Cudahy and St. Francis School Boards and local state government officials has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at the Cudahy Public Library beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Board President Hemmer reported on the following:

- 1) The next Willow Glen/Deer Creek PTO meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2009 at Deer Creek Intermediate School. Board Member Mayer is scheduled to attend this meeting.
- 2) The School Board work session scheduled for January 19, 2009 has been cancelled.
- 3) There have been changes to the February Board meeting dates. The changes are as follows:
  - February 2, 2009 - Regular meeting has been cancelled to accommodate the City of St. Francis citizens' hearing on the Cardinal Stritch property expansion in the St. Francis High School gymnasium.
  - February 9, 2009 - Regular School Board meeting, St. Francis High School Library, 6:30 p.m.
  - February 16, 2009 – School Board work session, St. Francis High School Library, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - February 23, 2009 – Regular School Board meeting, St. Francis High School Library, 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Boknevit, seconded by Ms. Rutter, the President declared the regular meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved by:

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Kathleen A. Rutter  
School Board Clerk

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Jacqueline N. Hemmer  
School Board President

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