

**SALINE AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

Union School Boardroom

Sunday, January 31, 2010

4:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** of the Special Board of Education Meeting of January 31, 2010, at 4:00 PM by Board President Friese.

Members Present

Trustee Cattell, Board President Friese, Trustee Hoeft, Trustee Hynek, Secretary Lesch, and Trustee Slawson

Members Absent

Vice President Medley

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ITEMS OF INTEREST AND INQUIRY**

A. **Public**

Mr. Brian Boze, SEA Contract Manager and High School Social Studies Teacher spoke about all the news in the last week and half regarding Senate proposals, the Governors response, proposals with regard to saving \$500 million, and eligible retirees. Given this environment and looking at the present contractual situation there are two possible scenarios. The conservative position is to do nothing and wait for the State, which he felt, may end up being the best solution at the present time. However, through good faith and honoring the pledge they made to the Superintendent they set aside two days to start the negotiation process. Unfortunately this meeting concluded after 2 ½ hours. Mr. Boze feels that not to achieve anything has serious potential liabilities to the District. He wanted to alleviate any concerns the Board may have and stated that the SEA is here to pledge to meet, bargain, and go through the process.

Dr. Jere Hassberger, High School Math Teacher, stated that the SEA talked about essentially providing the District a loan for next year. The discussions surrounded taking the 2.5% increase that was bargained for 2010-2011, extending the contract and deferring it to a third year (2012-2013). The current contract calls for a 2.5% in 2010-2011 and a 2.5% in 2011-2012. He explained that he felt if you did the 0%, 2.5%, 2.5% scenario and extend the contract an additional year this could save \$1.5 million over three years.

Mr. Tim Heim, SEA President, stated that the SEA pledged to come back to the table. They began discussions last Thursday and were concerned because they had set aside two days for discussions. He was concerned that the Board gives the Superintendent clear guidelines -- he does not want to get into a situation of messenger bargaining which is illegal by the Superintendent always having to ask the Board. He hopes that the Board gives the Superintendent the clear directive. He reiterated that they intend to bargain. The process is

about maintaining and keeping programs here in Saline and what it takes to maintain those programs for our school.

4. REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION made by Secretary Lesch, seconded by Trustee Cattell to approve the agenda as printed.

5. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION made by Trustee Slawson, seconded by Trustee Hynek to enter Closed Session of the Board of Education at 4:10 PM, with the intent to re-enter Open Session at 5:00 PM., for the purpose of collective bargaining.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Trustee Cattell – Aye
Board President Friese – Aye
Trustee Hoeft – Aye
Trustee Hynek – Aye
Secretary Lesch – Aye
Vice President Medley – Aye
Trustee Slawson - Aye

RE-ENTER OPEN SESSION at 5:06 PM.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

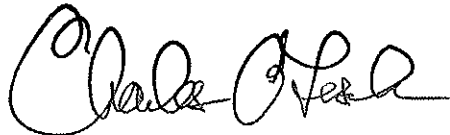
Assistant Superintendent Wall reported that Standard and Poor's has increased our District rating from an A to an A+.

Trustee Slawson will be attending a Bylaws and Resolutions Committee in two weeks. If any one has anything they would like presented, please let Trustee Slawson know before February 12th.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Special Board of Education Meeting of January 31, 2010, at 5:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Lesch, Secretary

By: Patti Waltz, Recording Secretary