

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 252**  
**820 EAST MINNESOTA STREET**  
**CANNON FALLS, MN 55009**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 23, 2012**

The School Board of Independent School District 252 met in a regular session, Monday January 23, 2012 in the Boardroom of the High School. Present: Bob Brintnall, Pat Dougherty, Jerry Reinardy, Brenda Owens, Curt Beissel, Rob Siebenaler. Others present: Superintendent Beth Giese, Lori Hanson, Anne Fick, Dave Davisson, Jake Winchell, Josh Davisson, Michael Gesme, Kathy/Rollie Sessions, Janelle Benson, Judy Conway, Steph Newinski, Mark Mason, Sharon Noble, L:ori Stiles, Michelle Jacobsen, Dave Jensen, Michael Wegman, Jodi Bahr, Geri Geiken, Faith Nelson, Polly Harrison.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Bob Brintnall at 6:00 p.m.
2. Moved by Curt Beissel, seconded by Pat Dougherty and unanimously approved the agenda.
3. Moved by Brenda Owens, seconded by Pat Dougherty and unanimously approved the minutes from December 19, 2011 and January 9, 2012..
4. Presentation: The PTO presented on their function within the school and the countless projects they run-coordinate-organize-and fund. The board thanked the PTO for everything they do and for their never-ending commitment to the staff and students of our community!
5. Moved by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Curt Beissel and unanimously approved the Finance report.
6. Moved by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Brenda Owens and unanimously approved the consent agenda.
7. Moved by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Curt Beissel and unanimously approved the expenditures for January.
8. RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE REDUCTION IN PROGRAMS:

Member Pat Dougherty introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION  
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS  
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFOR.**

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the School District dictates that the School Board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this (reduction in expenditure) and (decrease in student enrollment) must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and,

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 252 as follows: That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions (to effectuate economies in the School District and reduce expenditures) and, (as a result of a reduction in enrollment) make recommendations to the School Board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Rob Siebenaler and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

**Curt Beissel, Pat Dougherty, Bob Brintnall, Brenda Owens, Rob Siebenaler,**

**Absent: Jerry Reinardy**

And the following voted against the same: **None.**

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

9. Moved by Brenda Owens, Seconded by Curt Beissel and unanimously approved a leave of absence for Terri Townsend for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the 2012-13 school year.

10. Moved by Curt Beissel, seconded by Pat Dougherty and unanimously approved the Reed Qualey Family Scholarship for \$1000 for the 2012-13 school year.

11. Moved by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Brenda Owens to approve the Amendment to the Host Community Agreement and Supplementary Agreement between the City of Cannon Falls, Goodhue County, ISD #252 and Invenergy LLC.

Voting YES: Pat Dougherty, Bob Brintnall, Brenda Owens

Voting NO: Rob Siebenaler, Curt Beissel

Absent during the vote: Jerry Reinardy

12. Moved by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Curt Beissel and unanimously approved the 2012-2013 calendar – Option A No Spring Break. A copy is on file.

13. Beth Giese gave her presentation on Round 1 of Reductions for next year. The timeline of reductions is:

January 23 – Discussion of 1<sup>st</sup> round of reductions.

February 13 - Vote on 1<sup>st</sup> round of reductions

February 27 – Discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> round of reductions

March 12 – Vote on 2<sup>nd</sup> round of reductions

March 26 – Discussion of 3<sup>rd</sup> round of reductions

April 9 – Vote on 3<sup>rd</sup> round of reductions

**Discussion only** included reviewing the direction the board has asked Administration to take which is looking for 1) any new revenue options first, 2) use creative thinking, 3) looking at cooperative sharing options, 4) looking at cuts in Non-certified staff first and 5) looking at cuts in certified staff (teachers) and programming. A group called the Breakfast Club meets after each board meeting to review the ideas and direction and is to come back to the board with ideas that the staff and students can live with within those directives. The Breakfast Club is comprised of the following members: Amy Dombeck, Ann Schwede, Anne Fick, Barb Templin, Beth Giese, Carissa Hjellming, Dave Jensen, Deb Klegin, Jake Winchell, Kandi Lockhart, Lee Gisvold, Molly Schneider, Sue LaPan, and Tim Hodges. The 2012-13 budget needs 540,000 in reductions in order to be balanced. Ms. Giese has secured a Literacy Aide Grant and dollars from the Housing Initiative for a total of \$81,000. In addition, \$45,000 will be reduced from instructional supplies, \$ 20,000 by cutting 2 bus routes and a \$9,000 increase in food service by raising lunch prices .05/meal. Activity and Athletics could offer a new revenue potential of \$44,400 by increases participation fees, removing the Family Out of Pocket Maximum 'cap', and cutting some of the supply budgets. Discussion in Round 1 of reductions totals \$199,400 between cuts and increases in revenues. These are the items the board will review and come back to vote on at the next meeting either 'as is' or with adjustments in some areas. Looking ahead, some ideas for Round 2 could include: Contracted custodial services, changes in Community Ed, eliminating Staff Development dollars, eliminating Summer stipends, text book freeze, as well as other ideas.

14. Bob Brintnall thanked Michael Wegmann, student board rep, for doing such an outstanding job of representing our school at the Minnesota School Boards Association conference. Cannon Falls was chosen to be on a panel for an open forum Q & A to allow other schools who do not currently have student board reps find out how the process works. Michael is a Senior at CHFS and has served our School and Community proudly!
15. During the Public Forum Janelle Benson asked if the work session will be open to the public (answer is YES) and also wanted the board to know she had given a letter to Beth Giese that contained some suggestions Local 70 would like to offer to the board to help in the reduction process. The board talked about setting a work session to discuss all of the information that was presented tonight and be prepared for the next meeting where they will be voting on round 1 of the reductions and continuing discussion of the next round. The work session will be posted when the date, time and location has been secured.
16. Motioned by Pat Dougherty, seconded by Curt Beissel and unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:45pm.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District 252, State of Minnesota, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the School Board of said District held on the date therein indicated.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such Clerk this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.