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2 St. Anthony – New Brighton  
3 Independent School District 282  
4 **Regular School Board Meeting – January 22, 2013**  
5 **St. Anthony Middle School/High School Media Center**  
6 **3303 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE**  
7 **St. Anthony, MN 55418**

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9 **AMENDED MINUTES**

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11 **Members Present:** Dave Evans; Barry Kinsey; Don Siggelkow; Leah Slye; Andrea Scamehorn and Mike  
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14 **Staff Present:** Superintendent Bob Laney, Director of Business Services, Kristen Hoheisel, Director of  
15 Community Services and Communications, Wendy Webster, St. Anthony High School Principal Wayne  
16 Terry, and Executive Assistant to Superintendent and School Board, Sheli Pollard

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18 The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Board Chair, Barry Kinsey, in the St.  
19 Anthony High School Media Center.

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21 **APPROVAL AGENDA**

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23 **A motion was made by Leah Slye and seconded by Don Siggelkow to approve the Agenda as**  
24 **presented. The motion carries.**

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26 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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28 **(It was noted that the minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Business Meeting as submitted had 2012**  
29 **instead of 2013 as the year). A motion was made by Dave Evans and seconded by Andrea**  
30 **Scamehorn to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2013 Regular School Board Meeting as**  
31 **presented. The motion carries.**

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33 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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36 **A motion was made by Mike Volna and seconded by Don Siggelkow to approve the January 22nd,**  
37 **2013 Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carries.**

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39 **ACTION**

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41 **There were no Action Items at the 1/22/13 Regular School Board Meeting**

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43 **DISCUSSION**

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46 **1. High School Data Presentation**

47 SAVHS Principal, Wayne Terry presented the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment data to the  
48 board. He noted that some of the sub groups were so small (i.e. ten students in one group) that an  
49 extremely high or extremely low score could have an exaggerated impact on the overall score for a sub-  
50 group. Although Mr. Terry acknowledged the achievement gap exists, he does not believe it is  
51 accurately represented due to the small number of students in certain sub groups.

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53 Mr. Terry also acknowledged that some of the math scores were less than he would like to see achieved  
54 and outlined several actions which are being taken to ensure that the math scores going forward would  
55 be higher and that the trend line will be going in a positive direction.

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**2. Calendar**

Director of Community Services, Wendy Webster informed the board that the Calendar Committee had met two times since December to discuss some concerns over next year's calendar. One of the main concerns revolved around spring break timing; some wanted it moved back later in the year. Parents had been surveyed about the potential of changing next year's calendar; about 200 parents replied. Ms. Webster indicated that it was a bit surprising how many parents responded that a change would impact their family as many had already made plans and that travel is an important part of family life. About 70% of the parents responding indicated that they did not want to see the calendar changed. (The issue with next year's calendar is that spring break falls too early in the year – the first week of March). This leaves a long period of time without a break.

After the parent feedback had been received, the Calendar Committee did a "silent" vote; 4 voted not to change the calendar, 3 voted to change the calendar and 1 abstained from voting.

The board's input for Ms. Webster to communicate to the Calendar Committee was that going forward it was important to avoid 3-day weeks, as they believe it negatively impacts student education. The board prefers longer weeks. There was some discussion about starting school before Labor Day, but the board was not interested in this possibility at this time – due to state law and due to the fact that many families plan summer vacations that run through Labor Day.

**3. Finance Projections**

Director of Business Services, Kristen Hoheisel presented the board with financial projections given several different scenarios. The board held a lengthy discussion on the potential advantages, and disadvantages associated with each plan. Director Hoheisel informed the board that one positive aspect of budgeting is that our special education cost has been more predictable and constant than in previous years.

**4. School Enrollment Targets**

Superintendent Laney provided the board with enrollment estimates and told the board that administration has been working to create target student enrollments that will allow us to utilize our building spaces and generate the maximum revenue possible; while maintaining the best possible class sizes at each level. The board discussed the grade 4/5 combined class at Wilshire Park and whether or not it will continue. The board also reviewed class sizes for elementary grades; with an optimum kindergarten class size of 18. Other enrollment criteria and impact were discussed in detail because going forward the enrollment figures impact the budget assumptions.

**5. Staffing Process**

Superintendent Laney showed the board the worksheet that administration was working with so that any potential staffing cuts would be made only after considering licensure, seniority, etc. Superintendent Laney will go into greater detail with the board if and when cuts become necessary.

**6. SANB Clerical Worker's Contract**

The red-line version of the proposed contract was provided for board member's review. The final contract will come back to the board after the union has voted; but there are no outstanding issues.

**7. SANB Food Service Workers Contract**

The red-line version of the proposed contract was provided for board member's review. The final contract will come back to the board after the union has voted; but again, there are no outstanding issues.

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111 **REPORTS**  
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113 **Superintendent Report:**

114 Superintendent Laney informed the board that he had received a proposal from Decision Resources  
115 regarding the survey the board had discussed relative to the advisability of going out for a levy, when to go  
116 to the voters, and the amount at which a levy would have the greatest potential of being successful.  
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118 **Board Member Reports:**

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120 Andrea Scamehorn:

- 121 • Andie reported that she had attended the MSBA Conference in Minneapolis, a chamber luncheon,  
122 the WMEP board meeting, and had also attended the school concerts. She found them all to be  
123 enjoyable and felt the teachers had done a great job in preparing the students.  
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125 Dave Evans:

- 126 • Dave had attended a girl's gymnastic meet and enjoyed the fact that the girls were competing  
127 against themselves even more than against each other. He noted that the scoring did not seem  
128 consistent, but the sportsmanship among the girls was high; with all the girls congratulating each  
129 other on a fine performance whether or not they were on the same team.
- 130 • Dave also asked that prior to the organizational meeting next January, the board look at member  
131 compensation because due to comparable districts, SANB board members earn a substantial  
132 amount less than their counterparts.  
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134 Don Siggelkow

- 135 • Don mentioned the article in the "Star Tribune" on open enrollment and the entire board joined in the  
136 discussion. There was agreement that some of the wording could have been considered  
137 "inflammatory", but that the facts as presented were not inaccurate; and did reflect the high quality of  
138 education that is received by the students at St. Anthony New Brighton  
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140 **Adjourn**

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142 The Regular School Board meeting of January 22, 2013 was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.  
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146 Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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151 Don Siggelkow, School Board Clerk