

Twin Cities German Immersion School Board Meeting  
Charter District 4152  
April 13, 2009, 6:00 p.m.  
1745 University Ave.  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

**Opening Remarks**

Board Chair Dr. Michael Dorneich called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Board members Dr. Mary Zellmer-Bruhn, Dr. Michael Dorneich, Ken Greener, Dr. Stefan Knep, Gretchen Nessel, Dr. Andrew Oxenham, and Rebecca Hauth-Schmid, and Scot Stephenson were present.

Board members Dr. Jürgen Konczak and Doug Franzwa were absent.

School director Judi Ingison was present.

**A. Approval of April 13, 2009 Agenda**

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Zellmer-Bruhn seconded, that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6:0.

Ms. Nessel and Dr. Oxenham arrived.

**B. Personnel Evaluation review – Closed portion of the meeting**

Dr. Dorneich stated that the purpose of this special board meeting was to make any hiring decisions that were ready, regarding existing teachers and new hires. Thus the expectation is not that we will complete all the hiring today, but would get an early start on the process. This portion of the meeting was closed since the Board will be discussing evaluation of personnel

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Zellmer-Bruhn seconded, that the meeting be closed to conduct personnel evaluations. The motion passed 6:0.

The meeting was closed at 6:05pm

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Knep seconded, that the meeting be opened. The motion passed 8:0.

The meeting was opened at 6:50pm.

Dr. Dorneich summarized the discussions of the closed session. During the closed session, the Director presented the evaluations of the current teaching staff.

### **C. Hiring – open portion of the meeting**

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Oxenham seconded, that Michelle Nellis be offered a contract at 1 FTE. The motion passed 8:0.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Zellmer-Bruhn seconded, that Susanne Grimm be offered a contract at 1 FTE. The motion passed 8:0.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Ms. Nettet seconded, that Anne Kile be offered a contract at 1 FTE. The motion passed 8:0.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Knep seconded that Jennifer Nieters be offered a contingent contract at 1FTE. The motion passed 8:0.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Mr. Greener seconded, that Scot Stephenson be offered a contract at 1 FTE. The motion passed 7:0 with 1 abstention (Mr. Stephenson recused himself).

The Director introduced two new candidates, pending background and reference checks. Cornelia Roth currently teaches in Switzerland, and is experienced in 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She has six years of primary experience and is interested in moving for personal reasons. Sonja Cooper is finishing a Masters degree and will be fully licensed. She is a permanent resident here in the area and is currently a student teacher.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Ms. Hauth-Schmid seconded, to offer a contract to Cornelia Roth, at 1 FTE, pending background and reference checks, and visa status clarification. The motion passed 8:0.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Ms. Nettet seconded, that Sonja Cooper be offered a contract at 1 FTE, subject to background checks and references. The motion passed 8:0.

### **D. Community comment period – Director Search**

A Community Meeting was held beginning at 7pm.

Dr. Dorneich welcomed parents and other community members.

Members of the community commented on their impressions of the three director candidates.

### **E. Director Search Evaluation – Closed portion of the meeting**

Dr. Dorneich moved to close the meeting to discuss the three director candidates, Ms. Hauth-Schmid seconded. The motion passed 8:0.

The meeting was closed at 7:30pm

**F. Adjourn**

Dr. Dorneich moved to adjourn, Dr. Oxenham seconded. The motion passed 8:0.

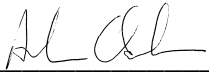
The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 28, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

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Twin Cities German Immersion School Board Secretary

Name: \_\_\_\_\_Andrew J. Oxenham\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_April 27, 2009\_\_\_\_\_

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