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2 St. Anthony – New Brighton
3 Independent School District 282
4 Work Session – April 29, 2014
5 St. Anthony Community Center
6 3301 Silver Lake Road
7 St. Anthony, MN 55418

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10 **MINUTES**

11 **Members Present:** Leah Slye; Don Siggelkow; Mike Volna; Andrea Scamehorn; Barry Kinsey; and Laura
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14 **Staff Present:** Superintendent Robert Laney; and St. Anthony Middle School Principal Renee Corneille

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16 The Work Session School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. by Board Chair, Leah Slye, in
17 the St. Anthony Community Center.

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19 **DISCUSSION**

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21 In March 2014, the School Board directed each principal to propose recommendations for reducing
22 expenses for the 2014-2015 school year. On April 1, 2014, the School Board approved the
23 recommendations to reduce \$325,000 in expenses for the 2014-2015 school year. Due to the difficult
24 decisions associated with budget reductions, the Board wanted to consider any options which developed
25 in subsequent weeks.

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27 At the meeting on April 1, 2014, Dr. Corneille presented a recommendation to transition from a seven-
28 period to a six-period schedule at St. Anthony Middle School to reduce \$72,000 for the 2014-2015 school
29 year. This structural change would maintain the middle school model but create a combination
30 Humanities/Reading class in 6th grade, eliminate a Computer Applications course in 7th grade, and
31 reduce programming in physical education and Spanish. Music classes would transition to an every-other-
32 day schedule.

33 Last week, St. Anthony-New Brighton School District received a letter of resignation. An assessment
34 determined that this position at St. Anthony Middle School would not be rehired. The Board is conscious
35 of class size and reluctant to increase student enrollment at any grade level to eliminate budget deficits
36 because enrollments can fluctuate year to year. However, the Board was presented with an option to
37 increase student enrollment by six students--to a target of 426--at St. Anthony Middle School. This slight
38 increase in student enrollment combined with the voluntary staffing reduction would allow St. Anthony
39 Middle School to maintain a seven-period schedule.

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41 The Board indicated they are considering this option to preserve a seven-period schedule at St. Anthony
42 Middle School and current course offerings. This option will benefit the greatest number of students and
43 help with scheduling of shared staff at the middle and high school building.


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46 **Adjourn**

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48 The Work Session School Board Meeting of April 29, 2014 was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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51 Respectfully submitted,

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54 Kim Lannier

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ATTEST:



Don Siggelkow, School Board Clerk