

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
Monday, July 21, 2003 – 7:00 p.m.
Falls High School Room 114

School Board Members Present: Ann Baron, Mark Lassila, Amy Hardwig-Eberspacher, Gerry Bolstad, Darrel Wagner, Robin Baumchen and Percy Lingen-Superintendent.

Media Present: Allan Dearing-B93, Jenny Gray-The Daily Journal

Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by R. Baumchen to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of item 8r. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

An Open Forum was announced with no one wishing to address the board.

Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by G. Bolstad to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2003, and the special meeting of June 30, 2003. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by M. Lassila to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$673,571.22, including check numbers 96378 through 96468. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by D. Wagner to accept the consent agenda items a-o as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- a. Designate Bremer Bank, National Association of International Falls and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association of International Falls as official depositories and designate the Superintendent and Business Manager as agents to choose other depositories for the School District, providing such banks or financial institutions are FDIC or FSLIC insured and authorize electronic transfer of funds.
- b. Continue participation with the Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund Plus (FSDLAF+).
- c. Assignment of securities with Bremer Bank.
- d. Membership with Minnesota School Board Association-\$3,046.00
- e. Policy Service renewal with Minnesota School Board Association-\$390.00
- f. Renew premiums for Workers' Compensation effective July 1, 2003 - \$81,710.00
- g. Renew school district Volunteer Workers' Compensation premium beginning July 1, 2003 - \$516.00
- h. Approve the Northeast NET Service Agreement in the amount of \$12,463.50 for the 2003-2004 school year.
- i. Appoint Percy Lingen as the LEA Representative for Title VII Indian Education.

- j. Set the Truth in Taxation hearing – Monday, December 8, 2003 – 7:00 p.m. Room 114, Falls High School; Continuation Hearing – Monday, December 15, 2003 – 7:00 p.m. if necessary
- k. Name the legal firm of Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney of Minneapolis as legal counsel for the school district for the 2003-2004 school year.
- l. Approve the membership fee with Northeast Service Coop for N*ITV services for the 2003-2004 school year in the amount of \$1,000.00.
- m. Approve the Health & Safety Attachment 99 Performance Criteria for 2003-2004.
- n. Approve the 2003-2004 Falls High School Student Handbook
- o. Approve the 2003-2004 Bronco Activities Handbook

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by M. Lassila to accept personnel consent agenda items a-r as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- a. Approve an unpaid leave of two days in January of 2004 for Trudy Lepper, Holler Elementary Teacher .
- b. Approve the hire of Colleen Nardone for part-time psychological services for the 2003-2004 school year at a cost of \$28,000.00 plus expenses.
- c. Reinstate Maria Cowman as a .646 Title I Teacher for the 2003-2004 school year in the amount of \$22,810.
- d. Hire Maggie McBride as a .333 Work Experience Handicapped Teacher for the 2003-2004 school year in the amount of \$14,535.00 contingent upon receiving a waiver.
- e. Hire Paul Hjelle as Head Girls/Boys Cross Country Coach for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$4,655.00.
- f. Hire Erin Shikowsky as Head Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$4,655.00.
- g. Hire Lisa Auran as the Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$3,259.00.
- h. Hire Beth Shermoen as the Football Cheerleader Advisor for 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$791.00.
- i. Hire Beth Shermoen as the Boys Basketball Cheerleader Advisor for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$791.00.
- j. Hire Sheri Owen as the Boys Hockey Cheerleader Advisor for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$791.00.
- k. Hire Stuart Nordquist as the Head Football Coach for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$5,586.00.
- l. Hire Timm Ringhofer as the Assistant Football Coach for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$3,724.00.
- m. Hire Charlie Anderson as the "B" Football coach for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$3,724.00.
- n. Hire Rick Reed as the Head Girls Swim Coach for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$4,655.00.
- o. Hire Kylie LaVigne as the Co-Assistant Girls Swim Coach for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$1629.50.
- p. Hire Jesse Herges as the Co-Assistant Girls Swim Coach for the 2003-2004 season in the amount of \$1629.50.
- q. Hire Tim Everson as the Student Services Director for the 2003-2004 school year in the amount of \$68,000.

- r. Hire Thomas Vollom as a .833 Ojibwe Language Instructor for the 2003-2004 school year in the amount of \$25,616.

Jeff Veeder gave the following report on the 2003 summer capital projects:

- Falls High School: the electrical upgrade is 90% complete, the pool circulation pumps have been replaced, wiring for monitors in all classrooms is underway with 20 actual monitors to be installed and the office area ventilation project is in its final stages. The maintenance crew is working on refinishing the gym floor and the new scoreboard purchased through donations is due to arrive soon. Improvements have been made to the close circuit security system and the new classroom furniture will arrive late August.
- Falls Elementary: classroom casework and sink replacement project is completed, the ADA compliant door knobs have been installed, the key fob system installation has been started and the kitchen/boiler room air ventilation improvement projects has begun.
- Sport Stadium: Visual and safety improvements are being made.
- Bronco Arena: the new zamboni purchased through donations is here and in use.
- Staff relocations are complete
- The State Boiler Inspector has been here with no citations issued
- The fire safety equipment inspection has been completed
- An indoor airflow assessment is currently being conducted.

Percy Lingen, Superintendent gave the following report:

- The lot in Stenberg Addition has been advertised for sealed bids
- An honorary diploma was awarded to WWII Veteran George Balaski
- The state equalization formula will be changing from a cap of \$126 to \$405 in 2005 and \$500 in 2006. This does not mean extra money for the district but less of a tax burden on the local taxpayers which will help in the push for a referendum vote this fall.\
- A committee for the study of the Holler Elementary closure will be convened in early August. School Board representation is needed.
- The Insurance Committee will meet in the morning to complete their study of health insurance options.

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by D. Wagner to close the meeting at 7:29 p.m. for negotiations planning. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by D. Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote..

Attest: _____
Gerry Bolstad-Clerk

