

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2004
7:00 p.m.

School Board Members present: Ann Baron, Robin Baumchen, Mark Lassila, Gerald Bolstad, Darrell Wagner, Amy Hardwig-Eberspacher and Don Langan

School Board Member absent: none

Media Present: J. Gray-The Daily Journal, A. Dearing-CFOB/B93, R. Jerome-KGHS/KSDM

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by G. Bolstad to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

October students of the month awards were presented to Katrina Dexter and Tyler Spry.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2004. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by M. Lassila to approve the investments as of September 30, 2004 and the bills due and payable amounting to \$348,213.92 including check numbers 99058 through 99288. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by A. Baron to accept the consent agenda items 8.1.1 through 8.1.3 as follows. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.1 Programs

8.1.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$3,033.33.

SUPER ONE	500.00	SCHOOL CALENDAR
DOMINOS	500.00	SCHOOL CALENDAR
WELLS FARGO	250.00	SCHOOL CALENDAR
BREMER	250.00	SCHOOL CALENDAR
COCA COLA	500.00	SCHOOL CALENDAR
FHS ACTIVITIES FOUNDATION	833.00	SCHOLARSHIPS
JANET SCHULTIES	100.00	NFL
MOOSE	100.00	NFL
TERRY AND TAMMY WOOD		CHILDRENS MODEL WHEELCHAIR

8.1.2 Approve a contract with Interquest Canine Detection Agency.

8.1.3 Approve a student teaching agreement with the State of University for the period of August 2004 through July 2006.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by A. Baron to accept the consent agenda items 8.2.1. through 8.2.8 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.2 Personnel

- 8.2.1 Hire Geoff Dowty as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2004-2005 school year in the amount of \$5,029.00 in accord with master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.2 Hire Wanda Lundquist for the 2004-2005 school year as an Educational Support Professional with hours not to exceed 13.75 hours per week.
- 8.2.3 Hire Dawn Strey for the 2004-2005 school as an Educational Support Professional with hours not to exceed 13.75 hours per week.
- 8.2.4 Hire Sherri Owen as Boys & Girls' Basketball Cheerleader Advisor for the 2004-2005 season in the amount of \$791 per each sport in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.5 Recall Dawn Schindeldecker as a .62 Fast Forward Instructor effective September 23, 2004.
- 8.2.6 Recall Jeanne Little for .38 f.t.e. elementary education instruction effective September 23, 2004.
- 8.2.7 Hire Sam Lindemanis for an additional .20 fte for secondary social studies instruction for the 2004-2005 school year effective October 11, 2004.
- 8.2.8 Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Union 4798 for procedures for filling of vacant positions.

The administrative salary committee was directed to meet with Interim Superintendent Langen to discuss terms of an additional contract.

Board member A. Baron introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION FOR
STRUCTURAL BALANCE**

WHEREAS, School District #361 has a tentative agreement with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 510 on a contract covering July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.749(2002) requires a Board of Education to determine that any collective bargaining agreement does not cause structural imbalance; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has reviewed the budget impact of this agreement taking into account current state aid formulas and reasonable and comprehensive projections of ongoing revenues and expenditures for the period of agreement, a summary of which is included;

WHEREAS, the attached calculations fulfill the disclosure and reporting requirements of said statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the school board of ISD #361 determines that the tentative agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 510 does not cause structural imbalance of the School District's budget during the period of the agreement.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Board Member G. Bolstad and upon vote being taken thereon, the following members voted in favor thereof: M. Lassila, A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, D. Wagner, A. Baron, G. Bolstad and R. Baumchen

and the following members voted against the same: none
and the following abstained: none
whereupon said resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by A. Baron to ratify the Agreement for Conditions of Employment for 2004-2007 with AFSCME, Local #510.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Baumchen to approve the sale of the Holler Building to E.H. Lawrence with permission for the School Board Clerk and Superintendent to execute the necessary documents.

A special meeting to canvass school board election results was set for Friday, November 7th at 7:00 a.m. in the Falls High School Library.

G. Hilfer, Elementary Principal gave the following report:

- Parent Teacher conferences for elementary students are scheduled for November 8th and 10th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, November 11th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- A mock election will be held in Falls Elementary School on October 27th with Mike Peterson's class conducting the election.
- Marybeth Tuohy will be spearheading the Kids Voting program where kids go to the polls with their parents and are able to vote themselves. Kids' voting results are compiled and posted on a website.
- Discipline referrals are down and the Skyward system is being utilized to track the types of referrals and number of students.

G. Dault, Secondary Principal/Activities Director gave the following report:

- Falls sports are entering playoffs with both the football and volleyball teams receiving #2 seed positions. On October 27th two volleyball games will be held at Falls High School. If the Falls team wins they will play again on October 29th. The football team's first playoff game is October 26th at home with the next game held on Saturday if victorious. The cross country team held the annual Hial Pike meet at Falls Country Club with the girls team placing first.
- NFL held its fall congress at RRCC with over 200 participants from outside of the the Int'l Falls area. Susan Nordquist indicated it was one of the best she has experienced.
- The first parent-teacher conferences were held for secondary parents on October 8th with high attendance. The next conference date is November 8th.

- An additional section of History 10 was added to balance sections. Math and English will remain status quo as teachers have adjusted.
- October 23-31st is Red Ribbon Week for drug awareness.
- A meeting was held for crisis prevention and response to update the current plan.

Don Langan, Superintendent gave the following report:

- He met with senior student representatives and staff input was sought on "Open Study Hall" with the recommendation that the intent is to implement it the same as current policy whereby parents give permission for the student to check out. A notarized release form would be obtained from parents of students in good standing in the areas of academics, attendance and discipline and applications would be looked at on an individual basis. Students would be required to "check in" at both the beginning and end of the study hall period.
- Susan Nordquist has been invited to participate in the Quality Teaching Network which is a state organization of her peers and an honor.
- The local NFL chapter has received the Leading Chapter Award for the Northern Lights District.
- Two, three-hour board retreat sessions will be scheduled prior to the December meeting to review the revised 2005 budget.

Mark Lassila, Community Education Advisory Board gave the following committee report:

- An Early Childhood Initiative Survey to determine program image has been conducted with results being compiled.
- Backpack Junction staff evaluations were conducted with positive results.
- The Kids Plus conference is October 26th in Duluth.
- The Kids Voting program was discussed
- They need to meet with lobbyists as funding has been reduced.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by A. Baron to close the meeting at 7:40 p.m. to seek advice from legal counsel regarding a personnel issue.

Conducted a closed negotiations planning session for negotiations with the Falls Principals' Association.

Chairperson D. Wagner reopened and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Attest: A. Baron, Clerk