

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004
7:00 p.m.

School Board Members present: Ann Baron, Robin Baumchen, Mark Lassila, G. Bolstad, D. Wagner, Alyssa Ruelle and Don Langan

School Board Member absent: A. Hardwig-Eberspacher

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

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Baumchen to approve the agenda as amended by removing items 16.0 and 19.0 and addition of item 8.2.9. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

During the Open Forum Rod Otterness, Int'l Falls City Administrator informed the board that the city had tentatively reduced their portion of the recreation commission revenue budget by \$20,000.

Sara Davis, Interquest Detection Canine Services gave a presentation and demonstration of the services provided by their firm for preventative measures to detect illegal substances in school facilities.

Alyssa Ruelle gave an update on upcoming NFL and Student Council activities.

September students of the month awards were presented to Alison Garbe and Nick Ruport.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by R. Baumchen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 2004. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by M. Lassila to approve the investments as of August 30, 2004 and the bills due and payable amounting to \$646,564.95 including check numbers 98830 through 99056. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by M. Lassila to accept the consent agenda items 8.1.1 through 8.2.9 as follows. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.1 Programs

- 8.1.1. Accept the following donations in the amount of \$12,250.00:
June Jaksa; Kindergarten Playground Equipment; \$10,000
Boise; School Calendars; \$1,500
Boise; Renaissance; \$750

- 8.1.2. Certify the proposed 2004 Levy payable in 2005 to earn the maximum state aids and levy revenue for education as authorized under Minnesota Statutes.

8.2 Personnel

- 8.2.1. Accept the resignation of Ron Meer as Assistant Football Coach for the 2004-2005 school year effective August 11, 2004.
- 8.2.2 Hire Geoff Dowty as Assistant Football Coach for the 2004-2005 school year effective August 16, 2004 in the amount of \$5,029.00 in accord with master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.3. Hire Sam Lindemanis as the Knowledge Bowl Coach for the 2004-2005 school year in the amount of \$465.00 in accord with master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.4. Hire George Fraik as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2004-2005 school year in the amount of \$4,283.00 in accord with master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.5. Hire Hallie Anderson for the 2004-2005 school year as an Educational Support Professional with hours not to exceed full time equivalency in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 4798.
- 8.2.6. Hire Heidi Porter for the 2004-2005 school as an Educational Support Professional with hours not to exceed full time equivalency in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 4798.
- 8.2.7. Hire Kelly Fox for the 2004-2005 school year as an Educational Support Professional with hours not to exceed full time equivalency in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 4798.
- 8.2.8. Hire Lori Potter for the 2004-2005 school year as an Educational Support Professional with hours not to exceed full time equivalency in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 4798.
- 8.2.9 Approve a contract with Koochiching County Community Services for Laurie Youso, School Social Worker in the amount of \$20,567.98 and Jean Anderson, Home-School Coordinator/Social Worker at no cost for a period of 9/1/2004 through 8/31/2005.

Discussion occurred regarding the Superintendent's position with no action taken.

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 International Falls Federation of Educational Support Professionals 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 International Falls Federation of Educational Support Professionals 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 R. Baumchen and upon vote being taken thereon, the following members voted in favor thereof: M. Lassila, D. Wagner, G. Bolstad, A. Baron 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 R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Baron to approve the Systems Accountability Report. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Baumchen to approve the District Staff Development Report. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by M. Lassila to accept an offer of \$80,000 from E.H. Lawrence & Co. for the purchase of the Holler Elementary Building with a closing date of December 20, 2004 contingent on review by the Board's legal counsel. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by M. Lassila to approve an additional 1.0 faculty f.t.e for elementary and the addition of one section of secondary math, one section of 10th grade history and one section of 10th grade English based on availability of qualified staff. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Member G. Bolstad introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption

**RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE FOR IMPLEMENTING
MS 124D.03 ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAMS
AND
MS 124D.08 AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, It is the position of ISD 361 that parents desiring to access open enrollment under MS 124D.03 shall follow the guidelines specified in said statutes, specifically the application and notification dates as stipulated in MS 124D.03.

WHEREAS parents seeking to enroll their student in ISD 361 and for whom such enrollment would not meet calendar dates specified in MS 124D.03, may request to be released by the school board of the school district in which they are currently enrolled, and upon release request to be enrolled in their school district of choice.

WHEREAS such requests for release of enrollment and request for acceptance shall be the sole authority of the school boards of each district.

THEREFORE, authority for agreements between school districts shall be in accord with MS 124D.08.

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

Beth Parmeter, Principal/Dir. Of Special Education gave the following report:

- School start-up was excellent. The six-period day works well and hallways are clean and quiet.

Gordon Dault, Principal/Activities Director gave the following report:

- His perception is that students and staff are adjusting well to the 60 minute periods.
- The Career Fair will be held for juniors and seniors on 9/24 at RRCC.
- Fall activities are mid-season with teams having good success.
- The senior class is open to holding graduation ceremonies at Backus auditorium. The rental fee of \$200 would be covered by a donation. Past attendance numbers will have to be studied to see if Backus would accommodate all attendees.

Don Langan, Superintendent gave the following report:

- Reserve hockey seats have been reinstated for those senior citizens who held seats in the past.
- He has met with senior class representatives regarding reimplementing open study hall. Open lunch will no longer be part of the discussion. Input from staff and students will be sought and a recommendation will be brought forward at the next meeting. He commended the mature manner the students have approached the issue.
- The Annual Yearly Progress report is published. The district should aspire to a five-star rating next year.
- The district will participate in the Northeast On Line! Project through NECSU whereby five school districts will share a grant of \$400,000 to develop on-line learning courses.
- He has conversed with the two neighboring districts in an effort to develop joint student attendance and discipline policies to discourage students from district-jumping when they disagree with a district's policy.
- The regional MSBA Legislative Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hibbing High School.

A. Baron, Collaborative Committee reported that the groups had met and discussed the formation of a truancy and discipline committee.

A. Baron, Early Childhood Initiative Committee reported a meeting was held with a survey developed with results expected back by November.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by G. Bolstad to close the meeting at 8:15 p.m. for Union 510 negotiations planning. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Baumchen to reopen and subsequently adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: A. Baron, Clerk