

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007
5:00 p.m.

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

School Board Members absent: none

Media Present: The Daily Journal

Incoming board members Roger Jerome, Darrell Wagner and Amy Hardwig-Eberspacher recited their oaths of office and were duly installed.

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by R. Baumchen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Student of the month award was presented to Katie Morrissette for the month of January. The second recipient will be presented at the February meeting.

Election of officers was conducted.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by R. Jerome to nominate Darrell Wagner as Chairperson.

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by R. Baumchen to nominate Ann Baron as Clerk.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Baron to nominate Gerald Bolstad as Treasurer.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by G. Bolstad to nominate R. Baumchen as Vice-Chairperson.

After calling three times for further nominations per office each position was voted in unanimously.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by A. Baron to hold the regular school board meetings on the third Monday of each month with meeting to begin at 5:00 p.m. If the meeting coincides with a legal holiday it will be moved to Tuesday. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chairperson D. Wagner set the following committees:

1. Administrative Salary Committee: not applicable
2. Local 510 Salary Committee: G. Bolstad, A. Baron, R. Baumchen
3. Local 331 Salary Committee: R. Baumchen, A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, D. Wagner
4. Local 4798 Salary Committee: G. Bolstad, A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, R. Jerome
5. Recreation Commission: R. Jerome, A. Baron
6. MSBA Legislative Representative: D. Wagner, A. Hardwig-Eberspacher (alternate)
7. MSHSL representative: G. Bolstad
8. Continuing Education Committee: R. Baumchen
9. Community Education Advisory Board: R. Jerome, A. Hardwig-Eberspacher
10. Interagency Early Intervention Committee: A. Hardwig-Eberspacher

11. Meet & Confer: Committee as a whole
12. Grievance Committee: D. Wagner, A. Hardwig-Eberspacher
13. Collaborative Board: A. Baron

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Baron to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2006. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Jerome to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$352,120.05 including check numbers 103558 through 103709. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Baron to accept the program consent agenda items as follows. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12.1 Programs

- 12.1.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$1050.00
 - 12/08/06 Boise \$1000.00
 - 12/19/06 Border State Bank; Playground\$ 50.00
- 12.1.2 Appoint Jerry Hilfer as the LEA Representative in filing an application for funds as provided under Public Law 103-382 for Title I, II, IV and V funding for the 2007-2008 school year.
- 12.1.3 Accept a Letter of Concurrence from the Indian Education Advisory Council.
- 12.1.4 Approve the 2007-08 Annual Facilities Plan

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by A. Baron to accept the personnel consent agenda items. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12.2 Personnel

- 12.2.1 Change the notification date for Local 510 retirement incentives to January 31, 2007 with retirement date no later than August 15, 2007.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by R. Jerome to accept the policy consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12.3 Policy

- 12.3.1 Approve the facility rental fee structure
- 12.3.2 Approve Policy 621 Non-School District Credits for Graduation effective 2007-08 school year.

The Board received the FY2008 tentative revenue budget with formal action at the regular meeting in February.

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

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFOR.**

Whereas, the financial conditions of the School District may dictate that the School Board reduce expenditures, and

Whereas, there may be a decline in student enrollment projections, and

Whereas, reductions in expenditures and decrease in student enrollment projections may include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

Whereas, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on Unrequested Leave Of Absence without pay or fringe benefits in affecting discontinuance of positions.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 361, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and Administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the School District and reduce expenditures and make recommendations to the School Board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions as needed.

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

and the following voted against: none

whereupon said resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Beth Anderson, West End Elementary Principal/Special Education Director reported as follows:

- This week is Paraprofessional Appreciation Week. Paraprofessionals will be recognized with flowers, cake and a certificate. She commended the district's paras for their high level of expertise they bring to their positions.
- Enrollment is up one student from last month with a total of 176 for grades 1-2.

- Friday, January 19th will be an inservice day with the NWEA assessment program will be reviewed along with teacher work time for completing quarter/semester grades.
- The job openings have been posted on various websites in order to get a head start on the hiring process.

Jerry Hilfer, Falls Elementary Principal gave the following report:

- Enrollment is at 645 for grades K-6 which is one more than last month.
- Carol Ihle from Thief River Falls will be the presentor for Friday's inservice on the NWEA Assessment Program.
- He expressed his appreciation of the work that the paraprofessionals perform.

Tim Everson, Falls High School Principal gave the following report:

- Enrollment is at 659 for grades 7-12 which is increased from last month.
- Thursday is the last day of Quarter 2, Semester 1 for Falls High School students.
- The basic standards 10th grade writing test will be conducted on Tuesday which is the last class to be held accountable to these test for graduation.
- Tuesday, January 30 through Friday, Feb 2 is Winter Sports Week. All winter sports will have a home event and a bonfire will be held across the street in front of the High School.
- Three junior varsity knowledge bowl teams have competed with two qualifying for regions. There are now three varsity teams competing. One placed third out of eight at a tournament this past Saturday.

Don Langan, Superintendent of Schools gave the following report:

- MSBA is hosting a negotiations seminar on Tuesday, January 30th in Gr. Rapids. Any board member who is interested in attending should notify the office.
- MSBA is also presenting Board officer training in Bemidji on February 8th.
- Enrollments have been analyzed to determine how many new enrollees had attended previously with our district vs. totally new to the district. Also the exiting student records were examined to see how long they had been enrolled with our district and if they transferred in or out-of-state or to an on-line provider.
- The Applied Learning Initiative draft was distributed. This draft will be reviewed with a major area employer to get their input into the project. He will again be meeting with the District 27/28 superintendents on Friday to continue work on the draft. There are still some huge issues such as whose contracts would prevail, and who would be the credentialing agency. The project has the support of the five community college provosts, the area superintendents and Joe Sertich. The project will need legislative support.

Amy Morrison, Student School Board member gave the following report:

- Student Council is working on winter sports week activities with an all-sports feed, pepfest, bonfire and dance planned.
- National Honor Society along with the student council is working on fundraising ideas to raise money for a 5' high replica of the class ring to display in the High School lobby during the all-class reunion.

Gerald Bolstad questioned if any policy was in place which set the current school ring design as the official and only falls high class ring. It was noted that none existed and perhaps one could be drafted in the near future.

Roger Jerome, Falls Recreation Commission, reported that an election of officers would be conducted

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by A. Baron to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Attest: A. Baron-Clerk