

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by R. Jerome to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of item 5.5 Brain Bee Competition to the open forum. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Certificates of recognition were given to members of the school board in appreciation of their service to Independent School District No. 361.

Student of the month award were presented to Chris Mannausau for the month of January and Annie Harms and Dan Olson for the month of February.

A video produced by Tom Vollom's Ojibwa class was viewed where students acted out the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears all in the native language of Ojibwa.

Tim Everson displayed the trophies won by the Falls Figure Skating Club at a recent competition in Fargo. He also presented the Region VII 2006 Baseball Academic award to FHS Bronco Baseball team.

Judi Roux updated the board on a brain bee competition in which five of her students participated. The computerized questions on neuroscience were completed by her students to compete against students state-wide. The top thirty would go on to further competition. One of the students placed as number thirty-three.

The Board was informed that the administration and staff would like to move the March 5<sup>th</sup> inservice to a date in early May. This date would enable the teachers to present their personal growth plans to fellow staff members.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by A. Baron to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2007. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by R. Baumchen to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$445,136.29 including check numbers 103711 through 103849. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

## **9.1 Programs**

- 9.1.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$3084.25
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| Bronco Swim Boosters; Ceiling Fans   | \$1,820.00 |
| Alton Shannon; Playground            | \$ 250.00  |
| Bronco Basketball Boosters; Warm Ups | \$ 777.25  |
| Spanish Group; Nat'l Spanish testing | \$ 162.00  |
| Ralph & Kathy Awe; Project Read      | \$ 75.00   |

- 9.1.2 Minnesota Immunization Information connection user agreement.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher to accept the personnel consent agenda items. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **9.2 Personnel**

- 9.2.1 Approve the recommendation to hire Charles Remus as the High School Speech Coach for the 2006-2007 season pursuant to schedule C of the Master Agreement between Local 331 and ISD 361.
- 9.2.2 Accept the resignation of Sandra Jean Sundsvold as Cafeteria Helper effective February 9, 2007.
- 9.2.3 Accept the resignation of Pamela Urban, Educational Support Professional, effective March 9, 2007.
- 9.2.4 Accept the resignation of Gail Rognerud, Educational Support Professional, effective May 31, 2007.
- 9.2.5 Accept the resignation of Lee Crandall, Custodian, effective September 1, 2007 under the terms of the early retirement incentive program.
- 9.2.6 Accept the resignation of Dennis Christenson, Custodian, effective July 1, 2007 under the terms of the early retirement incentive program and terms as stated in the letter of resignation.
- 9.2.7 Approve TSES Policy Study in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Falls Principals' Association.

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by R. Jerome to adopt the FY07-08 revenue budget.

The Board received the tentative FY07-08 expenditure budget for action at the regular meeting in March. Don Langan stated that the expenditure budget as presented does not include any personnel layoffs or program reductions. Any personnel layoff would be due to a licensure issue, not program reduction.

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

- Current enrollment is decreased two from last month bringing the current total to 175 for West End Elementary.
- Next week is Read Across America. Some of the special events being planned are dress up days and guest readers in the classrooms.
- Her professional growth plan is reviewing the Total Special Education Service manual (TSES) and developing the necessary policies which need to be adopted by the board. This manual covers all aspects of special education.

Jerry Hilfer, Falls Elementary Principal gave the following report:

- Enrollment is at 466 for Falls Elementary.
- He recently conducted a survey of his staff analyzing instructional programs for next school year. He wanted to see if any needs were unmet and how specialists could possibly be configured differently with the upcoming retirement of the keyboarding teacher. He has various ideas which he will bring to the board upon further study.

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

- Enrollment is at 651 for grades 7-12 which is decreased eight from last month.
- Several meetings have been conducted with members of the Northeast Higher Education District, Ladd Kocinski and Dr. Langan to discuss the technical, vocational education initiative. They also met with the trade union leaders to obtain information on what high school students need to be better prepared for the union training programs. A future meeting will be held between the MNSCU administration and the trade unions for further discussion.
- The speech team participated in their first meet last weekend with all three participants placing and two of the three placing first.
- Girls Hockey completed their season with a final record of 9 /17. Boys hockey has finished their regular season at 15/10 with their first playoff game on Thursday against Greenway. Boys swim has a record of 4/6 and is preparing for sections on Thursday. Boys basketball is currently 18/4 with four regular season games remaining. They placed second in the IRC and the Arrowhead Conference. Girls basketball is 10/14 with two regular season games left.
- Josh Koenig is working on a uniform replacement schedule for all athletic teams. Most likely it would result in a five-year replacement cycle with some uniform replacement ongoing through supply monies as needed.

Don Langan, Superintendent of Schools gave the following report:

- Formal notification for a desire to negotiate has been received from Unions 331 and 4798.
- The January 29<sup>th</sup> inservice dealt strictly with the IOWA basic test data to see if these tests meet our needs.
- Phase III training is upcoming for school board members. This is valuable training and board members are encouraged to attend.
- The district's cold weather guideline is posted on the district's website for parents to access.
- Our on-line learning bill is in the senate as SF796 and is much the same form as last year. Education Minnesota has submitted a very similar bill. He is hopeful to meet with the Department of Education, Education Minnesota and Senator Saxhaug to discuss these bills.
- We have two other bills we authored; Our second bill would be a lease-purchase option and would generate approximately \$160,000/year would allow purchase of equipment for kids as opposed to just ability to lease space has been introduced. Our third bill would add to the general education aid \$250/juniors and seniors in participating high schools for vocational education. The youth levy bill was

drafted with only adding \$1.05 per student to be taken in three increments; we had asked for \$15 per student.

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

- Student Council and NHS are working on getting teams together for Relay for Life which is scheduled in May.

R. Jerome, Falls Recreation Commission, reported that the board would meet to discuss the role of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team.

A. Hardwig-Eberspacher reported at the last Community Education Advisory Council meeting they changed Backpack Junction to be open only on non-student attendance days. They will also operate in the summer if participation allows.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Baumchen to close the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss negotiations with Local 331 and 4798.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by A. Baron to reopen and subsequently adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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Attest: A. Baron-Clerk