

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007  
5:00 p.m.

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

School Board Members absent: Ann Baron

Media Present: The Daily Journal

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

Student of the month award were presented to Katie Kennedy and Pat Roadfeldt for the month of March.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Baumchen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2007. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$365,259.64 including check numbers 103851 through 104011. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

### **8.1 Programs**

- 8.1.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$600  
Bronco Track Boosters; Track \$600
- 8.1.2 Adopt the 2007-08 School Caendar as recommended with in-service days for Q-Comp optional as noted.
- 8.1.3 Approve the low bid of \$36,740 from Howland Cabinets for the Falls Elementary Classroom bookshelf & door panel replacement project during the summer of 2007.
- 8.1.4 Approve the low bid of \$244,576 from Shannon's Inc. for the Falls Elementary classroom ventilation modification project during the summer of 2007.

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

### **8.2 Personnel**

- 9.2.1 Hire Nick Schoenecker as a probationary 1.0 fte secondary social studies teacher for the 2007-08 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

9.2.2 Hire Amanda Driver as a probationary 1.0 fte physical education/health teacher for the 2007-08 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

9.2.3 Authorize the superintendent to extend a contract to Colleen Nardone, Ph.D. for school psychologist services for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by R. Jerome to give permission to administration to develop specifications and let bids on transportation routes and milk.

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by G. Bolstad to adopt the FY07-08 proposed expenditure budget. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board received the recommendation from Superintendent Don Langan that there would not be any personnel layoffs due to program reductions. Any personnel layoff would be due to a licensure issue. All programs would be sustained at current levels for the next school year.

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

- Enrollment is at 650 for grades 7-12.
- He is putting together enrollment projections versus sections needed for next year. He is also reviewing test data and failures from first semester to determine how many students would need remedial classes in reading and math.
- Registration booklets should be distributed to students in early April.

Josh Koenig, Athletic Director gave a wrap up of winter sports activities. He also reported that the first track meet is on Friday in Bemidji. Speech is ongoing and students are very energetic. He outlined the section realignment and the MSHSL transfer rule.

Jerry Hilfer, Falls Elementary Principal gave the following report:

- Enrollment is at 639 for grades K-6..
- He and four teachers will be visiting Thief River Falls schools to visit with staff about their use of NWEA assessment program.
- Dakota Assemblies will be presenting three lyceums about animals for students on March 27.
- He updated the board on what a schedule would look like and what space issues would evolve if a science specialist was added next year.
- He reviewed enrollment projections and subsequent class sizes for next year.

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

- Current enrollment is 1741 for West End Elementary.
- She and the superintendent are exploring options for special education leadership for next year. Two different coops have been contacted with no definite conclusion as yet. An additional option would be to hire a .63 fte special education director.
- She reviewed the activities of Project Read with all their outreach activities.

Don Langan, Superintendent of Schools gave the following report:

- He gave a reminder to the Board about the MSBA Phase III training in Bemidji on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Pupil units used for funding projections will be the historical average. There does not appear to be any drastic change at this point.
- He commended law enforcement and Jeff Veeder for their response and handling of the bus accident recently. No immediate treatable injuries were reported by students at the scene. Also, no inappropriate actions of the bus driver or mechanical failures were contributing factors to the accident. The school's insurance has been informed and involved.
- He has testified before various committees from both the House and Senate on the pieces of legislation the district is trying to get implemented. The technical vocational education bill received good support in the House and is yet to be heard in the Senate. The chair of the House Education Policy Committee has directed the Superintendent to meet with the Department of Education to bring their differences on the on line learning bill to closure and present a revised version of the bill.

Gerald Bolstad thanked the Superintendent for his efforts on obtaining legislation of benefit to the district.

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

- Student Council and NHS are working on Relay for Life which is scheduled in May and will also be hosting a blood drive on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

R. Jerome, Falls Recreation Commission, reported that the board would meet on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. They would be discussing building supervision during recreation basketball and also a possible kids wrestling program. G. Bolstad added that the "Old Time Hockey Tournament" raised between \$16,000-\$17,000 this past weekend and thanked the staff at Bronco Arena for their help.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Baumchen to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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Attest: A. Baron-Clerk