

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

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

School Board Members absent: Ann Baron, Gerald Bolstad

Media Present: The Daily Journal

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher to approve the agenda as amended with personnel items 8.2.9 and 8.2.10. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Student of the month awards were presented to Megan Claybundy and Cody Buley for the month of April.

During Open Forum the following individuals spoke in support of continued employment for Tim Pattrin, secondary science teacher: Wade & Linda Bacon - parents, and students Malory Olson , Ashley Keeney, Scotta Turner, Garret LaFrance. D. Langan informed the audience that if the agenda item pertaining to Mr. Pattrin was approved, he would have ten days to request in writing the reasons for his nonrenewal. Mr. Pattrin would have the right to share that information as he chooses however, the Board by law cannot discuss personnel issues with the public.

G. Dault addressed the board on behalf of the Falls Education Foundation and listed the programs of the school district the foundation had contributed to through the donations they receive.

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 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 \$442,601.77 including check numbers 104012 through 104136. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by R. Baumchen, 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 \$6,890.00

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| Bremer; Playground Equipment                                | \$750.00 |
| Janet Larson Schulteis; FE Music in Honor of Alyce Peterson | \$ 25.00 |
| Class of 1950; FE Music in Honor of Alyce Peterson          | \$ 15.00 |

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| Bronco Basketball Boosters; scoreboards |           |
| At FES and Backus                       | \$5800.00 |
| TruStar; Spanish Department             | \$300.00  |

- 8.1.2 Approve an agreement with American Red Cross to allow use of Falls High School facilities in the event of a disaster.
- 8.1.3 Approve an agreement with American Red Cross to allow use of Falls Elementary School facilities in the event of a disaster.
- 8.1.4 Approve a contract with Interquest Detection Canines for substance awareness and detection services for the period of September 2007 to May 2008.
- 8.1.5 Approve a contract with Ryan Thompson for the construction of a Building Trades home.
- 8.1.6 Approve the use of Bronco Arena as an alternate inclement weather site for the all class reunion on Saturday, June 30, 2007.
- 8.1.7 Approve the use of the FHS lobby and cafeteria as activity sites for the all class reunion from June 29 through July 1, 2007.
- 8.1.8 Accept the low bid from Land O' Lakes for delivery of milk products for the 2007-08 school year.

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

## **8.2 Personnel**

- 8.2.1 Accept the resignation of Shawn Johnson, Educational Support Professional effective May 31, 2007.
- 8.2.2 Accept the resignation of Amanda Driver, secondary physical education/health teacher effective immediately.
- 8.2.3 Hire Mary Bannert as a 2.0 hour, non-union Cafeteria Helper effective immediately.
- 8.2.4 Accept the resignation of Rick Reed as Head boys and girls swimming coach effective for the 2007-08 seasons.
- 8.2.5 Hire Stuart Nordquist as the Head Football Coach for the 2007-08 season pursuant to Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.6 Hire Erin Shikowsky as the Head Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 2007-08 season pursuant to Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.7 Hire Paul Hjelle as the Head Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach for the 2007-08 season pursuant to Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.8 Approve MOU providing professional service to another Minnesota public school district.
- 8.2.9 Accept the resignation of Wendy Urban, Elementary Teacher, effective May 31, 2007.
- 8.2.10 Hire Jessica Crosby as the football cheerleading advisor for the 2007-08 season in accordance with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

Member R. Baumchen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION  
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT OF  
TIM PATTRIN, A PROBATIONARY TEACHER**

WHEREAS Tim Pattrin is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 361.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 361, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Tim Pattrin, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 361, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2006-2007 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of his contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION  
AND NON-RENEWAL

Mr. Tim Pattrin  
113 Park Avenue  
International Falls, MN 56649

Dear Mr. Pattrin:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 361 held on April 16, 2007, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not renew your contract for the 2007-2008 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 361  
D. Wagner, Chair

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by R. Jerome and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: R. Baumchen, D. Wagner, A. Hardwig-Eberspacher and R. Jerome and the following voted against the same: none whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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

- Enrollment is at 652 for grades 7-12.

- They have determined the number of sections and that information will go to the departments next week. Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will register for electives soon. An advanced metals class is being explored and they are still in the process of determining how to offer a remedial math and reading class.
- Prom is Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Jerry Hilfer, Falls Elementary Principal gave the following report:

- Enrollment is down one from last month.
- Professional Growth Plans have been turned in by teachers. Some of the topics covered by these plans were technology training, creation of web pages, parent communication, scope and sequence of curriculum and the district goal of adding and subtracting fractions. Also covered were improvement of classroom management style and techniques; tracking system for EBD student behaviors, and development of curriculum units involving writing, safety in industrial technology classroom, bell ringing in music, aerobic activities and basic level reading program with LD students.

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

- Current enrollment is 173 for West End Elementary.
- BRIC will not be an option for special education director services for next year. However, the Virginia cooperative has a director now in place and still remains a possibility.

Don Langan, Superintendent of Schools gave the following report:

- The district has received a notice of negotiations from Local 510.
- Some facility issues will need to be addressed in the near future. The district has maximized what currently is in place. He will update the Board on this topic on a regular basis.
- The district has been selected to participate in the Safe Routes to School grant project.
- Conference committees are yet to be selected at the legislature. Our lease levy initiative has not been heard on the senate or house side. The online learning bill has been heard and he feels it will get to the conference committee.

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

- Student Council is working on plans for Sadie Hawkins week which is next week. There will be an all-activity feed and a pep fest on Wednesday.
- Prom is Saturday with grand march at the FHS gym and the dance at the Elk's Club.
- A blood drive will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

R. Jerome, Falls Recreation Commission, reported that the board would meet on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>. A sub-committee has been formed to determine how to support the basketball program and what the financial responsibility is by the booster club and the recreation commission.

A. Hardwig-Eberspacher reported on the Community Education Advisory Council meeting at which Rachel Amdahl gave a list of programming and participants. Angel

Boe updated the council on her PALS program. Rachel Amdahl is exploring the possibility of becoming a GED testing site.

R. Baumchen reported on Phase III training held in Bemidji which several board members attended. Training on how to be a cohesive board and how to operate under stress and duress was received.

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by R. Jerome to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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Attest: A. Baron-Clerk