

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007  
5:00 p.m.

Chairperson D. Wagner read into record a letter of request for a leave-of-absence for Board member Ann Baron.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher to accept the leave-of-absence request from Ann Baron effective immediately and to be in effect through October 15, 2007 or when the legal due process is complete, whichever occurs first. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher to appoint Mark Lassila to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by R. Baumchen to appoint Amy Hardwig-Eberspacher as acting clerk during the leave of absence. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

School Board Members absent: none

Media Present: The Daily Journal

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

Student of the month awards were presented to Jaclyn Halla and Aaron Nelson for the month of May.

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by G. Bolstad to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2007. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by M. Lassila to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$369,318.73 including check numbers 104138 through 104317. 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.

- 9.1.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$9,178.03
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| 4/13 | Janet Larson Schulties; High School Music Dept | \$100.00        |
| 4/13 | Bronco Track Boosters; FE Shot Put             | \$359.50        |
| 4/13 | Target; WEE                                    | \$229.64        |
| 4/17 | Praxair Distribution; HS Science Dept          | Liquid Nitrogen |
| 4/30 | Falls Education Foundation; WEE                | \$1352.66       |
| 4/30 | Falls Education Foundation; FES                | \$1221.25       |
| 4/30 | Falls Education Foundation; High School Depts  | \$4143.69       |
| 4/30 | Bronco Baseball Boosters; Bronco Baseball      | \$816.24        |
| 4/30 | Bronco Basketball Boosters; Bronco Basketball  | \$151.05        |
| 4/30 | Bronco Track Boosters; Bronco Track            | \$804.00        |
| 4/30 | Old Timers Hockey; Falls High School           | Trophy Case     |
- 9.1.2 Approve an agreement with Northern Star Online collaborative for provision of online coursework.
- 9.1.3 Approve a contract with RRCC for provision of post-secondary education opportunities.
- 9.1.4 Approve a contract with Miller McDonald for provision of audit services for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007.
- 9.1.5 Approve a bid from Bowman Construction for blacktop replacement in the Falls High school parking lot.
- 9.1.6 Approve the Early Childhood Family Education & School Readiness Preschool Programs handbook.
- 9.1.7 Approve the revised Activity Fee Schedule for 2007-08.
- 9.1.8 Authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract for special education director services with Northland Special Education Cooperative.
- 9.1.9 Approve a contract with Bruce & Jean Reinke of Voyageur Charter for provision of contracted bus routes for 2007-2009.
- 9.1.10 Approve a technology equipment lease for 2007-08.

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

- 9.2.1 Approve the hire of Jamie Bodette as a 1.0 FTE physical education teacher for the 2007-08 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.2 Approve the hire of Derek Dowty as a 1.0 FTE math teacher for the 2007-08 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.3 Approve the hire of Jay Boyle as a 1.0 FTE math teacher for the 2007-08 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.4 Approve the hire of Elizabeth Johnson as an elementary teacher for the 2007-08 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.5 Approve the hire of Maria Cowman as a .67 fte special education teacher for the 2007-08 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

- 9.2.6 Approve the hire of John Prettyman as Head Boys' Hockey Coach for the 2007-08 season in accordance with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.7 Approve the hire of Bruce Elson as Head Girls' Hockey Coach for the 2007-08 season in accordance with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.8 Approve the hire of Shawn Gilbert as Head Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2007-08 season in accordance with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.9 Acknowledge the resignation of Charlie Anderson as Assistant Football Coach.
- 9.2.10 Acknowledge the resignation of Lisa Auran as Assistant Volleyball Coach.
- 9.2.11 Acknowledge the resignation of Will Awe as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach.
- 9.2.12 Approve the hire of Tony Casareto as Assistant Football Coach for the 2007-08 season in accordance with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.13 Approve the hire of Nick Schoenecker as Assistant Football Coach for the 2007-08 season in accordance with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.14 Approve the hire of Jay Boyle as Assistant Football Coach for the 2007-08 season in accordance with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.15 Approve the hire of staff as needed for Extended School Year programming contingent upon student enrollment and funding.

Reviewed the following policies with action to be taken at the regular meeting of the board in June:

- Policy 610 On-line learning – new
- Policy 203.7 School Board Member attendance - new
- Policy 709 Student Transportation Safety – revised

Received and reviewed the final FY07 Revenue and Expenditure budgets. Action to be taken at the regular meeting of the board in June.

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

- Enrollment is at 661 for grades 7-12.
- The May 18<sup>th</sup> inservice was the culmination of the TLC project. Election of Quality Oversight Committee members was conducted and also members for the professional development team. Teams met and shared their professional growth plans with each other.
- Registration is complete and the master schedule is being compiled. There are two new classes this year and no discontinued classes from the 2006-07 schedule.
- Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Falls High Gymnasium.
- The Rotary Awards and Scholarship program will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

Jerry Hilfer, Falls Elementary Principal gave the following report:

- Enrollment is 635 for K-6.
- The district TLC goal for this year was to improve student achievement in adding and subtracting fractions. A benchmark test was given in October with a post test in April. The goal was to increase test performance on fractions by 5%. The test data demonstrates that this goal was exceeded at all levels with a district average of improvement by 25.62%.
- A math/science specialist has been added to Falls Elementary. Deana Lorenson will fill this position as she is licensed in both areas at the necessary grade levels. This change will result in increased specialist time for all K-6 students in the areas of music, library and phy ed. It will also provide science lab opportunities, targeted instruction in elementary algebra, measurement problem solving and reasoning for grades 3-6 and provide programming for higher achieving students. Keyboarding will still be taught by classroom teacher.

Don Langan, Superintendent of Schools gave the following report:

- The district will be working with RRCC to develop a speech pathologist technician training program to train individuals to perform testing and other speech pathologist duties. The district has seen a large growth of need for speech pathology services and licensed individuals are difficult to come by.
- It appears as though the state health and hospitalization bill will go through. This is Education Minnesota's attempt to solve the problem of rising health care costs.
- We will see no increase in our rates for property/casualty insurance obtained through Northern Reliable for the next fiscal year.
- Two teachers will attend the national Education Research Dissemination Program to be held in Baltimore this summer. This is sponsored by the American Federation of Teachers.

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

- National Honor Society held a fundraiser bake sale last week.
- Student Council is holding elections for next year.
- A lot of senior activities are occurring with the senior breakfast at the Elks', baccalaureate and graduation.

R. Jerome, Falls Recreation Commission, reported that summer activities are underway. City Beach is looking for an on-site person to reside at the beach to monitor the property. He asked for a re-appointment of a board member to the Recreation Commission due to the leave of Ann Baron. Chairperson D. Wagner appointed G. Bolstad.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Jerome to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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Attest: A. Hardwig-Eberspacher