

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006
5:00 p.m.

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

School Board Members absent: none

Media Present: The Daily Journal

Moved by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the agenda as amended by adding Personnel Consent Agenda items 9.2.6. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Principal Tim Everson introduced Amy Morrison as the student school board representative for the 2006-07 term.

Student of the month awards were presented to Megan Bryant and Josh Hardy for the month of September and Jacob Larson for the month of October.

Lori Smith addressed the board to present her concerns over student ticket prices for non-ISD361 students. After listening to her concerns it was moved by D. Wagner and seconded by R. Baumchen to place this issue on the agenda as item 9.3. Motion carried by a 5-1 vote with Chairperson G. Bolstad voting against.

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

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher to set a special meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 a.m. to canvass school board election results. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by M. Lassila, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$333,666.65 including check numbers 103017 through 103184. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

9.1 Programs

9.1.1 Accept donations for the month of September in the amount of \$5,848.25:

9/20/06 Purple Pride; Music Dept	\$ 323.00
9/20/06 Purple Pride; Sports Dept	\$4,874.00
9/20/06 Rotary; Project Read	\$ 500.00
9/27/06 Elks; Football	\$ 151.25

- 9.1.2 Renew the Bronco Arena Concession Agreement with Falls Recreation Hockey Association for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2011.
- 9.1.3 Approve an agreement with Hibbing Community College to use ISD 361 as a nursing practicum site.

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

9.2 Personnel

- 9.2.1 Set the hourly rate at \$23.10 for Mary Hummel, Early Childhood Special Education Nurse.
- 9.2.2 Approve the hire of Eden Jackson as an LPN Health Aide for 2.5 hours per student attendance day at \$13.00/hour.
- 9.2.3 Approve an Early Retirement Incentive package to be offered to Union 331 employees meeting eligibility requirements of "Rule of 90".
- 9.2.4 Approve the hire of Colin Bruce Elson as Head Girls' Hockey Coach for the 2006-07 season in accord with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.5 Approve the hire of Erin Shikowsky as Assistant Girls' Hockey Coach in accord with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.6 Approve a leave of absence for Wendy Urban, with terms and conditions as attached to this resolution, pursuant to MS 122A.46 whereby Ms. Urban requests a leave of absence effective October 19, 2006, through August 2009, for three years, which is the minimum leave available under MS 122A.46.

9.3 Policy

- 9.3.1 Discussion was held on current policy regarding student ticket prices. No action was taken with direction for an administrative report and recommendation to be brought to the board at the regular meeting in November.

Jeff Veeder, Maintenance Director

- The track project and softball field project are substantially complete. The track has yet to be striped and the softball field has some dugout and elevation issues. Most likely the softball field will be used as is for one season to let it settle and then fine tune it.
- The indoor air quality project at Falls Elementary was very successful and the phased project will be complete in 2007-08.

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

- Enrollment is at 665 for 7-12 which is decreased five from last month.
 - A lockdown drill was held on the 11th. The drill was successful in that students were out of the hallway in mere seconds. After the drill concerns were solicited from staff and addressed at an office staff meeting. A revised plan will be sent to staff and another drill will be held. It is necessary to hold five drills this year.
 - As part of the lockdown process a blue light was installed on the exterior of the arena to notify classes who are outdoors that a lockdown is in place. Three more will be installed, one on West End Elementary back door and two at Falls Elementary.
 - Falls Elementary has also practiced both a lockdown and a building evacuation.
 - All of the mandated fire drills are complete.
 - The October 13th inservice was practicing the Charlotte Danielson method of teacher evaluation. Jack Judkins of Bemidji State University was the presenter of the framework for peer and self-observations. They also worked on their personal growth plans. He invited the board to stop by and talk with the teachers regarding their plans.
 - Iowa basic testing will be held on October 25-26th.
 - Falls sports will be entering playoffs soon. Volleyball's first playoff game is October 23rd against Ely. Football has earned the second seed so will host a playoff game at home on October 24th and again on October 28th if they win.
- Parent-teacher conferences were well attended. Parents were separated into two groups by alphabet and assigned an evening for attendance.

Don Langan, Superintendent of Schools gave the following report:

- Kevin Grover spoke on behalf of the TLC oversight committee. He and several others have met with Edusoft to learn how to set a baseline for the goal of adding and subtracting fractions. The students will be tested several times throughout the year to determine improvement. He felt the inservice was productive and that staff was more comfortable with the evaluation process which is based on facts and not feelings.
- Approximately \$32,000 is being saved due to the approved agreement with RRCC for pseo students.
- He commended the community for their giving to kids through the Falls Education Foundation.
- There has been no change in elementary enrollments from last month.
- All staff will receive a t-shirt with the TLC slogan on it.
- Several teachers are going to set up and staff a teacher recruitment booth at the Education Minnesota days in St. Paul.

Robin Baumchen, IEIC Committee Member gave the following update:

- The committee met and heard a presentation from Project Read.
- They are reorganizing and voting for new officers.

Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by R. Baumchen to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.
Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: R. Baumchen-Clerk

