

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006
5:00 p.m.

School Board Members present: Gerald Bolstad, Ann Baron, Robin Baumchen, Darrell Wagner, Amy Hardwig-Eberspacher, Mark Lassila, Amy Morrison 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 presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Student of the month awards were presented to Krista Skoglund for the month of October and Michael Anderson and Julia Olson for the month of November.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by R. Baumchen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2006 and the special meeting of November 9, 2006. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by M. Lassila, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$764,220.61 including check numbers 103186 through 103389. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

8.1 Programs

8.1.1 Accept donations for the month of October in the amount of \$9,543.00:

10/10/06 Falls Ed Foundation; Depts	\$5,794.23
10/10/06 Target; WEE	\$ 151.87
10/10/06 Boise Emp. Club; Elem Libraries	\$ 800.00
10/10/06 Boise Emp. Club; FHS Library	\$ 600.00
10/17/06 Janet Larson Schulties; Renaissance	\$ 300.00
10/17/06 Baseball Boosters; Baseball	\$ 59.00
10/18/06 Swim Boosters; Swimming	\$ 688.00
10/18/06 Track Boosters; Track	\$ 49.90
10/18/06 Thrivent; Playground Equip	\$1,000.00
10/18/06 Kooch Historical Society; Com Ed	\$ 100.00

Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by M. Lassila to accept the personnel consent agenda items. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.2 Personnel

- 8.2.1 Approve the change of the notification deadline date for the Union 331 Early Retirement Incentive program from December 1 to December 15th.
- 8.2.2 Approve a request from Nicci Wood for six weeks paid child care leave commencing approximately February 1st to be followed by unpaid leave for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year.
- 8.2.3 Approve a graduated pay scale effective November 1, 2006 for substitutes subbing long-term for Local 510 or Local 4798 employees as follows:
 - 0-6 mo. Continuous - 68% of entry level of pertinent contract position
 - 6-12 mo. Continuous – 85% of entry level of pertinent contract position
 - 1+ year Continuous – 100% of entry level of pertinent contract positionAll would be with no benefits beyond required payroll benefits.

8.3 Policy

- 8.3.1 Discussion was held on current policy regarding Policy 902 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment. No action was taken with direction for an administrative recommendation to be brought to the board at the regular meeting in December.

Action on the annual staff development report was tabled until the next board meeting.

Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by R. Baumchen to set a budget work session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30th in the Falls High School Library. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

An administration recommendation was received to retain student ticket prices as established and revisit the issue when all athletic fees are reviewed for the 2007-08 budget. The recommendation was accepted with no formal action.

Jeff Veeder, Maintenance Director gave the following report:

- The track renovation is complete.
- The softball dugout roof is finished; bases and benches are in place and the fence topping has been installed. The facility should be ready for use in the spring.
- He has visited with principals and staff for preparation of next year's capital budget.

Beth Anderson, West End Principal gave the following report:

- Enrollment is currently at 177 which down four from September.
- Parent-teacher conferences garnered a 94% attendance by parents.
- She is in the midst of performing teacher observations for the TLC project.
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Jerry Hilfer, Falls Elementary Principal gave the following report:

- Enrollment is holding at 470 although the kindergarten level has increased due to new students in this grade level and is at full capacity.
- FastForWord training is being conducted on Monday, November 27th for second and fourth grade teachers.

- Winter concerts are scheduled as follows:
 - Grade 5 & 6 Band /Choir on December 7th at 1:00 in the FES Gym
 - Grades 5 & 6 on December 8th at 10:00 am in the FES Gym
 - Grades 3 & 4 on December 8th at 1:00 pm in the FES Gym
 - Kindergarten on December 8th at 2:30 pm in the FES Gym
 - Grades 1 & 2 on December 12 at 1:30 pm in the FHS Gym
 - Grades 7 & 8 Band/Choir on December 14 at 1:00 pm in Backus Auditorium
 - Grades 9-12 Band/Choir on December 14 at 7:30 pm in Backus Auditorium
- He reviewed the School Report Card for AYP and discussed steps the administration and faculty were taking to address the problematic areas.

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

- Enrollment is at 658 for grades 7-12 which is decreased seven from last month.
- Falls sports seasons were reviewed.
- First quarter for high school students has been completed. All students, grades 7-12, are now on the quarter system.
- The December 11th teacher inservice day will have representatives from Bemidji State University's math department to discuss math test results and the TLC goals.

Don Langan, Superintendent of Schools gave the following report:

- He reported on the School Trust Land Commission meeting he attended in St. Paul in November. He will serve on this committee through the end of December.
- The Kootasca Community Action Board has positions open and is seeking candidates.
- He has received clarification from ARCC on referendum aid and how that also follows a student who open-enrolls to another district or to on-line learning.
- The Rotary Club will be donating books to the school library on behalf of speakers at their meetings.
- The Northeast Educational Service Cooperative also has an open position on its board.
- He would like to invite Senator Tom Saxhaug and Representative Tom Anzels to meet with administrators, school board and the Quality Oversight Committee for an educational symposium of sorts in the near future.

Ann Baron, Recreation Commission Committee Member gave the following update:

- The committee met and heard transportation requests.
- Three at-large seats will be available.

Mark Lassila, Community Education Board member gave the following update:

- They welcomed Stacey Cann as a new member.
- They reviewed budget numbers.
- They received a report from Rachel Amdahl on Kids Plus and new youth activities.
- They had a recap of October programs and events.
- They reviewed Backpack Junction operations.
- They were informed of new preschool screening assessments.

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

- In October the senior class sponsored a blood drive with twenty-four donors.
- National Honor Society and Student Council will be ringing the bell for Salvation Army and working at the Elk's on Thanksgiving for the Salvation Army dinner.
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Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by R. Baumchen to close the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss principal negotiations. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chairperson G. Bolstad reopened and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Attest: R. Baumchen-Clerk