

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2006  
5:00 p.m.

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

School Board Members absent: Amy Hardwig-Eberspacher

Media Present: The Daily Journal

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Baron to approve the agenda as amended by adding personnel items 8.2.12 through 8.2.16. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Krista Skoglund on behalf of the Renaissance Committee, National Honor Society and Student Council presented a certificate of appreciation to Ardel Hendrickson for her work with these organizations.

Student of the month awards were presented to Amy Morrison and Merle Jesme for the month of December.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by A. Baron to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 20, 2006 and the special meeting of November 30, 2006. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by M. Lassila, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$430,070.09 including check numbers 103391 through 103556. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by M. Lassila, seconded by D. Wagner 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 November in the amount of \$14,428.54:

Norm Boyum; Labor for Ball Field	\$175.00
Knights of Columbus; Com Ed AD/Dis	\$232.97
Target; FES	\$474.57
TruStar; Renaissance	\$200.00
Girls Hockey Boosters; Girls Hockey	\$410.00
Super One; Football Scoreboard	\$4,062.00
Coca Cola; Football Scoreboard	\$4,062.00
Boise; Football Scoreboard	\$4,062.00
Boise; Softball Railing Cover	\$751.00

8.1.2 Receive the School 2007-08 Annual Facilities Plan

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

## **8.2 Personnel**

- 8.2.1 Approve the 2006-08 Agreement for Conditions of Employment between ISD 361 and Falls Principals' Association.
- 8.2.2 Approve the retirement of Rick Reed, Secondary Phy Ed Teacher effective May 31, 2007 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.3 Approve the retirement of Tom Kalar, Secondary Social Studies Teacher, effective May 31, 2007 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.4 Approve the retirement of Jan Sandbeck, Business Instructor effective May 31, 2007 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.5 Approve the retirement of Beth Anderson, WEE Principal/Director of Special Education effective June 30, 2007 in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Falls Principals' Association and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.6 Approve the retirement of Teresa Rud, Elementary Special Education Teacher effective May 31, 2007 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.7 Approve the retirement of Diane Semmler, Secondary Special Education Teacher effective May 31, 2007 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.8 Approve the retirement of Kathleen Dault, Elementary Teacher effective May 31, 2008 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.9 Approve the retirement of Kathleen Gjertson, Elementary Teacher effective May 31, 2008 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.10 Approve the retirement of Steve Larson, Secondary Special Education Teacher effective May 31, 2008 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.11 Approve an Early Retirement Incentive plan for Local 510 employees with a notification date of January 15, 2007.
- 8.2.12 Approve the retirement of Shirley Bergstedt, Speech/Language Pathologist effective May 31, 2008 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.13 Approve the retirement of Sheryl Peterson, Title I Teacher, effective May 31, 2008 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.

- 8.2.14 Approve the retirement of Shirley Earley, Special Education Teacher, effective May 31, 2008 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.15 Approve the retirement of Patricia Holte, Elementary Teacher, effective May 31, 2008 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- 8.2.16 Approve the retirement of Ladd Kocinski, Secondary Industrial Arts Teacher effective May 31, 2008 in accord with the 2005-07 Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Union 331 and the Early Retirement Incentive Program.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by R. Baumchen to accept the FY2006 audit as presented by Dave Cronin of Miller, McDonald, Erickson, and Moller, LTD. with formal approval at the regular meeting in January, 2007.

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by D. Wagner to Approve the 2006 Levy payable in 2007 to secure maximum state funding for education noted in the Minnesota Department of Education documents as follows:

General	\$ 585,631.82
General NTC	\$ 950,012.29
Community Service-other	\$ 108,720.56
Grand Total Certified Levy	\$1,644,364.67

Member R. Baumchen introduced the following resolution and moved as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO EXPEL STUDENT "X"  
FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS**

WHEREAS, there is substantial evidence that student "X" committed a serious and flagrant violation of school district policy and federal and state law: possession of weapon on school grounds and school locations; and,

WHEREAS, student "X" and his mother and natural guardian have signed and executed a *Waiver of Right to Hearing and Consent to Expulsion* for twelve months;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the school board of Independent School District No. 361, that student "X" be expelled for a period of twelve months commencing with December 18, 2006.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by D. Wagner and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: M. Lassila, G. Bolstad, D. Wagner, A. Baron and R. Baumchen

**and the following voted against the same: none**

**Whereupon, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.**

Member D. Wagner introduced the following resolution and moved as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO EXPEL STUDENT "Y"  
FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS**

**WHEREAS, there is substantial evidence that student "Y" committed a serious and flagrant violation of school district policy and federal and state law: possession of weapon on school grounds and school locations; and,**

**WHEREAS, student "Y" and her parents and natural guardians have signed and executed a *Waiver of Right to Hearing and Consent to Expulsion* for twelve months;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, by the school board of Independent School District No. 361, that student "Y" be expelled for a period of twelve months commencing with December 18, 2006.**

**The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by A. Baron and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: M. Lassila, G. Bolstad, D. Wagner, A. Baron and R. Baumchen.**

**and the following voted against the same:**

Moved by A. Baron, seconded by R. Baumchen to change the regular meeting of the Board from January 15<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> due to Martin Luther King Day and the regular meeting of the Board from February 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> due to Presidents' Day.

Jerry Hilfer, Falls Elementary Principal gave the following report:

- Enrollment is at 644 for grades K-6 which is three less than last month.
- Reviewed the action plan to improve test results for special education students
- Reviewed the December 11<sup>th</sup> teacher inservice activities.
- He has given a directive to the staff to increase math instruction daily by 30 minutes effective January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A copy of Helping Children Learn Mathematics has been purchased for each elementary, special education and secondary math teachers.

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

- Enrollment is at 649 for grades 7-12 which is decreased from last month.
- Susan Nordquist has been chosen by the MN Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures to receive the star award.
- Winter sports are underway although there is still a need for a speech coach.
- Holiday concerts were held last week and well attended.
- The TLC project is well underway with peer evaluations being conducted and the learning teams meeting regularly.
- MCA test results are back and under review.

Don Langan, Superintendent of Schools gave the following report:

- He appreciated the effort of the QOC committee in planning the December 11<sup>th</sup> inservice. It was a well-planned, orderly meeting. He also appreciated the willingness of BSU to share their faculty with the district.
- Safe Routes to School is a grant project by ARDC which looks at individual district's transportation and walking routes and analyzes them for safety. The ARDC will apply for their grant in June and should they receive the funds the district would most likely participate in the project.
- The benchmark fraction data has been received from Edusoft and is being studied. K. Grover commented that the technical side of the program is very user friendly but the program is not as conducive to zooming in on specific areas for creation of tests as stated during the presentation. The secondary test results are in and being reviewed with students on an individual basis.
- The MSBA is hosting early-bird sessions on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> which look very informative. An early evening session is on bargaining and a daytime one on referendums.
- He distributed a draft for a policy on on-line learning. Current board policy is silent on this issue.

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

- Student Council and National Honor Society sponsored six children from the Angel Tree. They are also participating as bell ringers for the Salvation Army.
- Student Council is busy preparing for Winter Sports Week activities.

Ann Baron, Koochiching Family Collaborative reported their last meeting was spent reviewing budgets in light of upcoming financial limitations.

Robin Baumchen, IEIC Committee reported that they are looking for ways to expend budget dollars and outreach to parents with one idea to advertise on the radio.

A plaque of appreciation was given to Mark Lassila for his years of service on the school board.

Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by M. Lassila to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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Attest: R. Baumchen-Clerk