

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007
5:00 p.m.

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

School Board Members absent: none

Media Present: The Daily Journal, KGHS-KSDM Radio

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by R. Jerome to approve the agenda as amended by adding Program Item 9.1.7 and Personnel Item 9.2.7. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

M. Blumhardt addressed the Board on behalf of Local 331 to announce there is a tentative agreement between the union and the board for the 2007-09 contract. The Union will present the contract offer to their staff on Wednesday, August 29th with a vote following on September 5th. She expressed appreciation that for the second time a settlement had been reached prior to the beginning of the school year. D. Wagner commended the negotiating teams for the cooperative efforts in reaching a amicable settlement.

D. Wagner announced a special meeting of the board scheduled for Friday, September 7th at 7:00 a.m. to ratify the Union 331 contract.

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

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by M. Lassila to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$973,641.59 including check numbers 104596 through 104798. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by M. Lassila, 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 for the month of July in the amount of \$1,130.00:

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| 7/20/07 | Coca Cola; School Calendar | \$500.00 |
| 7/20/07 | Elks; Com. Ed. | \$500.00 |
| 7/20/07 | Koochiching Cty; Proj. Read | \$ 50.00 |
| 7/20/07 | Helen Smerika; Proj. Read | \$ 80.00 |

9.1.2 Approve a contract with Falls Memorial Hospital for provision of rehabilitation services for the period of 8/31/07 through 8/30/08.

9.1.3 Receive MCAII Test Results

9.1.4 Approve revised 2007-08 RRCC-ISD 361 PSEOP agreement

9.1.5 Approve a contract with KGHS/KSDM for School Matters Program.

- 9.1.6 Approve contracts with Koochiching County Community Services for school social worker services.
- 9.1.7 Ratify the 2007-2009 Master Agreement between Local 4798 and ISD 361

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by G. Bolstad to accept the personnel consent agenda items. Motion failed due lack of a consensus. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Ayes- M. Lassila, D. Wagner, R. Jerome Nays: A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, G. Bolstad and R. Baumchen. Motion failed due to a tie vote.

- 9.2.1 Appoint Doreen Swendsen as Human Rights Officer for adult female employees for the 2007-08 school year.
- 9.2.2 Appoint Dianne Briggs as the LEA representative for Title VII Indian Education for the 2007-08 school year.
- 9.2.3 Hire Kayla Gilbert as a secondary English teacher with an F.T.E. of .60 for the 2007-2008 school year in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331 and contingent upon receipt of a variance from the Board of Teaching.
- 9.2.4 Approve the hire of Jesse Herges as Assistant Girls' Swim Coach for the 2007-08 season in accord with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.5 Approve the hire of Bruce Elson as Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 2007-08 season in accord with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.6 Approve the hire of Josh Koenig as Head Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2007-08 season in accord with Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 9.2.7 Accept the resignation of JoAnne Flansburg as an educational support professional effective August 17, 2007.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by A. Hardwig-Eberspacher to approve the personnel consent agenda items 9.2.1 – 9.2.5 and 9.2.7. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by G. Bolstad, seconded by M. Lassila to approve personnel consent agenda 9.2.6. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote with ayes: M. Lassila, A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, D. Wagner, G. Bolstad, R. Jerome Nays: R. Baumchen

Jeff Veeder, Maintenance Director gave the following report:

- Summer projects and cleaning are in the final stages
- All classrooms in Falls Elementary have now been updated with new casework and lighting
- Repairs and replacement due to the vandalism at Falls High School are almost complete. The damage amount to date is \$17,000 and has been submitted to the insurance company.

Don Langan, Superintendent of Schools gave the following report:

- He made a clarification regarding the district's association with the "Bronco Radio" broadcast over the internet sponsored by The Daily Journal. He stated there is no financial arrangement between The Daily Journal and the

school district for this service and that anyone has the right to use the term "Bronco" as it is not a trademarked or registered term.

- The Department of Education has stated there may be parts of the district's on-line learning policy which is non-compliant with current statute. This has been referred to the Department of Governmental Relations for review. We have requested feedback on any portions that are non-compliant and what it would take to make them compliant. Until this review is received, we may need to soften our policy to hold kids harmless.
- The Applied Learning Program now has a budget in place of approximately a half-million dollars for equipment and supplies. We have several requests ready for submission and the Construction Trades class is ready to go. A second course of Cabinetry II may be offered in the near future. These students would fall under concurrent enrollment and the district receives an additional \$150 in aid for concurrent enrollment students.
- Many districts who offer transportation to pre-school children require someone be at the bus stop to take charge of the child. The district would like to try this policy or at least have someone make acknowledgement to the driver from the home. Letters advising parents of this practice will be sent to families.
- After focusing on fractions in 2006-07 the MCAII scores reflected that we met or exceeded state averages. The only area of AYP that the district did not meet was for attendance at the alternative school which is true of most school districts. The composite score was the highest in five years and above average.

T. Everson reported the following events and dates:

- Monday, August 27th, Meet the Teacher night for Kindergarten students
- Tuesday, August 28th, New Teacher meetings
- Wednesday, August 29th, Staff Inservice, new student & 7th grade orientation from 5:00-5:30; Meet the Teacher night for all FHS students from 5:30- 8:00.
- Thursday, August 29th, Meet the Teacher night for Gr. 1-6 at FES/WEE from 5:00 – 7:00.

R. Jerome, Falls Recreation Commission, reported that the commission is looking at creating a taxing district for additional monies for recreation. The taxing district would only encompass the boundaries of ISD 361 and would be collected and administered through the county.

Moved by R. Baumchen, seconded by G. Bolstad to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: A. Hardwig-Eberspacher, Clerk