

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
July 21, 2008
5:00 p.m.

School Board Members present: Robin Baumchen, Roger Jerome, Mark Lassila, Michelle Hebner, Darrell Wagner, Gerald Bolstad and Kevin Grover

School Board Members absent: Don Langan

Media Present: The Daily Journal, KGHS-KSDM Radio Station

Moved by D.Wagner, seconded by R. Jerome to approve the agenda with the correction to item 8.1.12. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Gordy Dault spoke on behalf of the Recreation Committee with a request for Independent School District No. 361 to return to a 60/40 split with the city for funding of the recreation commission budget for 2008-09 and 2009-10 and to include funding for recreation on the ballot for any referendum vote in 2009. This would place the district's contribution at \$40,000 for the two years requested. The committee recently received a one-time grant from Koochiching Development Authority which will be used to keep activity fees down and help pay for capital expenditures.

Dianne Briggs addressed the Board with concerns that the Indian Education Program is non-compliant and is in danger of losing grant monies due to the alleged areas of non-compliance. Several students and parents involved with the program spoke in support of the program's success and assistance with their educational needs. Susan Boyle lent her support to the program and also raised concern of the Boards' lack of discussion at the table on issues which does not allow the community to know what individual's level of understanding or thoughts are on the various subjects.

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by M. Lassila to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2008 and the special meeting of June 26, 2008. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by M. Lassila, seconded by M. Hebner to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$696,338.92 including check numbers 106415 through 106505. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by G. Bolstad to accept the program consent agenda items with the exception of the Minnesota Success for the Future and Title VII, Indian Education Grant under item 8.1.5 to be deferred to the regular meeting in August. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.1.1 Acknowledge the donations for the month of June in the amount of \$2,970.84

6/24/08 3&4th Grade Activity Funds; sports equipment \$2,970.84

- 8.1.2 For the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 designate Bremer Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, both of International Falls and the Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund Plus (FSDLAF+) as official depositories.
- 8.1.3 Renew premiums for Workers' Compensation effective July 1, 2008 in the amount of \$141,537.
- 8.1.4 Designate The Daily Journal as the official publication for the school district.
- 8.1.5 Authorize application for the following funds for the 2008-2009 school year:
 - Minnesota Success for the Future Grant – tabled until August
 - Title VII, Indian Education Grant- tabled until August
 - P.L. 101-476 Special Education Federal Flow-Through Funds
 - P.L. 101-476 Federal Pre-School Incentive/Early Childhood
 - Federal Infants and Toddlers, parts H/B2
 - Title I, II, IV, V funds
- 8.1.6 Set Truth in Taxation Hearing Dates for December 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and the continuation hearing for December 15, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Falls High School Cafeteria as required by statute and rule.
- 8.1.7 Close grades 5,6 7, 10, and 12 to open enrollment for the 2008-09 school year based upon current class enrollment projections.
- 8.1.8 Approve contracts between Stellher Human Services and the governing board of Kooch Family Collaborative for two Family Home Interventionist positions in the amount of \$38,918.00 be funded by non-district general revenue funds.
- 8.1.9 Approve membership with MSBA in the amount of \$4273.00
- 8.1.10 Approve the Health & Safety Attachment 99 Performance Criteria for 2008-2009.
- 8.1.11 Approve a contract with Xerox for lease of copier for Falls High school for a period of 60 months beginning 7/1/2008.
- 8.1.12 Approve a specific services contract with Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$36,228.85.
- 8.1.13 Amend 2008-2009 school calendar to move parent teacher conference days from November 6-7 to November 13-14 and add October 24th as an inservice day.

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by D. Wagner to accept the personnel consent agenda items excluding item 9.2.5. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 8.2.1 Approve the hire of Michelle Holbeck as a probationary 1.0 FTE elementary teacher for the 2008-2009 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.2 Approve the hire of Angela Schwartz as an hourly secondary English teacher for the 2008-09 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 8.2.3 Approve the hire of Rosa Christenson as a .80 FTE Spanish and .20 ESL teacher for the 2008-09 school year in accord with the master agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

- 8.2.4 Accept the resignation of Irene Jensen as a school bus driver effective immediately.
- 8.2.5 Accept the resignation of Roger Jensen as a school bus driver effective immediately.
- 8.2.6 Accept the resignation of Patsy Moss as an educational support professional effective immediately.
- 8.2.7 Accept the resignation of Shawn Bowles as an educational support professional effective immediately.
- 8.2.8 Appoint Brenda LeDuc as the Homeless Liaison for the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by G. Hilfer and Superintendent Langan.

Kevin Grover, Administrative Assistant reported on the following:

9.1.1 The final Q-Comp reports have been filed. These reports reflect the projects's goals of 40% of students in grades 7-12 and grades 2-6 to meet or exceed their target RIT goal were met and exceeded.

9.1.2 MSBA will be hosting a summer session on August 13-16 for any interested board members.

9.1.3 Spring sports schedules were reviewed revealing potential conflicts with the scheduled graduation date for spring 2009. The Board would like administration to bring forward a recommendation for a changed date at the August meeting.

Moved by R. Jerome, seconded by M. Hebner to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.
Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: Gerald Bolstad, Clerk