MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
Monday, November 21, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.
Falls High School Cafeteria

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michelle Hebner at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL: Members present were Mark Lassila, Will Kostiuk, Stuart Nordquist, Dena Wenberg and Michelle Hebner. Also present were Superintendent Jeff Peura and Student Member Aleena Wilson. Member absent was Darrell Wagner.

Media Present: The Journal, KGHS-KSDM Radio Station

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was amended with the removal of Personnel Item 8.2.4. Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.0 OPEN FORUM

5.1 November students of the month certificates were presented to Emma Rud and Brandon Shofner

5.2 Local 331 highlighted Teachers of the Month Shawn Johnson and Katie Hammers.

5.3 Onida Paulbeck spoke as an individual regarding her concern over potential expending of public funds for a collaborative study between RRCC and ISD 361.

5.4 Troy Miller from TSP Architectural Firm gave a presentation on a proposed pool renovation plan. Estimated cost of the project would be $165,000. If hired, his firm would handle the project from the development of the plans through hiring and management of the construction company.

6.0 APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: Moved by S. Nordquist, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2011 and the special meeting of November 2, 2011. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.0 AUTHORIZATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Moved by M. Lassila, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the bills due and payable amounting to $465,398.28 including check numbers 150633 through 150926. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Programs

8.1.1 Approve donations for the month of October in the amount of $19,760.23:

10/24/11	Various donors; Music Trip	$92.00
10/24/11	United Way; Com. Ed.;School Readiness	$625.00
10/24/11	Various Donors; Strandberg Trip	$11.50
10/26/11	Knudson; special ed classroom equipment	$2000.00
10/31/11	Various donors; FHS Band	$283.06
10/31/11	Various donors; FHS choir	$283.05
10/31/11	Falls Ed Foundation; all buildings	$15,568.66
10/31/11	Purple Pride; FHS	$896.96

8.1.2 Grant permission to let bids on the FHS Phase II Indoor Air Project.

8.1.3 Approve a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Range Mental Health Center for individual, group and family mental health services to qualified students with disabilities for the period beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

8.1.4 Receive a copy of a Memorandum of Agreement with RRCC for facility use for action in December.

Moved by S. Nordquist, seconded by M. Lassila to accept the program consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.1.5 Hire the architectural firm of TSP for the pool renovation project.

Moved by M. Lassila, seconded by W. Kostiuk to hire TSP to manage the pool renovation project. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.2 Personnel

8.2.1 Acknowledge the following volunteer coaches for the 2011-12 seasons:
Ashley Kostiuk - Boys Swim coach
Josh Hardy - Boys Hockey
Kevin Gordon – Girls Hockey
Jenna Wood – Girls Hockey

8.2.2 Approve the hire of Kevin Gordon as Head Girls' Softball coach for the 2011-12 season pursuant to Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

8.2.3 Approve the hire of Katie Hammers as Assistant Girls' Softball coach for the 2011-12 season pursuant to Schedule C of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

8.2.4 ~~Approve the increase of Jody Best from a .5 fte to a 1.0 custodian effective immediately and pursuant to conditions in the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510~~. REMOVED

8.2.5 Appoint Sue Palm, School Nurse as the Human Rights Officer for adult female employees.

8.2.6 Approve a leave of absence request from Stephanie Knaack as an educational support professional for family reasons effective November 3, 2011 through February 13, 2012.

Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by M. Lassila to accept the personnel consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9.0 RECEIVE THE REVISED FY12 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE BUDGETS FOR ADOPTION IN DECEMBER.

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Jerry Hilfer – Falls Elementary Principal
   - Enrollment is currently 660 students K-6.
   - The District Improvement Plan for AYP is being developed for approval in December. The District scored above average in the area of reading but low in math. Resources to assist with math are limited.

b. Tim Everson – Falls High School Principal
   - Enrollment is currently 570 students 7-12.
   - December 5th will be the third and final teacher inservice on Differentiated Instruction.
   - The winter parent-teacher conferences for Falls High School are scheduled for December 14 & 15.

c. Jeff Peura
   - MSBA Leadership Conference is scheduled for January 12-13.
   - A congratulatory letter was received from Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner of Education on the remarkable progress made by Falls Elementary in improving student achievement.
   - The School Redesign Project is still moving forward. Data is being collected from other districts with similar configurations.
   - Clarification was given on the basketball cheerleading squad. The squad will follow the activity handbook with a total of nine participants.

- A group comprised of members from the Recreation Committee will meet to review the Joint Powers Agreement.

11.0 DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Michelle Hebner reported on behalf of the Recreation Committee. Hockey is underway; transportation issues due to removing vans from service were discussed.
- Aleena Wilson reported on behalf of the Falls High student body. A collection of peanutbutter for the Food Shelf is being conducted. A contest for donations is planned with a bead given per donation and students with the most beads in the spring will be invited to participate in a Student Council sponsored event. Another month shoeboxes will be collected to send to other countries. A "stress" month with yoga classes is being considered. Student Council sold pies for Thanksgiving as a fundraiser. Also on March 3 they are planning a language fair with teachers from the community and Canada to teach various languages and have ethnic food tasting.

12.0 ENTER INTO A CLOSED NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH LOCAL 331 AND 4798.

Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by W. Kostiuk to enter into a closed negotiations strategy session at 5:43 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13.0 REOPEN AND SUBSEQUENT ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Nordquist, seconded by W. Kostiuk to reopen and subsequently adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: _____

S. Nordquist, Clerk