

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
Monday, December 16, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.  
Falls High School Cafeteria

**PRELIMINARIES:**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson D. Wagner at 6:00 p.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL:** Members present were Gordon Dault, Mike Holden, Willi Kostiuk, Darrell Wagner, Dena Wenberg and Superintendent Nordy Nelson. Members missing were Michelle Hebner and student member Cory Netland.

Media Present: The Journal, KGHS-KSDM Radio Station

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.0 PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved W. Kostiuk, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the agenda. Superintendent Nelson amended the agenda by adding personnel items 16.8 and 16.9. Motion to agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

**5.0 OPEN FORUM**

5.1 November Student of the Month: Levi Skogstad was unable to attend.

5.2 December Student of the Month recognition was given to Andrew Snyder. Female Student of the Month Kariann Arnold was unable to attend.

5.3 Recognition was given to David Skwarok, Technology Director for his exemplary work in developing and maintaining the district's technology system.

5.4 Several students from the Engineering Class gave a report on recent classroom activities.

5.5 Public Open Forum; there was no one to address the Board under Open Forum

**6.0** Moved by W., Kostiuk, seconded by M. Holden to prove the minutes from the regular meeting of November 18, 2013 and the Board work session of December 3, 2013. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**7.0** Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$293,197.56. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**CHAIRMAN D. WAGNER RECESS THE MEETING AT 6:10 P.M. FOR THE PAYABLE 2014 PUBLIC TAX HEARING.**

Superintendent Nelson reviewed pupil units, pupil weighting factors, tax market values, and county population trends. There were no members of the public with levy questions. Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by G. Dault to approve the Payable 2014 levy. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**CHAIRMAN D. WAGNER RESUMED THE MEETING AT 6:14 P.M.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 8.0** Prom policy: Superintendent Nelson remarked the requested changes to the prom policy will be brought to the Board for a vote at the January or February meeting.
- 9.0** Cooperative agreement with ISD 2142 for a wrestling program: The concept of cooperative agreements in general was discussed. A committee of W. Kostiuk, M. Holden and G. Dault was appointed to meet with District 2142 representatives to discuss cooperative agreement terms with any final agreement requiring full board action.
- 10.0** Discuss proposal from Big River Group, LLC. for consulting services on district goals in the amount of \$12,025 and superintendent search services in the amount of \$24,500. Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by D. Wenberg to table any action and seek other proposals. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- 11.0** Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the revised FES/WEE Student Handbook. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- 12.0** Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the Trap Shoot League Activity Handbook as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- 13.0** Member G. Dault introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

### **RESOLUTION EXPELLING A STUDENT**

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to expel a student was served upon the student and the student's parent, and the stated factual basis for expulsion was possession and distribution of drugs on school property;

WHEREAS, the notice of intent to expel the student complied with the provisions of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. § 121A.47, subd. 2;

WHEREAS, the student and the student's parent waived their right to a hearing on the proposed expulsion in writing; and

WHEREAS, under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the waiver of right to an expulsion hearing and the name of the student proposed for expulsion are private data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The School Board hereby accepts the waiver and expels the student from the schools of Independent School District No. 361, International Falls, for one calendar year.
2. The Superintendent, or his designee, is directed to mail to the student and the student's parent a copy of this Resolution along with a letter stating that the student has been expelled and that the student has the right to reenroll in the District on December 16, 2014.
3. The Superintendent, or his designee, is directed to notify the Commissioner of the Department of Education of this expulsion within thirty (30) calendar days, as required by Minn. Stat. §121A.53.

Member W. Kostiuk seconded the foregoing Resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: M. Holden, D. Wagner, G. Dault, W. Kostiuk, D. Wenberg and the following voted against the same: none  
Whereupon such Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- 14.0** Schedule a Finance Committee meeting to work with Superintendent on cost saving initiatives through employee early retirement incentive packages: Moved by M. Holden, seconded by G. Dault to convene the Finance Committee to work with the Superintendent to explore early retirement incentive packages.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 15.0 Program Consent:** Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the program consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**15.1** Accept donations in the amount of \$3667.34

11/12/13 Haunted House Fundraiser; FHS Band	\$935.00
11/21/13 Falls Rec Commission/Boise Grant; Football Helmets	1619.84
12/9/13 Hall Of Fame; Susan & Stuart Nordquist	\$500.00
12/9/13 Purple Pride T-Shirts; Falls Educ Foundation (PurplePride)	\$612.50

TOTAL \$3667.34

- 16.0 Personnel Consent:** Moved by M. Holden, seconded by G. Dault to approve the personnel consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 16.1 Approve the hire of Alex Ringhofer as a .63FTE secondary math teacher for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year and in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 16.2 Approve the hire of Carol Jaksa as the National Honor Society Advisor for the 2013-14 school year and in accord with Schedule "D" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
- 16.3 Accept the resignation of Heather Nevalainen as a paraprofessional with last day of employment December 20, 2013.
- 16.4 Accept the resignation of Dianne Krenik as a regular route non-union school bus driver effective January 8, 2014.
- 16.5 Approve the hire of Tom Vollom as a regular route non-union school bus driver effective January 8, 2014.
- 16.6 Approve a request from Rhonda Johnson, Paraprofessional for eight hours unpaid Child Activity Leave on February 7, 2014.
- 16.7 Recognize Brock Morrison as a recreation van driver.
- 16.8 Increase Tom Vollom from a .5 to a .8 daily fte beginning second semester of the 2013-14 school year.
- 16.9 Accept the resignation of Jody Best, Custodian, effective immediately.

**17.0 Policy:**

- 17.1 Receive revised Policy 406 Public and Private Personnel Data for adoption in January.
- 17.2 Receive revised Policy 410 Family and Medical Leave Act for adoption in January.
- 17.3 Receive Policy 613.5 Weighted Grades for adoption in January.

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION:**

**18.0 Administrative Reports:**

- 18.1 Melissa Tate, FES/WEE Principal
- 18.1.1 Enrollment is 564.

- 18.1.2 She has formed a leadership team to help review data and make best practice decisions.
- 18.1.3 The special education cooperative along with the pre-school teachers will be reviewing the early childhood census and classes to see what changes could be made to draw kids.
- 18.2 Tim Everson, FHS Principal (reported by M. Tate)
  - 18.2.1 Enrollment is 538.
  - 18.2.2 The Skyward student system is now able to track discipline.
- 18.3 Nurdy Nelson, Superintendent
  - 18.3.1 On-line payment system is running and able to receive payments on foodservice accounts.
  - 18.3.2 A MSHSL grant in the amount of \$1160 has been received and will be used for activity fee scholarships for low-income youth.
  - 18.3.3 He will be asking the Facility Committee to meet in upcoming months to review capital projects for the summer of 2014.
  - 18.3.4 Local 331 negotiations; meeting December 19 at 3:30 p.m.

**19.0 Committee Reports:**

- 19.1 G. Dault reported on the Recreation Committee; they are establishing a web site which will have schedules and other information posted. This will be linked to the school district and city websites.
- 19.2 Student Council is attending the northeast regional meeting to gather information on the state service project.

**CLOSE THE MEETING:**

- 20.0** Moved by D. Dault, seconded by W. Kostiuk to close the meeting at 6:52 p.m. to discuss negotiations strategy for negotiations with Local 331. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**REOPEN MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by W. Kostiuk to reopen and adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Holden - Clerk