MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
Monday, January 27, 2014 – 5:00 p.m
Falls High School Cafeteria

PRELIMINARIES:

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

2.0 ROLL CALL: Members present were G. Dault, M. Holden, W. Kostiuk, D. Wagner and D. Wenberg. Members absent were M. Hedlund and student member C. Netland.

Media Present: The Journal

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was amended with the addition of item 5.9 Josie Toninato, Local 510 President. Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

5.0 Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 16, 2013. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.1 Tim Everson, FHS Principal presented the Board with a list of concerns to be addressed with the primary focus on the development and adoption of both short-term and long-term goals. Other topics touched on were class offerings, fiscal responsibility, student retention, school climate, technology, PBIS and bullying perception, CEP offerings, bussing, facilities advertising, pre-school offerings.

5.2 Melissa Tate, FES/WEE Principal presented the Board with comparisons of area pre-school tuition rates and number of sections. She also addressed the benefits of small elementary class sizes.

5.3 Josie Toninato spoke on behalf of Rachel Amdahl, Community Education Director in regards to the potential relocation of the community education office and reduction of the community education secretarial position.

5.4 Jeff Veeder, Transportation Director spoke to the need for the lease or purchase of a 73 passenger bus. He also addressed changing the level of transportation service to encompass all students grades K-12 and the potential need to adjust dismissal times if services were changed.

5.5 Mary Kay Hardwig, Lisa Auran, Luke Zika and Shelby Dowty each spoke to the benefits of small class sizes for their respective grade levels, grades K-2.

5.6 Janet Underdahl, President of Local 4798, spoke in support of the varied roles educational support professionals serve meeting the needs of students.

5.7 Rosa Christianson, ELL Teacher spoke of the need for the ELL program to serve students whose native language is not English.

5.8 Shawn Johnson, Special Education Teacher spoke in support of educational support professionals in the special education setting.

5.9 Josie Toninato, President of Local 510 asked Board for consideration of participation of Local 510 in the Early Retirement Incentive Program under a Memorandum of Understanding. She also requested reinstatement of time from 10 to 11 months for the Falls Elementary secretarial position.

6.0 MEETING DATES & TIMES

6.1 Set a special meeting for February 12 at 5:00 p.m. for public presentations and Board discussion on items presented.

6.2 Set a special meeting for March 11 at 5:00 p.m. for further discussion and adjustments to reduction list.

6.3 Set a special meeting for April 28 at 5:00 p.m. for Board action on reduction list.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by M. Holden to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Attest: W. Kostiuk, Clerk