

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – I.S.D. #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
October 20, 2014  
Falls High School Library – 5:00 P.M.

**PRELIMINARIES:**

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

**2.0 ROLL CALL:** Members present were Gordon Dault, Michelle Hebner, Michael Holden, Willi Kostiuk and student member Gary Harala. Also present was Superintendent Kevin Grover. Member absent was Dena Wenberg.

Media Present: The Journal

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.0 PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Grover requested the addition of Item 14, a closed session be added to the agenda. Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**5.0 OPEN FORUM**

5.1 September Student of the Month certificates were presented to Tayler Hebner and Gary Harala.

5.2 October Student of the Month certificates were presented to Jenna Anderson and Nick Anderson

5.3 Public Open Forum; no request from public

**6.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 15, 2014. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**7.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$357,388.04. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**8.0** Superintendent Grover reported that there is sufficient power for the announcing booth but additional power to the concession stand is needed. The power poles are dated and will be inspected in January at which time further discussion will be required if the poles need replacing.

**9.0** Moved by M. Holden, seconded by M. Hebner to further discuss the status of Bronco wrestling. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Moved by M. Holden, seconded by D. Wagner to add wrestling as a Falls High School MSHSL sport. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### **10.0 Program Consent:** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to approve items 10.1 –

10.6. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$13,287.63.

9/18/14	Education Minnesota; School Calendar	\$250.00
9/25/14	In Honor of Gail Rasmussen from the Alyce Mannausau; Project Read	\$100.00
9/30/14	Rainy Lake Medical Center; PBIS T-Shirts	\$500.00
9/30/14	Bronco Hockey Boosters; Towards HUDL Camera	\$400.00
9/30/14	Boise Paper; Intl Falls Trap Club	\$2500.00
10/10/14	Ironworld Discovery Center; 11th Gr Transportation to Miner's Expo	\$805.20
10/13/14	Friends of Mrs. McDonald's Class; 6th Grade Trip	\$335.00
10/13/14	Purple Pride; FHS Bronco Athletic Activities	<u>\$8397.43</u>

TOTAL \$13,287.63

10.2 Approve the Letter of Agreement between ISD 361 and Rainy Lake Medical Center for PT/OT and speech therapy services for the period of 8/31/2014 through 8/30/2016.

10.3 Approve the request from the Falls High Band to fundraise for an out-of-state trip in Spring of 2016.

10.4 Approve the request from Partners in Education to publish an elementary school yearbook.

10.5 Approve the request from Voyageur Trail Society, Inc. to place a snowmobile trail through a portion of school district property.

10.6 Discontinue the after-school grades 11-12 reading and grade 12 math remediation classes effective immediately.

### **11.0 Personnel Consent:** Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by M. Holden to approve items 11.1 – 11.08. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Member W. Kostiuk made a public declaration of thanks for the four long-term employees who are leaving the district for their many years of hard work.

11.1 Accept the resignation of Levi Pearson as a school custodian effective September 26, 2014.

11.2 Accept the resignation of BethAnne Slatinski as a paraprofessional effective October 10, 2014.

11.3 Accept the resignation due to retirement of Dan Magner as a school custodian with a last employment date of December 31, 2014 and pursuant to the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

11.4 Accept the resignation due to retirement of Judy Hair as an Administrative Assistant with a last employment date of December 31, 2014 and pursuant to the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

11.5 Approve the hire of Steve Johnson as Head Boys/Girls Golf Coach for the 2015 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

11.6 Approve the hire of Brenda LeDuc as an hourly Title I teacher for the 2014-15 school year.

11.7 Approve the hire of Jeremy Anderson as a full-time Transportation Coordinator in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

11.8 Approve the hire of Kersten Krause as a full-time custodian in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

## OTHER NEW BUSINESS

11.9 Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to approve a revision of Policy 426 At Will reflecting an increase in the substitute pay rate for Educational Support

Professionals from \$9.08 to \$11.00/hour and step increases for the Accounts Payable/Receivable position.

- 11.10 Superintendent Grover spoke to the need for either a position or an electronic call-in system to obtain district substitutes. Board directed Superintendent Grover to post/publish a position and if no interest explore further the logistics of a call-in system.

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION:**

### **12.0 Administrative Reports:**

- 12.1 Tim Everson, Principal
- 12.1.1 Enrollment for grades 6-12 is 627.
  - 12.1.2 The "early outs" have been successful with test data being reviewed and math/reading strategies discussed.
  - 12.1.3 PBIS has been very positive and well-received. School spirit seems to be improved.
  - 12.1.4 A pepfest will be held on Tuesday at 11:55-12:10 to send off all falls sports to their respective playoffs.
- 12.2 Melissa Tate, Principal
- 12.2.1 Enrollment P-5 is 581.
  - 12.2.2 Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for October 28th and November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - 12.2.3 The Walk-to-School day was successful with many parents and community members participating.
  - 12.2.4 FES staff has also utilized the "early-out" time to study math/reading data and plan the six week interventions.
- 12.3 Kevin Grover, Superintendent
- 12.3.1 A special meeting for Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. will be scheduled in the Falls High Cafeteria to canvass election results and act on the remaining custodian hires.
  - 12.3.2 Multiple measure Rating (MMR) scores show the school district in the middle of the pack. This is a positive feedback but gives room for improvement.
  - 12.3.3 Voyage Forward is the community effort of where International Falls can go from here. They have split into three committees. The school is an integral part and he encourages Board members to participate.
  - 12.3.4 A Blandin Leadership Community group training is being offered in February with followup in May. Superintendent Grover indicated he would attend if directed but would prefer to defer to another school representative at this time. Board member Mike Holden volunteered to apply.
  - 12.3.5 Blue Ribbon Panel will meet at 7:00 on Wednesday in the Falls High School Library.

### **13.0 Committee Reports:**

- 13.1 Student member Gary Harala reported as follows:

- 13.1.1 Football playoff game is Tuesday, Volleyball playoff is Wednesday with students asked to wear red in honor of Sarah Remus, Cross Country sections are Thursday in Cloquet and next Tuesday Girls Swim will host Mesabi East and have parents' night. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the athletes.
- 13.1.2 National Honor Society induction is Sunday at 2:00 in the Falls High School Cafeteria.
- 13.1.3 The Math Team is organizing and Knowledge Bowl begins next week.

**14.0 CLOSED SESSION:** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wagner to close the meeting at 5:52 p.m. to discuss a 510 grievance. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**REOPEN AND ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to reopen and subsequently adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Attest: W. Kostiuk, Clerk