

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – I.S.D.#361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
Monday, December 15, 2014  
Falls High School Cafeteria - 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:** Board members present were Gordon Dault, Michelle Hebner, Michael Holden, Willi Kostiuk, Darrell Wagner and Dena Wenberg. Also present was Superintendent Kevin Grover and Student Member Gary Harala.

**Media Present:** The Journal

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- 4.0 PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the agenda as presented.

**5.0 OPEN FORUM**

- 5.1 December Student of the Month certificate was presented to Tessa Walls.  
5.2 Public Open Forum; there was no one to address the Board under Open Forum.  
5.3 Appreciation plaques were presented to outgoing Board Members Willi Kostiuk, Dena Wenberg and Darrell Wagner for their years of service on the Board.

- 6.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 17, 2014. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 7.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$252,510.96. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 8.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by W. Kostiuk to adopt the FY15 revised revenue and expenditure budgets. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 9.0** The FY14 audit report was presented by Chris Gruber from Miller, McDonald Inc. Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to approve the FY14 audit. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 10.0 Program Consent:** Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by M. Hebner to approve the program consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$10,790.00.

11/12/14 Donation to Wallace Haglund Scholarship

\$25.00

11/12/14	Ronald Caple; FHS Bronco Hall of Fame	\$100.00
11/17/14	Boise Paper; Fall Athletics	\$765.00
11/17/14	Boise Paper; FHS Wrestling Program	\$2500.00
11/24/14	Bronco Swim Booster; Girls Dive Coach	\$1000.00
11/25/14	McDonald's; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor	\$400.00
11/26/14	Midcontinent Communications; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor	\$500.00
12/02/14	Chocolate Moose; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor	\$500.00
12/02/14	Super One; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor	\$1500.00
12/3/14	Shannon's Heating & Plumbing; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor	\$500.00
12/5/14	Minnesota Power; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor	\$1000.00
12/8/14	Boise Paper; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor	\$1000.00
12/8/14	Wherley Motors; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor	\$1000.00
	Total	\$10,790.00

**11.0 Personnel Consent:** Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the personnel consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 11.1 Accept the resignation of Chelsea Nagle, Educational Support Professional effective December 19, 2014.
- 11.2 Accept the resignation of Jenny Olsen, Educational Support Professional effective December 16, 2014.
- 11.3 Acknowledge early retirement incentive for Onida Kocinski per letter of request received January 23, 2014 with last contract day of June 4, 2015.
- 11.4 Acknowledge early retirement incentive for MaryKay Hardwig per letter of request received January 23, 2014 with last contract day of June 4, 2015.

**12.0 Policy Consent:** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the policy consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 12.1 Adopt Policy 725 School Meal Accounts

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**13.0** Superintendent evaluation forms were given to Board members for completion with the summary to be presented at the regular meeting in January.

**14.0** An overview of the district's World's Best Workforce plan was given by Dr. Mary Donohue Stetz who coordinated the formation of the required plan. Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by M. Holden to adopt the plan with ongoing modifications as needed. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**REPORTS AND INFORMATION:**

**15.0 Administrative Reports:**

- 15.1 The report for Falls High School was given by Superintendent Grover:
  - 15.1.1 Enrollment is 627 for grades 6-12.
  - 15.1.2 Concurrent Enrollment courses for first semester close shortly with meetings being held to coordinate course offerings for next school year.
  - 15.1.3 First semester ends January 16<sup>th</sup> and a teacher inservice will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - 15.1.4 Early out Wednesdays continue to go well with the time utilized for department meetings etc.

- 15.2 Melissa Tate, Principal
  - 15.2.1 Enrollment is 587.
  - 15.2.2 The professional dance troupe was here and worked with select classrooms. It was a very remarkable experience to see students build confidence through dance.
  - 15.2.3 A review of topics discussed at the Early Out Wednesdays was given.
  
- 15.3 Kevin Grover, Superintendent
  - 15.3.1 Strategic planning update; Surveys are being distributed to grades P-6 and a phone message will go out informing parents of the surveys. A phone message will also be sent to parents for grades 7-12 directing them to request or complete the on-line version. Employees are also being directed to complete the survey. On January 7<sup>th</sup> the MSBA representative will meet with Board members for strategic planning followed by meetings for public input on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - 15.3.2 Leave request; Superintendent Grover will be scheduling individual meetings with board members in January and will want to discuss the topic of "leaves" at that time.
  - 15.3.3 Voyage Forward update; This committee continues to move forward and will be requesting the School Board to complete a survey.

**16.0 Committee Reports:**

- 16.1 Student member Gary Harala reported on all of the extracurricular activities relaying current records and upcoming contests. He also reiterated the coat drive that Student Council and NHS are sponsoring. PBIS will now allow students to nominate teachers for awards.

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING – 6:00 p.m.**

Superintendent Grover reviewed the district's expenditures, revenue sources and levy comparisons.

- 17.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the 2014 levy payable in 2015 to secure maximum state funding for education noted in the Minnesota Department of Education documents as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,965,071.88
Community Services Fund	\$ 129,920.03
General Debt Service Fund	\$ 162,892.01
 Total Certified levy	 \$ 2,257,883.92

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by W. Kostiuk to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Attest: W. Kostiuk, Clerk