

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake, Minnesota, was called to order by President Rob Rapheal at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at the School District Offices. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present: Julie Corcoran, Dan Kieger, Karen Morehead, Robert Rapheal, Gail Theisen, Erin Turner and Superintendent Linda Madsen, ex officio. Kathleen Bystrom was absent.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and one change was made. Member Morehead will have a legislative report.

4. VISITORS:

Listening session: Members Kieger and Morehead reported there were no visitors.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Junior and Senior high athletes and coaches were present to give reports on the success of the winter sports season including: boys' swim and dive team placed 2nd at section and were section academic champions; girls' gymnastics finished 3rd in conference and 2nd at the section meet; girls' dance placed 10th in state for kick and 11th in state for jazz and earned academic all state for 8th year in a row; boys' alpine ski team placed 2nd at state; and boys' Nordic ski team were state champions.

Scandia Principal Julie Greiman, along with Geraldine Seaburg, talked about how they are preparing students for a global society with their concept approach to teaching. Scandia completed the application for candidacy two years ago and is now ready to submit IB authorization request.

Positive Happenings: School Board members reported on the many programs, events, meetings and visits to district schools during the past month including: Decades reunion, FLake Fest, school conferences, mystery reader, band concert, PTO meetings, swim meet, 2014 Joint Legislative Conference, Polar Plunge, and The MOST fundraiser.

6. REPORTS:

February 20 board meeting and committee meetings were canceled due to weather.

City of Forest Lake – Member Theisen reported the city and MnDOT are hosting an open house March 18 from 5-7 pm. Design engineers will be on hand with drawings and to answer questions. A deputy clerk has been hired, a park director position is open, and the YMCA survey is ready to begin.

EMID – Member Morehead reported EMID is working with legislators to determine governance of the schools and it looks like they will be turned over to Roseville and Perpich if

things remain as they are, and they have been working with Supt. Madsen, Jennifer Tolzmann and Carolyn Latady on the integration budget.

916 – Member Theisen reported an open house will be March 18 from 9-11:30 and will visit WELS North and John Glenn schools. They met with their Special Education Director and heard about student programming and received an update from Kraus Anderson on one of their 50 year old buildings to decide if they should remodel or rebuild.

Legislative report: Member Morehead reported that she, along with Members Kieger and Theisen, attended the joint legislative conference with the cities, schools and counties. They discussed transportation, upcoming bills and broke into sessions with MSBA. They also discussed “Safe and Support of School Act” and Member Morehead encouraged all to review the bill.

Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Madsen reported that on March 20 the school board will receive a report from: 916, Project SEARCH and the MSBA reports. Bond update: the video, floor and site plans, listing of all work at each school, FAQs, Review and Comment submitted to MDE are on the website and will be communicated to all parents by a Blackboard Connect Ed message from building principals. We continue to share information about the bond with community groups. In planning for construction, the decision was made to move ahead with Kraus Anderson and Martin Pezner Engineering for the elementary portion of the bond project and DLR Architects and ICS for the secondary portion. The roundabouts that are being proposed are at highways 97 and 61 and the intersection by the district office. The city and MnDOT public meeting is March 18 from 5-7 at the high school in the media center. Interviews coming up: March 21 for the Special Education Director and March 31 for the Linwood Principal. Upcoming events: legislative breakfast March 7 at Famous Dave’s sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, mental health activist Kevin Breel will be speaking at the high school on March 21 in the evening, Strategic Planning will be meeting and doing the one year check in on March 24, Festival of Cultures is April 11, Bethel concert is April 25, Spring break is next week, and elementary conferences conclude this evening and tomorrow.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Member Kieger moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1-7.5. The motion was seconded by Member Corcoran. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

7.1 Approved the Minutes of February 6, 2014

7.2 Approved the bills as of March 6, 2014

7.3 Approved Classified Personnel:

Retirement:

Jarousek, Paula – Cook Manager at Scandia Elementary, effective June 6, 2014 after 27 years of service.

Resignation:

Buys, Shannon – School Age Care Program Aide at the Central Learning Center, effective February 7, 2014.

Dobosenski, Elsa – School Age Care Program Aide at Wyoming Elementary, effective February 26, 2014.

Falls, Tammy – Special Education Paraprofessional II at Columbus Elementary, effective March 6, 2014.

Johnson, Melissa – School Bus Driver, effective February 19, 2014.

Joslin, Patricia – Special Education Paraprofessional II at the Central Learning Center ECSE, effective March 6, 2014.

Medek, Karen – School Bus Aide, effective February 8, 2014.

Murphy, Louanne – Cook Helper/Long Hour at Forest Lake Sr. High, effective March 7, 2014.

Olson, Mary Beth – Special Education Paraprofessional II at Southwest Jr. High, effective February 25, 2014.

Peterson, Kimberly – Activities Office Assistant IV at Forest Lake Sr. High, effective January 29, 2014.

End of Employment:

Litecky, Elaine – ECFE Teacher Assistant II at the Family Center, effective October 4, 2013 due to declining staffing needs.

Jansen, Claudia – School Bus Driver, effective March 6, 2014.

Lunn, David – Substitute School Bus Driver, effective February 14, 2014.

Recommendation of Employment:

Hines, Suzanne – School Age Care Office Assistant III at the Central Learning Center, 4 hours per day and 40 weeks per year, effective February 11, 2014. (Open position)

Hohensee, Mary Lou – Special Education Health Care Specialist IV at Wyoming Elementary, 6 hours per day and 37 weeks per year, effective February 13, 2014. (Open position)

Kohlhase, Gina – Noon Duty Supervisor at Forest Lake Elementary, 2 hours per day and 35 weeks per year, effective March 3, 2014. (Open position)

Authorization of Transfer:

Firkus, Lori – from Cook Manager V at Forest View Elementary, 8 hours per day and 185 days per year to Food Service Specialist VI at the Central Learning Center, 7 hours per day and 38 weeks per year, effective March 24, 2014. (Open position)

Martens, Aimee – from Noon Duty Supervisor I at Forest Lake Elementary, 2 hours per day and 35 weeks per year to Payroll Office Assistant III at the District Office, 4 hours per day and 52 weeks per year, effective February 6, 2014. (Open position)

Thompson, Janice – Special Education Paraprofessional II at Linwood Elementary, from 3.5 hours per day to 6 hours per day and 37 weeks per year, effective February 21, 2014. (Open position)

Leave of Absence:

Miles, Ruth – Special Education Paraprofessional II at Columbus Elementary, unpaid leave of absence from May 14, 2014 through May 23, 2014.

Olson, Mary Beth – Special Education Paraprofessional II at Southwest Jr. High, unpaid leave of absence from February 10, 2014 through February 24, 2014.

Tadych, Eunice – School Bus Aide, leave of absence from February 5, 2014 through March 17, 2014

7.4 Approved Licensed Personnel:

Unpaid Leave of Absence:

1. Burk, Terry: Unpaid LOA starting 2/14/14 for an indefinite duration.
2. McMahon-Ricketson, Jacqueline: Unpaid 415 LOA for 2014-15 school year
3. Mold, Brittany: Unpaid Child Care LOA for 2014-15 school year.
4. Papke, Katherine: Unpaid 415 LOA for 2014-15 school year.
5. Snyder, Kristen: Unpaid Child Care LOA for approximately 4/29/14-10/17/14.
6. Soden, Holly: Unpaid LOA for approximately 2/19/14-3/18/14.

Non-Curricular Assignment (on non-contract status):

1. Forsythe, Daniel: Girls' Golf Asst (SR)
2. Hipkins, Thomas: .5 Boys' Track Asst (SR)
3. Link, Heidi: Lacrosse Asst (SR)

Resignation/Retirement:

1. Bercher, Kristin: Resign effective 6/6/14.
2. Lackey, Rebecca: Resign effective 6/6/14.
3. Lovas, Abigail: Resign effective 6/6/14.
4. Spencer, Anna: Resign effective 6/6/14.

Change in Coaching Position:

Tinklenberg, Joel-Lynn: Change method of payment for .5 Sr. High Gymnastics Assistant from teaching contract to payment by voucher, effective at the start of the 14-15 school year.

7.5 Approved the 2014-15 Achievement and Integration Plan and Budget of \$586,353.35.

8. Donations: Member Turner moved, seconded by Member Theisen to adopt the resolution and accept with appreciation the following donations: \$500.00 from Donald E. Person,

Forest Lake to Wyoming Elementary for classroom use (\$250 for Karen Richards and \$250 Shelley Quillen); \$30.00 from Trust – Washington DC to FL Central Learning Center – Central Montessori for student activities; Piano valued at \$700 from Bob & Jennifer Abbott, Forest Lake to Scandia Elementary to provide instruction for music/band classes. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- 9.1 Approve 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 School Calendars – Member Kieger moved to Approve 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 School Calendars. The motion was 2nd by Member Corcoran by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the motion carried.
- 9.2 Approve Crisis Management – Policy 538. Member Theisen moved to approve Crisis Management Policy 538. The motion was 2nd by Member Corcoran by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the motion carried.
- 9.3 Approve Tobacco Free Environment Policy 427. Member Kieger moved to approve Tobacco Free Environment Policy 427. The motion was 2nd by Member Theisen by roll call vote members Corcoran, Kieger, Rapheal, Theisen and Turner voted aye. Member Morehead voted no. The motion carried
- 9.4 Approve New Course – Chinese III. Member Morehead moved to approve New Course – Chinese III. The motion was 2nd by Member Corcoran by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the motion carried
- 9.5 Approval to Submit IB Authorization Request for Scandia Elementary – Member Kieger moved to approve to Submit IB Authorization Request for Scandia Elementary. The motion was 2nd by Member Turner by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the motion carried.
- 9.6 Joint Powers Agreement between Anoka County and the School District of Forest Lake for Administrative Services Related to the May 20, 2014 Special Election. Member Kieger moved to approve Joint Powers Agreement between Anoka County and the School District of Forest Lake for Administrative Services Related to the May 20, 2014 Special Election. The motion was 2nd by Member Morehead by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS – No new business reported.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed communications and upcoming calendar dates.

As there was no further business, Member Turner moved, seconded by Member Theisen to adjourn. All members present voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Rob Rapheal

President

Kathleen Bystrom

Clerk