

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831  
Forest Lake, Minnesota  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
September 2, 2010

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A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake, Minnesota, was called to order by President Bill Bresin on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office Building. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present: Bill Bresin, Kathy Bystrom, Dan Kieger, Karen Morehead, Rob Rapheal, Erin Turner, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Madsen, ex officio. Member Joe Grafft was absent.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and unchanged.

4. VISITORS:

Listening Session – Members Bill Bresin and Erin Turner conducted the 6 pm Listening Session and reported that a few people attended and they talked about the MCA graph on the school newsletter, interest expense on the \$12 million borrowing, the one-time Federal stimulus funds, and increasing student achievement.

Kevin Sundlin addressed the School Board on the proposed changes to secondary credit requirements and asked the district to not reduce credit requirements for Industrial Technology.

Tim Schingen from LATV reported that the station FLTV went “live” on Monday and can be found on local cable channel 20.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Forest View Elementary School – Principal Dr. Janet Palmer reported on the grade level changes between Forest Lake and Forest View Elementary Schools, and the new partial Spanish Immersion program beginning with grade one at Forest View this fall. (Lino Lakes Elementary is also offering the program.). She also thanked the School Board for the parking lot upgrades that will make traffic around the school much safer.

On-line courses – Principal Dr. Steve Massey and Business Education Teacher Kristin Nellis reported on online course offerings and Ms. Nellis demonstrated the online Web Design course that she teaches.

Media Curriculum Review – Elementary Media Specialist Lynn Furnstahl and Secondary Media Specialist Linda Caddy reported on the curriculum review of the Media Department.

Home Connections – Director of Teaching and Learning Jennifer Tolzmann reported on the “Home Connections” program. This new program provides parents with more opportunities to help their students outside of school by having team teachers do home visits and giving parents ideas on supporting learning activities they can do with their students at home.

Positive Happenings: Board Members reported on all the school open houses they attended this week, the opening day program and lunch for staff on Tuesday, August 31, and last week's Chamber of Commerce new teacher luncheon.

REPORTS:

City of Forest Lake – Member Morehead reported that the City of Forest Lake has plans in the works for senior high students to build a concession stand at the city's Fenway ball fields.

Superintendent's report – Dr. Linda Madsen reported that 25 new teachers were hired this year to replace staff that left or on leave of absence, on Monday all teachers returned for the new school year, the Crisis Management Plan was reviewed by staff and area law enforcement in August, the Forest View parking lot improvement project is almost complete, and the new senior high gym floor should be ready in mid-September. Next spring we will be graduating the 100<sup>th</sup> class and the district will be promoting it all year, Spanish Immersion information meetings at Lino Lakes and Forest View Elementary Schools were well attended, enrollment projections are for 6,935 students next Tuesday, and acknowledged Director of Administration and Human Resources Ron Spies' announcement to retire effective January 3, 2011.

The School Board thanked Ron for all his service to the school district.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Member Kieger moved to approve consent agenda items 7.1–7.3. The motion was seconded by Member Bystrom, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

7.1 Approved the Minutes of August 5 & 16, 2010.

7.2 Approved the Bills as of September 2, 2010.

7.3 Classified Personnel:

A. Resignation:

1. Raeann Schultz – eff. 8/20/10.
2. Candace Tate – eff. 8/30/10.

B. Employment: Ann Sonnek – Title I Para./Noon Duty at Wyoming El. eff. 8-17-10.

C. Transfer:

1. Katherine Longfellow – to Special Ed Para. II elementary district-wide eff. 9-7-10.
2. Shelly Medina – to Special Ed Para Intervener III at Wyoming El. eff. 8-25-10.
3. Shelli Reeder – to Community Ed Office Asst. III at the CLC eff. 8-5-10.

D. Unpaid Leave of Absence:

1. Thad Chergosky – July 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010.
2. David Emerson – August 2 through 19, 2010.
3. Dustina Erickson – October 11 through 22, 2010.
4. Ruth Workman – Sept. 7, 2010 through January 2, 2011.

E. Additional position: Special Education Para. II for elementary district-wide, 7.5 hr./day, 37 wk./yr. eff. 9-7-10.

7.4 Licensed Personnel: Member Rapheal acknowledged Ron Spies' notice to retire and the School Board thanked him for his service to the district the past 5.5 years. Member Rapheal moved, seconded by Member Morehead, to approve the licensed personnel changes. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

A. Unpaid Leave of Absence:

1. Jane Bona – Extended leave of absence 2010-11 through 2014-15.
2. Kim Vanneste - Leave of absence for 2010-11 school year.

B. Non-Curricular Assignment: Ashley Anklam – Girls' Assistant Cross Country Coach (FLHS).

C. Resignation:

1. Lydia Juairé – Release from contract effective immediately.
2. Shane O'Reilly – Release from contract effective immediately.
3. Ruth Willius – Resign as ECFE teacher effective 5/19/10.

D. Retirement: Ron Spies – Retire effective January 3, 2011.

E. Employment (for 2010-11 school year):

1. Trisha Becker – Full-time regular contract.
2. Benjamin Dahmes – Full-time regular contract.
3. Jeanne D'Aloia – Full-time regular contract.
4. Renee Frericks – Full-time regular contract.
5. Chelsea Hammond - Full-time regular contract.
6. Heidi Leigh – Full-time regular contract.
7. Katherine Lightfoot Fagnan - .5 FTE regular contract.
8. Rachael Narveson – Full-time regular contract.
9. Alyssa Nelson – Full-time regular contract.
10. Sarah Schuppenhauer – Full-time regular contract.
11. Briana Sykora – Full-time regular contract and award Tenure.
12. Scott Urness – Add one (1) additional week to Dean contract.
13. Ashley Wilke – .68 FTE regular contract.
14. Wendy Wright – Full-time regular contract.

F. Employment as a .42 FTE Title I Teacher for 2010-11:

1. Leslie Bergerson
2. Christine Brewster
3. Amanda Carlson
4. Constance DuRei
5. Linda Foster
6. Joan Harms
7. Patricia Hogle
8. Paulette Miller
9. Stephanie Olson
10. Geraldine Seaburg
11. Pamela Strukel
12. Carol Young

- 8.0 Donations: Member Kieger introduced the resolution to accept with appreciation the following contributions and permit the use as designated by the donor. The motion was duly seconded by Member Rapheal, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted. Donations: \$500.00 donation for uniforms for the 2010 FLHS girls' tennis team from Unger Meat Co.; ten \$20 (total \$200) Walmart gift cards for "Living on Less" Resource Fair via Community Education from Recycool; \$1,500 for Scandia Elementary's Destination Imagination team trip to Globals in TN from the Scandia Elem. PTO, \$200 from the Forest Lake Area Retired Educators for the FLHS Choir program, and \$21,076 from the Wyoming Elementary PTA to fund SMART Boards, classroom grants, teacher appreciation, and last-day-of-school celebration at Wyoming Elementary.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
- 9.1 Annual Report – Member Kieger moved, seconded by Member Turner, to approve the 2009-10 Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.
- 9.2 Police Liaison Agreements – Member Turner moved to approve the two-year junior high and senior high schools' Police Liaison Officer Joint Powers Service Agreements effective 2010-11 school year. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, by roll call vote all members present voted aye, and the motion carried.
10. NEW BUSINESS:
- 10.1 Secondary Credit Changes – Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Tolzmann gave a power point presentation on the request to increase grades 7-12 science credits by ½ credit for junior high and ½ credit for senior high. This change would entail reducing credit requirements in Art, Business, FACS, and Industrial Tech. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board consideration and action.
11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed communications and upcoming calendar dates. The first committee meetings of the new school year will be Thursday, September 9, 2010.

As there was no further business, at 8:58 p.m. Member Morehead moved, seconded by Member Bystrom, to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

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Bill Bresin

President

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Dan Kieger

Clerk