

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 5, 2010

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, August 5, 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, Joe Grafft, Dan Kieger, Rob Rapheal, Erin Turner, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Madsen, ex officio. Member Morehead was absent.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and due to Member Morehead's absence there will not be a report on the City of Forest Lake.

4. VISITORS:

Listening Session – Members Joe Grafft and Rob Rapheal conducted the 6 pm Listening Session and reported that one person attended to discuss financial borrowing and interest rates due to the state's aid payment delays, and public perception on the state and federal student testing requirements.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Senior High student accomplishments – Activities Director Joel Olson introduced students from the girls' softball team who reported that this spring they again made it to the state tournament where they won the "Consolation" trophy.

ALC/CLC/Central Montessori – Principal Gayle McGrane reported on the success of the summer school program that served 850 students this year. Due to the grade-level changes and classroom moves between Forest View and Forest Lake Elementary Schools, the elementary program was moved to Columbus Elementary School. Ms. McGrane suggested that in the future they may move this program around to other district elementary schools. Principal McGrane also reported on the changes to and successes of the Area Learning Center and Central Montessori Schools.

Laurel Walker and Dr. Donley Johnson gave a report on The Education Foundation of the Forest Lake Area (TEFFLA). In June TEFFLA was granted non-profit IRS tax-exempt status 501(c)(3). The goal of the foundation is to develop an endowment fund that will enhance opportunities benefiting youth, teachers, programs, and communities.

Indian Education – Family Support Advocate Carolyn Latady and four other members of the Indian Education parent committee reported on the district's new Indian Education program.

Positive Happenings: Joe Grafft reported that the new senior high gym floor is scheduled to be done the first week of September. Dan Kieger commented that the community ed LINK program continues to support and provide activities for district youth. Erin Turner is involved with the summer soccer program. August 11 is the “Living on Less” resource fair at Maranatha Church and Kathy Bystrom reported that 160 backpacks full of school supplies are ready to be handed out to needy students. Member Bystrom asked for a report on Advanced Placement courses as she understands our student AP scores this spring were very high. She also urged everyone to read Principal Gayle McGrane’s book entitled, “Building Authentic Relationships with Youth At Risk”. Rob Rapheal feels that positive momentum is really building in the district due to new programs, activities, and opportunities for kids.

REPORTS:

Superintendent’s report – Dr. Linda Madsen reported that the Forest View parking lot improvements and the new senior high gym floor are on schedule to be finished before school starts. The Forest Lake Area Partnership for Families, Inc. is holding a “Living on Less” resource fair at Maranatha Church on August 11. At this time about 22 new teachers will attend the new teacher workshops August 24-27, and the Chamber of Commerce new teacher luncheon will be August 25. Tuesday, August 31 will be the 2010-11 kick-off and lunch at the senior high, and the parent back-to-school newsletter is scheduled to be mailed out around August 10. Dr. Madsen introduced the new Lino Lakes Elementary School Principal Ronald Burris who started on July 26th.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Member Grafft moved to approve consent agenda items 7.1–7.6. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

7.1 Approved the Minutes of June 24 and July 13, 2010.

7.2 Approved the Bills as of August 5, 2010.

7.3 Classified Personnel:

A. Retirement: Willis Paumen – eff. 10/15/10.

B. Resignation: Wendy MacFarlane – eff. 6/1/10.

C. Employment:

1. Karla Jankowski – to Noon Duty Supv. eff. 9/7/10.

2. Mary Lou Rachel – to Cued Speech Transliterator VI eff. 9/7/10.

D. Transfer:

1. Ann McMahon – Cook Helper/Long Hour at Lino Lakes Elem. eff. 8/26/10.

2. Janice Reely – Accounts Payable Office Asst. IV eff. 7/8/10.

E. Unpaid Leave of Absence:

1. Ruth Endthoff – Sept. 1 through October 8, 2010.

2. Mary Beth Johnson – October 15 through Nov. 1, 2010.

F. Decrease hours: Timothy Conley – to 35 hr./wk., 35 wk./yr., 20 hrs./wk. eff. 8/23/10.

G. Additional position: Comm. Education Athletic Planner V at the CLC, up to 18 hr./wk., 45 wk./yr., eff. 8/23/10.

7.4 Licensed Personnel:

A. Unpaid Leave of Absence:

1. Erin Burton – Child care leave of absence Feb. 2, 2011 to Feb. 1, 2013 (2 yr.)
2. Bonnie Johnson – Policy 415 unpaid leave of absence for 2010-11 school year.
3. Sandra Learned – Extended five-year leave of absence beginning 2010-11 and ending with the 2014-15 school year.
4. Jenny Marshall – Child care leave of absence on or about Jan. 11-21, 2011.
5. Amanda Maunu – Child care leave of absence for 2010-11 school year.

B. Non-Curricular Position:

1. Erin Casey – 9th grade Volleyball Coach (FLHS).
2. Chris Fahey – 9th grade Head Football Coach (FLHS).
3. Kelli Frericks – SADD Advisor (FLHS)
4. Tara Kude - .453 SADD Coordinator (FLHS).
5. Phil Raaen – Summer Band Director (SW & CJH).
6. Sarah Schuppenhauer – Girls’ Assistant Swim Coach (FLHS).
7. Nathan White – 8th grade boys’ Head Football Coach (CJH).

C. Resignation:

1. Tracy Maxwell – Resign effective 8/23/10.
2. Lauren Stordahl – Resign effective immediately.

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

1. Sarah Anderson – Full-time regular contract.
2. Ronald Burris – Elementary Principal effective July 26, 2010.
3. Robert DeGroot - .5 regular contract.
4. Ryan Finke – Full-time regular contract.
5. Kyle Fletcher – Full-time regular contract.
6. Wendy Pickar – Increase regular contract from .5 to .8 FTE.
7. Lindsay Marie Wilcox – Full-time regular contract.

7.5 Approved membership in ECSU for 2010-11.

7.6 Approved membership in the Minnesota School Board Association for 2010-11.

8.0 Donations: Member Grafft 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 Kieger, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted. Donations: \$862.19 Wii game system for the LINK program from the Knights of Columbus; \$500 for Lino Lakes Elementary technology from the Lino Lakes Lions Club; \$6,000 Ferrari car kit for T&I classroom instruction and project from Gabriel Brubash, \$300 executive mahogany desks for the Teen Center from Ameriprise Financial Services; \$535 from General Mills’ Box Tops for Education for Scandia Elementary; \$649.50 from Lifetouch National School Studios for Scandia Elementary educational supplies, and \$200 Playstation II with 75 games and rock band set for Youth Development and LINK program from Jody Mogren.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- 9.1 School Liaisons – Member Kieger moved, seconded by Member Bystrom, to approve the following School Board liaisons for 2010-11. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Columbus Elem. – Joe Grafft
Forest Lake Elem. – Kathy Bystrom
Forest View Elem. – Erin Turner
Lino Lakes Elem. – Karen Morehead
Linwood Elem. – Bill Bresin
Scandia Elem. – Rob Rapheal
Wyoming Elem. – Dan Kieger
Central Learning Center – Joe Grafft, Karen Morehead
Century Junior High – Dan Kieger, Bill Bresin
Southwest Junior High – Rob Rapheal, Kathy Bystrom
Senior High – Erin Turner, Kathy Bystrom
Bus Garage – Dan Kieger, Joe Grafft

- 9.2 SHIP Contracts – Member Grafft moved to approve the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Contracts with Anoka and Chisago Counties. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, by roll call vote all members present voted aye except Member Bystrom who abstained, and the motion carried.

- 9.3 Mental Health Interagency Agreements – Member Grafft moved to approve the mental health services interagency agreements from John Merges, the Youth Service Bureau, and Licensed Psychologist Dawn Bove'. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, by roll call vote all members present voted aye except Member Bystrom who abstained, and the motion carried.

- 9.4 FLEA Memo of Understanding – Member Kieger moved to approve the FLEA Memorandum of Understanding III which includes ABE and ECFE in the FLEA Agreement effective 6/30/10. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

- 9.5 Strategic Plan – Superintendent Madsen presented the results of the 2009-10 Strategic Plan and the Strategic Plan for 2010-11. Member Kieger moved to accept the 2009-10 Strategic Plan and approve the Strategic Plan for 2010-11 as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Turner, by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the motion carried.

- 9.6 Tax Levy Calendar – Member Bystrom moved to approve the tax levy calendar and set the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing for 6 pm on 12/2/10 at the school district office. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, all members voted aye and the motion carried.
- 9.7 Additional staffing – Due to increasing enrollment, administration recommended hiring additional 1.5 FTE kindergarten teachers at Forest View Elementary for 2010-11. Member Rapheal moved to add 1.5 FTE kindergarten teachers at Forest View Elementary. The motion was seconded by Member Turner, by roll call vote all members vote aye and the motion carried.
10. NEW BUSINESS: None.
11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed communications and upcoming calendar dates. There will be a School Board work session on Monday, August 16 to discuss the levy and bond referendums. There will be an open house at Lino Lakes Elementary School on Thursday, August 12 from 8 am to 8 pm for new principal Ronald Burris. The all-staff in-service kickoff and lunch will be Tuesday, August 31.

As there was no further business, at 8:55 p.m. Member Bystrom moved, seconded by Member Rapheal, to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

Bill Bresin

President

Dan Kieger

Clerk