

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831  
Forest Lake, Minnesota  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
March 4, 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, March 4, 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, Karen Morehead, Rob Rapheal, Erin Turner and Superintendent Dr. Linda Madsen, ex officio.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and unchanged.

4. VISITORS:

Listening Session – Members Bresin and Morehead conducted the Listening Session and reported that most of the discussion was about the EMID proposal.

LATV – Tim Schingen from LATV reported that they have filmed 17 different school events this year, and announced that they are planning on adding a second local television station at the senior high.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Student Prudential Award – Southwest Junior High Principal Marc Peterson announced that two of his students are Prudential Award recipients. Mr. Gary Paulson from Prudential awarded finalist Amber McCarthy with a medallion and Minnesota junior winner Ashley Westerman with a silver medallion. Along with this honor, Ashley has won a trip to Washington DC.

Southwest Junior High – Principal Marc Peterson explained “student-led” conferences, and teacher Bruce Hafften along with a student and her parent, gave a demonstration of a student-led conference.

Positive Happenings:

Erin Turner reported that she attended the district spelling bee and the recent senior high “Got Talent” program.

Kathy Bystrom reported that many people were at Forest View’s school carnival, and she attended Forest Lake’s Polar Plunge last week.

Rob Rapheal attended the senior high Band-o-Rama and the talent show.

Dan Kieger reported that he was on the Polar Plunge “Loons” team for Lino Lakes Elementary that raised money for Lino Lakes school technology. He also attended the FFA banquet on Tuesday.

Karen Morehead reported that she attended many events the past few weeks including the jazz concert, the talent show, a meeting with home-school parents, and the FFA banquet.

Joe Grafft reported that he taught CPR and AED procedures to 73 district staff members at the February 15<sup>th</sup> in-service.

Bill Bresin reported that he attended the FFA banquet and the Band-o-Rama concert.

#### REPORTS:

Buildings & Grounds – Rob Rapheal reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed roofs and roofing strategy with Garland Company, and discussed district budget concerns.

Communications – Kathy Bystrom reported that the Communications Committee discussed budget reductions and creative ways to reduce the budget, and school-pride stickers.

Finance – Bill Bresin reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the state and school district's budget situation.

Policy – Dan Kieger reported that the Policy Committee discussed school budget issues, the Crisis Management Policy, and Use of Student Records policy.

Staff Welfare – Joe Grafft reported that the Staff Welfare Committee reviewed levy timelines, the EMID proposal, and school board code of ethics.

City of Forest Lake – Karen Morehead reported that the Forest Lake City Council has finalized the agreement with the Forest Lake Athletic Association (FLAAA) to take care of the city's ballfields in Fenway Park.

Superintendent's report – Superintendent Madsen reported that our FFA has been named one of five of the top programs in the U.S. Fifty-seven students have signed up for the new Spanish Immersion program next fall and plans at this time are for one section at Lino Lakes Elementary School and two at Forest View. Superintendent Madsen is meeting monthly with staff and is gathering many good positive comments and ideas. An Elvis concert will be held on March 13 with proceeds going to a new gym floor at the senior high. Spring break is next week – March 8-12 and due to the break, school board committee meetings will be March 18. Minnesota was not selected for the Race to the Top grant, but may be able to re-apply next summer. New School Board Members are invited to attend the MSBA Phase III and IV training.

#### 7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Member Grafft moved to approve consent agenda items 7.1–7.5. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

7.1 Approved the meeting Minutes of February 4 & 18, 2010.

7.2 Approved the Bills as of March 4, 2010.

### 7.3 Approved Classified Personnel:

- A. Resignation: Emily Berg – eff. 3/1/10.
- B. Employment: Lynnette Ruter – eff. 2/9/10.
- C. Transfer:
  - 1. Judith Merrell – SAC Program Aide eff. 3/1/10 to 6/10/10.
  - 2. Allyse Petroski – SAC Program Aide eff. 3/1/10.
  - 3. Krista Windisch – SAC Program Aide eff. 3/1/10 to 6/10/10.
- D. Leave of Absence:
  - 1. Renee Coleman – May 13-24, 2010.
  - 2. Susan Hefta – April 21-28, 2010.
  - 3. Evangeline Knutson – Feb. 26 – June 10, 2010.
  - 4. Penney Omodt – Jan. 27 – Feb. 3, 2010.
  - 5. Bernadean Sausen – Feb. 26 – April 11, 2010.
  - 6. Jodie Zajac – Jan. 31 – June 10, 2010.

### 7.4 Licensed Personnel:

- A. Unpaid Leave of Absence:
  - 1. Kelly Johnson – Policy 415 leave of absence for the 2010-11 school year.
  - 2. Jan Mrozinski – Policy 415 leave of absence for the 2010-11 school year.
  - 3. Katherine Papke – Child care leave of absence for the 2010-11 school year.
- B. Non-Curricular Position (on voucher basis):
  - 1. Ross Alm – Boys' 7<sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Baseball Coach (CJH).
  - 2. Scott Beglinger - .5 Elementary Student Council Advisor (FLE).
  - 3. Cheryl Binder – Vocal Music Advisor (Wyo.)
  - 4. Sandy Briggs – Elementary Band Advisor (district-wide).
  - 5. Pojanat Chayabutr – Elementary District Orchestra (district-wide).
  - 6. Heather Davis - .5 Elementary Student Council Advisor and Destination Imagination Coach (FLE).
  - 7. Tricia Hofeld - .6 First Assistant Spring Play Advisor (FLHS).
  - 8. Dan Kramer – Elementary Band Advisor (district-wide).
  - 9. Melissa Marr – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls' Assistant Softball Coach (CJH).
  - 10. Laura Palke - .5 Newspaper Advisor (FLHS).
  - 11. David Sauer – Elementary Future Problem Solving Coach (FV).
  - 12. Violet Shortly – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' Head Softball Coach (CJH).
  - 13. Sarah Stout - .4 First Assistant Spring Play Advisor (FLHS).
  - 14. Diane Talbot – Music Concert Advisor (FLE & CME).
  - 15. Rachel Turry – .2314 Assistant Gymnastics Coach (FLHS).
  - 16. Erik Zentzis – 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' Head Baseball Coach (CJH).
- C. Employment:
  - 1. Mollie Caspers – Long-term substitute contract 1/20/10 to 6/11/10.
  - 2. Jeanne Degerstrom – Long-term substitute contract 2/17/10 to 6/7/10.
  - 3. Lindsey Nash - Long-term substitute contract 2/15/10 to 5/6/10.

D. Resignation:

1. Kate Smith – Resign effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year.
2. Alison Peterson – Resign effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year.

7.5 Student Teaching Agreement – Approved a student teaching agreement and resolution with Southwest Minnesota State University effective January 2010 to July 2012.

8.0 Donations: Member Grafft introduced the resolution to accept with appreciation the following contributions and permit their use as designated by the donors. The motion was duly seconded by Member Morehead, all members present voted aye and the resolution was adopted. Donations: \$40 for the 2010 Festival of Cultures and \$2,375 for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat from the Century Junior High PTO; \$250 from Sam’s Club for D. Grundei’s Columbus Elem. classroom; \$344.05 from Kemp’s Nickels for Schools for Wyoming Elem. educational materials; \$110 from Dean Foods Co. for Wyoming Elem. educational purposes; \$100 from Nicole Kraemer for Scandia Elem. student enrichment; \$750 trombone for the elementary band program from Sandra Chaussee; \$100 for the Festival of Cultures from the Columbus Elementary PTO, \$144 bottled water for staff in-service from Custom Water Works; \$96 juice cups for staff in-service from Golden Valley Management; \$120 cinnamon rolls for staff in-service from Pillsbury; and \$200 from Scandia Heating & Air Conditioning for supplies for the student art contest displayed at the Forest Lake Expo.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

9.1 EMID – Member Kieger moved to adopt the Resolution Approving Forest Lake School District 831 Joining the East Metro Integration Joint Powers District 6067 effective July 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

Member Morehead offered to be the School Board representative to EMID. Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Kieger, to appoint Karen Morehead as the representative to EMID. All members voted aye except Member Morehead who abstained. Motion carried.

9.2 Survey – Member Kieger moved to approve conducting a scientific random sample survey with Springsted, Inc. not to exceed \$21,500. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft, by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the motion carried.

9.3 Calendars – Member Morehead moved to adopt the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school calendars. The motion was seconded by Member Bystrom, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

9.4 New Media Courses – Member Grafft moved to approve new courses “Media Production” and “Advanced Media Production” beginning with the 2010-11 school year. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, all members voted aye and the motion carried

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 Retirement Options – Member Grafft moved to direct administration to develop an optional health reimbursement account payment program for substitute teachers along with teacher retiree training session. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

10.2 Crisis Management Policy – First reading of Crisis Management Policy #535. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board action.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed upcoming calendar dates. Due to the district’s winter break March 8-12, the committee meetings will be held March 18.

At 8:45 p.m. Member Rapheal, seconded by Member Grafft, moved to recess the regular meeting to go into closed session to discuss a student expulsion. The closed meeting convened at 8:53 p.m. At 9:35 p.m., the regular meeting was reconvened and Member Grafft moved to adopt the Resolution Expelling a Student. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted. Copy of resolution in official minutes book.

As there was no further business, Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Kieger, to adjourn. All members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Bill Bresin

President

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Dan Kieger

Clerk