

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 3, 2009

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake, Minnesota, was called to order by President Bill Bresin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at the School District Office Building. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present: Bill Bresin, Julie Corcoran, David Gay, Dan Kieger, Eric Langness, Rob Rapheal, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Madsen, ex officio. Member Joe Grafft was absent.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and unchanged.

4. VISITORS:

Minnesota Senator Rick Olseen reported on education issues addressed in the last legislative session and issues facing the legislature next year.

H1N1 – Fred Anderson and Lowell Johnson from Washington County Public Health addressed the School Board on the H1N1 novel virus and the guidelines and support they will be providing.

Listening Session: Members Eric Langness and Dan Kieger reported that four people attended the Listening Session where they discussed the grad testing scores, and the enthusiasm of the senior high Pep Band.

Parents Mike Nelson and Kevin Glazek spoke regarding student safety issues at the senior high. They were encouraged to contact Superintendent Madsen to discuss their concerns.

FLEA President Tony Harris reported that staff has returned for a new school year and the excitement and energy level is very high.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Lino Lakes Elementary – Principal Jan Masterson announced that on August 20th Lino Lakes Elementary School was named a “School of Excellence” by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association, and gave an overview of the Minnesota School of Excellence Program and what is involved.

World Language Curriculum Review - Senior High world language teacher Megan Espe-Och presented a review of the district’s World Language program and curriculum.

Positive Happenings:

Bill Bresin attended the Forest Lake Elementary and Century Junior High open houses this week, and the all-staff opening session on Monday. He announced that the Forest Lake senior high FFA display took first place at the State Fair.

Julie Corcoran announced that she also attended the Forest Lake Elementary open house and it was well attended by students and their parents.

Dan Kieger attended open houses at Scandia and Montessori Elementary Schools.

Rob Rapheal commented that there was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm at the Century Junior High open house. He also reported that he was impressed that his son's bus driver came to his house to talk about his son's bus pick up.

REPORTS:

Language Immersion Task Force – Superintendent Madsen reported that our language task force will be visiting the full language immersion model at Lakes International Language Academy (LILA) on September 11, and will also be touring a partial immersion model in Northfield. The task force plans on presenting their recommendation to the School Board in October.

Superintendent's report – Superintendent Madsen introduced new senior high Assistant Principal Jim Caldwell. Jim worked in our district previously as a teacher and Dean. Gayle McGrane has published an article in a University of Minnesota School of Social Work publication. Her article is titled: "Foster Care & School: It is about Communication". Dr. Madsen reported that she has recently met with LATV, the Retired Educators group, and the Youth Service Bureau. President Obama's speech to students will not be shown to students on Tuesday. The new and all-teacher in-services and community-sponsored luncheons went very well and staff is ready for a new school year.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Member Kieger moved to approve consent agenda items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4. The motion was seconded by Member Gay, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

7.1 Approved the minutes of August 6 and 25, 2009.

7.2 Approved the Bills as of September 3, 2009.

7.4 Licensed Personnel:

A. Reinstate Leave of Absence: Keri Krueger – Reinstate child care leave of absence for the 2009-10 school year.

B. Non-Curricular Position:

1. Chris Conley – Boys' Assistant Soccer Coach.
2. Laura Edlund – change FTE from .6133 to .69 Assistant Girl's Track Coach.
3. Angie Ryan – Assistant Volleyball Coach.
4. Heather Vanbuskirk – 8th grade Head Volleyball Coach.
5. Kelly Wing – High school International Club Advisor.
6. Danielle Wyse – Freshman Volleyball Coach.
7. Erik Zentzis – 7th grade boys' Assistant Football Coach.
8. Barry Zumwalde – Senior High Band Director.

C. Change in Contract Status:

1. Jane Bernauer – Curriculum Coordinator including 4 additional weeks and Coordinator stipend.
2. Travis Gjerner – Senior High Dean including 3 additional weeks and Dean stipend.

D. Employment (effective 2009-10):

1. Michelle Baland – Full-time regular contract including 3 extended weeks and Dean stipend.
2. Allison Eicher – Full-time regular contract.
3. Christopher Fahey – Full-time regular contract.
4. Darcy Huspek - Full-time regular contract.
5. Angela Kautz - .5 regular contract.
6. Rebecca Miller - Full-time regular contract including extra hour assignment.
7. Barry Zumwalde – Full-time regular contract.

- 7.3 Classified Personnel: Member Langness moved, seconded by Member Gay, to approve the following classified personnel. By roll call vote Members Bresin, Corcoran, Gay, Langness and Rapheal voted aye. Member Kieger abstained. Member Grafft was absent. The motion carried.

A. Resignation:

1. Linda Espelien – eff. 8-21-09.
2. Jennifer Gilbert – eff. 8-24-09.
3. William Gordon – eff. 10-31-09.
4. Vicki Sumption – eff. 8-19-09.
5. Molly Valentin – eff. 8-10-09.

B. Employment:

1. Michelle Chanak – eff. 9-8-09.
2. Shanna Holt – eff. 9-8-09.
3. Samuel Larson - eff. 8-24-09.
4. Bernadette Zeller – eff. 8-17-09.

C. Transfer:

1. Patricia Beise – to Cook Helper/Long Hour at SW Junior High, eff. 9-8-09.
2. Kevin Elfers – B shift Custodian at SW Junior High, eff. 8-10-09.

D. Recall from FLAEP Lay-off Status: Joy Mouch – eff. 9-8-09.

E. Leave of Absence:

1. Allison Greniger – from Sept. 21 through October 30, 2009.
2. CJ Jacob – from August 10 through September 18, 2009.
3. Colleen Peterson – return to work on September 8, 2009.
4. Jodie Zajac – extend LOA from September 8 through November 3, 2009.

F. Additional Position: ECFE Office Assistant II at the CLC, 30 hrs./wk., 32 wk./year effective end of September, 2009.

G. Additional Hours:

1. Joyce Collins – to 2.5 hr./day, 35 wk./yr. eff. 9-8-09.
2. Jean Enrooth – from 2 hr./day, 35 wk./yr. eff. 9-8-09.
3. Michelle Ihfe – to 2.5 hr./day, 35 wk./yr. eff. 9-8-09.
4. Linda Kieger – to 3 hr./day, 4 days/wk. and 32 wk./yr and Noon Duty: 2 hr./day, 5 days/wk., 37 wk./yr. eff. beginning of 2009-10 school year.
5. Cynthia Svardahl – to 3.25 hr./day, 4 days/wk. and 32 wk./yr. and Noon Duty: 2 hr./day, 5 days/wk., 37 wk./yr. eff. beginning of 2009-10 school year.

8.0 Donations: Member Kieger 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 Langness, all members present voted aye and the resolution was adopted. Donations: \$250 donation from Richard and Elizabeth Sandstrom for SMART Boards at Scandia Elementary; \$430.80 from General Mills' Box Tops for Education for educational materials and activities at Scandia Elementary, \$9,791.34 from the Forest Lake Elementary PTA for three SMART Boards for Forest Lake Elementary, and \$25 Wal Mart gift card from Sam's Club for the Teen Center, \$23,011.24 from the Wyoming Elementary PTA to fund student activities and programs at Wyoming Elementary School.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

9.1 Annual Report – Member Kieger moved to approve the Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Performance for 2008-09. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, all members present voted aye and the motion carried. It was requested that this document be posted on the website in larger type to make it easier to read.

10. NEW BUSINESS: None.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed upcoming calendar dates. There will be a School Board Meeting and committee meetings on September 10, 2009.

At 8:35 p.m. Member Langness moved, seconded by Member Gay, to recess the regular meeting to go into closed session to receive a security briefing regarding Forest Lake Senior High School. Following a brief recess, the closed session convened at 8:45 pm with all members except Joe Grafft in attendance. The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m. The meeting was again recessed to go into a closed session to discuss negotiation parameters for Directors, Principals, Supervisors, Family Support Advocate, Communications Coordinator, and the Assessment & Evaluation Coordinator. All members except Joe Grafft were present. The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:29 p.m. and as there was no further business, Member Langness moved, seconded by Member Gay, to adjourn. All members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Bill Bresin

President

Rob Rapheal

Clerk