

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 7, 2009

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake, Minnesota, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 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, Joe Grafft, Dan Kieger, Eric Langness, Rob Rapheal, and Superintendent Lynn Steenblock, ex officio.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and President Bresin announced that the School Board will be hearing reports on student activities and athletic accomplishments.

4. VISITORS:

Listening Session: Members Grafft and Kieger reported that one parent attended the listening session and discussed the Lacrosse sport and last week's Academic Awards breakfast at the American Legion.

Jim Banta believes that the new Superintendent should already have experience as a School Superintendent.

Student Samantha Carlson along with Lacrosse athletes, parents and coaches requested that the School Board consider making Lacrosse a school-sanctioned sport.

Joel Olson introduced the advisors, coaches and students from wrestling, speech and FFA who reported on their individual and team successes and participation at their respective state tournaments.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Forest Lake Senior High Student Report – Forest Lake Senior High student council co-chairs Sam Kolbow and Kaitlin Groeneweg reported on some of the many fund drives and activities sponsored by the student council.

Scandia Elementary School – Principal Julie Greiman along with teachers Greg Krentz, Kathy Garry, Emily Ziemer and Mark Miron reported on the specialized and differentiated math instruction program they developed to enhance the sixth grade math curriculum at Scandia Elementary School.

Positive Happenings:

Dan Kieger commented on the Community Services information sheet highlighting programs at the Family Center.

Dan Kieger announced that Lino Lakes Elementary School technology instructor Diane Giorgi received a \$7,460 Qwest Foundation Teacher and Technology grant.

Rob Rapheal announced that the recent senior high annual music festival at Bethel College was again exceptional.

Positive Happenings (continued):

Eric Langness commented that the Superintendent candidate site visit to St. Cloud went well.

Joe Grafft reported that when he visits the senior high he always encounters considerate students who have pride in their school.

6. REPORTS:

Language Immersion Task Force – Dr. Linda Madsen reported that the language task force continues to meet and plans to have a recommendation for the School Board in the fall.

Buildings & Grounds – Rob Rapheal reported that the committee discussed the demolition of the old maintenance building behind the Central Learning Center, and gap analysis at Scandia Elementary.

Communications – David Gay reported that at the last meeting the Communications Committee reviewed the 2009-10 calendar, the end-of-the-year newsletter, the fall beginning-of-the-year newsletter, school brochures and the “key communicators” group.

Finance – Julie Corcoran reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the budget, received a legislative update, discussed future funding for schools and budget reductions.

Policy – Eric Langness reported that at the last Policy Committee Meeting they discussed the updated wellness policy.

Staff Welfare – Bill Bresin reported that the Staff Welfare Committee discussed Q Comp, the Superintendent search, the Maroon & Gold building uses, and the Lacrosse sport.

City of Forest Lake – Julie Corcoran reported that she has emailed a city councilmember.

Superintendent Lynn Steenblock reported:

- 1) The Annual Retirement Recognition will be May 20.
- 2) By visiting Columbus Elementary, the gap analysis committee has completed their site visits.
- 3) The teacher’s union voted down Q Comp.
- 4) Teachers will be voting on the contract by the end of the month.
- 5) The final stimulus funding revenue is yet to be determined.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Gay, to approve consent agenda items 7.1-7.4. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

7.1 Approved the minutes of April 2, May 1 and May 2, 2009.

7.2 Approved the Bills as of May 7, 2009.

7.3 Classified Personnel:

- A. Retirement: James Guerin – 6/3009.
- B. Termination:
 - 1. Timothy Lawrence – eff. 4/3/09.
 - 2. Brian Quehl – eff. 4/2/09.
 - 3. Kathleen Shusta – eff. 4/2/09.
- C. Transfer: Shelly Beck – to Cook Helper/Long Hour at Century Junior High, eff. 5/18/09.
- D. Unpaid Leave of Absence:
 - 1. Timothy Conley – May 4 through May 18 or 25, 2009.
 - 2. Wendy MacFarlane – April 14 through June 5, 2009.
 - 3. Jonelle Mattson – March 30 through June 5, 2009.
 - 4. Jeanie Nelson – April 13 through May 25, 2009.
 - 5. Eileen Peterson – April 9 through May 8, 2009.
 - 6. Barbara Rowley – April 23 through April 30, 2009.
 - 7. Jodie Zajac – April 21 through June 5, 2009.
- E. Lay-off due to Budget Reductions eff. end of 2008-09 school year:
 - 1. Carole Caputa
 - 2. Martha Charpentier
 - 3. Kathleen Dagastino
 - 4. Dustina Erickson
 - 5. Valerie Handstad
 - 6. Cathy Jaqua
 - 7. Debra Norman
 - 8. Linda Walton
- F. Employment Status Changes due to Budget Reductions effective beginning 2009-10:
 - 1. Tamara Marshall – AV Coordinator V, 8 hr./day, 37 wk./yr.
 - 2. Jeannine Swanson – AV Office Assistant III at Southwest Junior High, 7hr./day, 37 wk./year.

7.4 Licensed Personnel:

- A. Unpaid Leave of Absence:
 - 1. Dennis Hughes – Medical leave of absence for 2009-10.
 - 2. Keri Krueger – Child care leave of absence for 2009-10 school year.
 - 3. Katherine Papke – Child care leave of absence on or about May 26–June 8, 2009.
 - 4. Margi Rychley – Child care leave of absence for 2009-10.
 - 5. Kate Smith – Child care leave of absence for 2009-10 school year.
 - 6. Doris Sullivan – Policy 415 leave of absence for 2009-10 school year.

B. Non-Curricular Position:

1. Ryan Adams – Weight Training Coach for 2008-09 only (SW).
2. Chuck Anderson - .4 boys' Assistant Track Coach and .5 girls' Assistant Track Coach (FLHS).
3. Romona Bridges – 7th grade girl's Assistant Softball Coach (SW).
4. Shannon Carufel – Assistant Adaptive Athletics Coach (FLHS).
5. Wendy Gordy – Future Problem Solving Coach (Wyo.).
6. Sandy Knutson – .33 Yearbook Advisor (Linwood).
7. Valdie Magstadt – Volunteer Sophomore Assistant Baseball Coach (FLHS).
8. Jeff Moris – 7/8 grade boys' Assistant Track Coach (CJH).
9. Tim Newcomb – Video Club Advisor (FLHS).
10. Ruth Workman – .34 Yearbook Advisor (Linwood).
11. Tessa Wusterbarth – .33 Yearbook Advisor (Linwood).
12. Erik Zentzis – 7th grade boys' Assistant Baseball Coach (CJH).

C. Employment:

1. Georgia Heisserer – Math/Reading Specialist on voucher basis 4/1/09-6/8/09.
2. Brittany Miron – Long-term substitute 4/8/09-6/8/09.
3. Joelle Tschida – Long-term substitute 4/6/09-6/1/09.

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 Langness, all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted. Donations: \$100 from Lino Lakes Elem. PTO for the Festival of Cultures; \$250 from Patriot Bank for the Festival of Cultures; \$100 from Columbus Elementary PTO for the Festival of Cultures; \$145.82 United Way donation from Thomas Nerud for the ABE program; \$5,857.92 for the Teen Center Extreme Fundraiser; \$125 from Chris and Theresa Charpentier for a 5th grade student to attend a school trip; \$50 from Patti Hoff for a 5th grade Lino Lakes student to attend a school trip; \$30 from Jesse Johnson Insurance Co. for Forest View Elementary student activities; \$1000 2001 Daewood Lanos vehicle to the T&I shop from Forest Lake NAPA; \$150 from Kuniko and Brad Beggs for Linwood Elementary SMART Boards; and from Target Take Charge of Education: \$173.30 for the Area Learning Center, \$1,767.33 for Scandia Elementary School, and \$411 for Central Montessori School.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

9.1 Teacher Tenure – Member Grafft moved to approve the recommendation to award teacher tenure to the following teachers: Lauren Stordahl, Molly Yoch, Kim Beck, Kirk Bille, Katherine Bjorklund, Andrea Brott, Vincent DeBreto, Bree DuHamel, Jessica Gosiak, Jennifer Kibbel, Jessica Lemke, Mark Miron, Megan Phelps, Hannah Stander, Rachel Strauss, Angela Butler, Trevor Cole, Bonnie Gidzak, Jason Gonnion, Michael Johnson, Corrin Kaluza, Daniel Koch, Joe Kunshier, Kelly Larson, Heidi Link, Rebecca Prange, Linda Rupp, Kimberly Smith, Katie Thunshelle, Elizabeth Wanzek, and Boyd Weiger. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

9.2 Athletic Training Agreement – Member Grafft moved to approve the 2009-2010 Athletic Training Agreement with Fairview Health Services. The motion was seconded by Member Gay, by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 Wellness Policy 546 – First reading of Wellness Policy 546. Member Kieger moved to dispense with the second reading and adopt Wellness Policy 546. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft, all members voted aye and the policy was adopted.

10.2 Demolish Maintenance Building – Member Grafft moved to approve the demolition of the maintenance building and solicit quotes for asphalt work at the Central Learning Center west parking lot. The motion was seconded by Member Gay, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed upcoming calendar dates noting that interviews for School Superintendent will be held May 14 and 15, and reported that they have received numerous communications regarding the Superintendent candidates.

A Special School Board Meeting will be held Friday, May 22 at 6 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent contract.

As there was no further business, Member Langness moved, seconded by Member Grafft, to adjourn. All members voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Bill Bresin

President

Rob Rapheal

Clerk