

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 5, 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, February 5, 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 Lynn Steenblock, ex officio. Joe Grafft was absent.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and an item on "Superintendent search" was added as new business agenda item 11.7.

4. VISITORS:

Listening Session: Members Bresin and Kieger reported that discussion at the Listening Session included extending city streets around Century Junior High, signage at the new STEP program building, teacher Q Comp, budget concerns and the STEP program lease.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Wyoming Elementary School – Principal Mike Conway gave a report on the success of the OLWEUS anti-bullying program at Wyoming Elementary School.

Positive Happenings:

Dan Kieger noted the report that the Community Services Children's Fund provided 195 students and three adults with cold weather outerwear this winter. Also, Secondary Youth Development offers the Teen Center, junior high lock-in and Youth Nights, Youth Sports and Recreation, and Club 678.

Rob Rapheal thanked school bus drivers for safely getting students to and from school during last month's coldest days.

Julie Corcoran enjoyed attending the STEP Program open house and the SEC Music Festival.

6. REPORTS:

Buildings & Grounds – Rob Rapheal reported that the committee discussed the state's budget deficit and its possible effects on the district and buildings and grounds program, the Scandia Elementary well head protection plan, and the signage policy.

Communications – David Gay reported that at the last meeting the Communications Committee discussed the district key communicators network, the legislative agenda, School Choice Fair, and parental involvement.

Finance – Julie Corcoran reported that the Finance Committee reviewed OPEB bonding, marketing the schools, and building enrollments.

Policy – Dan Kieger reported that at the last Policy Committee Meeting they discussed the policies on this meeting agenda: policies 106, 541, 103a and 103B.

Staff Welfare – Bill Bresin reported that the Staff Welfare Committee discussed Q Comp, staffing, budgeting and legislative assistance, the FLEA contract, and Superintendent goals.

Member Langness reported that Forest Lake City Council Member Bo Bogotty was appointed as the city's school district liaison.

Superintendent Lynn Steenblock reported:

- 1) The World Language Immersion task force will be reporting to the School Board at future meetings.
- 2) The Facilities Gap Analysis committee is in the process of visiting all of the schools.
- 3) Community budget reduction information meetings are currently taking place throughout the district.
- 4) Forest Lake student Benjamin Tolzmann has been named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

7.1 Approved the Minutes of January 8, 2009.

7.2 Approved the Bills as of February 5, 2009.

7.3 Classified Personnel:

A. Termination: Earl Horak – eff. 2-5-09

B. Employment: Rena Pepin – eff. 2-2-09.

C. Transfer:

1. Elsa Cummings - eff. 1-12-09.

2. Veronica Haupt – eff. 1-5-09.

3. James Kalsnes – eff. 1-19-09.

4. Brianna Seekon – eff. 1-12-09.

D. Unpaid Leave of Absence:

1. Sari Alsaker – February 18-25, 2009.

2. Mary Ekvall – January 12-22, 2009.

3. Lisa Kundel – January 5-16, 2009.

4. Dorothy Pirrung – Dec. 22, 2008 through Feb. 27, 2009.
5. D’Andrea Schwartz – Jan. 14 through Feb. 3, 2009.
6. Molly Valentin – Feb. 27 through June 5, 2009.
7. Susan Waataja – Jan. 28 through Feb. 13, 2009.
8. James Winters – Jan. 19 through Feb. 5, 2009.
9. Jodie Zajac – Dec. 15, 2008 through Feb. 16, 2009.

7.4 Approved Licensed Personnel:

A. Unpaid Leave of Absence:

1. Alesa Fabini – Extend Medical Leave of Absence for 2009-10 school year.
2. Linda Petri – Medical LOA for 2009-10 school year.
3. Darci Sauvageau – Child care LOA on or about June 1-5, 2009.
4. Desiree Slagle – Child care LOA on or about May 1-25, 2009.

B. Non-Curricular Position:

1. Ryan Adams – Newspaper Advisor (SW).
2. John Capetz – 8th grade Boys’ Head Basketball Coach (CJH).
3. Erin Casey – 8th grade Assistant Basketball Coach (SW).
4. Ron Gilbert – 7th grade Head Basketball Coach (SW).
5. Brittany Jakubiec - .25 Student Council Advisor (Lino).
6. Kyle Swenson – 8th grade Assistant Baseball Coach (SW).
7. Scott Vetter – 8th grade Head Baseball Coach (SW).
8. Matt Wade – 7th grade Boys’ Assistant Basketball Coach (CJH).

C. Employment:

1. Andrew Aldrich – Regular contract effective 1/19/09.
2. Erik Overson – Long Term Substitute contract 1/5/09 – approx. 2/25/09.
3. Elaine Schumacher – Long-Term Substitute contract 1/19/09 – 6/8/09.
4. Pamela Strukel – Long Term Substitute contract 1/6/09 – 3/4/09.

D. Retirement:

1. James S. Focht – Retire effective at the end of the day on June 8, 2009.
2. Mary (Molly) Kryzer - Retire effective at the end of the day on June 8, 2009.
3. Paulette J. Miller - Retire effective at the end of the day on June 8, 2009.
4. Janet S. Reid - Retire effective at the end of the day on June 8, 2009.
5. Nancy Smiley - Retire effective at the end of the day on June 8, 2009.
6. Lynn Steenblock – Retire effective at the end of the day on June 8, 2009.
7. William T. Sullivan - Retire effective at the end of the day on June 8, 2009.
8. Sandra Teichner - Retire effective at the end of the day on June 8, 2009.

E. Resignation – Michael D. Hall – Resign effective at the end of day June 8, 2009.

- 8.0 Donations: Member Langness 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 Gay, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted. Donations: \$143 from Dean Foods' milk cap redemption program for educational materials for Wyoming Elementary School; \$1,500 from Lisa and Bruce Burnside for the Forest Lake Teen Center; \$50 from the Forest Lake Lions for the secondary schools' SADD programs; five cases of legal paper for Forest View Elementary School from Tina Stevens; \$225 for games and materials for Columbus Elementary SAC program from Tim Capistrant; \$1,021.50 from Box Tops for Education for educational materials for Wyoming Elementary School; \$250 from Sam's Club Foundation for books for Columbus Elementary School Guided Reading program; and \$10,795.52 from the Wyoming Elementary PTA to fund lyceums, aquarium, classrooms grants and SMART Board for Wyoming Elementary School.
9. OLD BUSINESS:
- 9.1 New Ag Course – Member Kieger moved to approve the addition of an Agricultural Economics course beginning fall of 2009. The motion was seconded by Member Langness, by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the motion carried.
- 9.2 Interpreter's Agreement – Member Gay moved to ratify the 2008-2010 Forest Lake School District Interpreter's Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, by roll call vote all members present voted aye and the agreement was ratified.
- 9.3 OPEB Bonds – Member Rapheal moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of \$6,690,000 General Obligation Taxable OPEB Bonds, Series 2009A. The motion was duly seconded by Member Corcoran, and by roll call vote Members Bresin, Corcoran, Kieger, Langness, Rapheal voted aye. Member Gay abstained. None voted no. Member Grafft was absent. The resolution was adopted. (Copy in official minutes book.)
- 9.4 OPEB Irrevocable Trust – Member Kieger moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Creation of Irrevocable OPEB Trust. The motion was duly seconded by Member Gay, and by roll call vote Members Bresin, Corcoran, Gay, Kieger, Langness, Rapheal voted aye. None voted no. Member Grafft was absent. The resolution was adopted. (Copy in official minutes book.)

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- 10.1 2009-10 School Calendar – First reading of the 2009-10 school calendar. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board consideration and action.
- 10.2 Permission to Bid Roofing and Wall Repair – Member Kieger moved to approve seeking bids for roofing and wall repair. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, all members voted aye and the motion carried.
- 10.3 School Board Meetings Policy 106 – First reading of the School Board Meetings Policy 106. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board consideration and action.
- 10.4 Anti-Bullying Policy 541 – First reading of the Anti-Bullying Policy 541. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board consideration and action.
- 10.5 School Board Member Reimbursement Guidelines – First reading of the School Board Member Reimbursement Guidelines Policy 103A. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board consideration and action.
- 10.6 Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members – Annual review of the Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members Policy 103B. Since there were no changes, Member Gay moved to dispense with the second reading and adopt policy 103B. The motion was seconded by Kieger. All members voted aye and the motion carried.
- 10.7 Superintendent Search – President Bresin reported on the process of the two new Superintendent searches that he was involved in. He reported that MSBA offers a School Board information session on the superintendent search process. Member Kieger moved, seconded by Member Rapheal, to authorize President Bresin to contact MSBA and arrange a date for MSBA to come do a Superintendent search session. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed upcoming calendar dates. There will be a closed session on February 12, 2009 at 7 pm to discuss a student expulsion.

At 8:20 p.m. Member Langness moved, seconded by Member Gay, to recess the regular meeting to go into closed session to discuss FLEA negotiations. Following a short break, the closed session began at 8:30 p.m. with all members present except Joe Grafft.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:30 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 adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Bill Bresin

President

Rob Rapheal

Clerk