

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831  
Forest Lake, Minnesota  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
August 7, 2008

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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, August 7, 2008, 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, and Superintendent Lynn Steenblock, ex officio. Member Rob Rapheal arrived at 7:04 p.m.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and an item on 2008-09 staffing addition recommendations was added as agenda item 9.7.

4. VISITORS:

Minnesota Senator Rick Olseen provided an overview of last session's legislation, discussion points and next year's projections.

Listening Session: Members Gay and Kieger reported that no one attended the Listening Session.

Central Learning Center – Principal Gayle McGrane reported that 872 students were enrolled in summer school this year – up 150 students from last year's all-time high. Ms. McGrane introduced Montessori grade 1-3 teacher Briana Sykora who reported on the results of the 6+ Traits of Writing program and showed examples of student writing projects.

Dr. Lloyd Komatsu presented an overview of student achievement from this year's MCA II tests.

Positive Happenings: Joe Grafft reported that last Friday's annual Relay for Life was a great community event at the senior high athletic fields.

6. REPORTS:

City of Forest Lake – Julie Corcoran reported that she will be meeting with Greg Ochs next week.

Superintendent's report: MSBA Summer Seminar will be August 14-15. Introduced new Communications Coordinator Ross Bennett. The district will implement the "Peaceful School Bus Program" this year to enhance work already being done through the Olweus Bullying Prevention program. Back-to-School information and schedules were provided to the School Board. The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Walsh.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Gay, to approve consent agenda items 7.1–

7.5. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

7.1 Approved the Minutes of July 10, 2008.

7.2 Approved the bills as of August 7, 2008.

7.3 Classified Personnel:

A. Resignation:

1. Susan Gordon – eff. 7-18-08
2. Susan McRae – eff. 7-29-08.
3. Melinda Nelson – eff. 7-11-08.
4. Bruce Smith – eff. 8-8-08.

B. Termination:

1. Jeremy Agnes – eff. 7-15-08.
2. James O’Hara – eff. 9-2-08.

C. Employment:

1. Ross Bennett – eff. 7-28-08.
2. Jami Kenyon – eff. 8-20-08.

D. Transfer: Dave Boudewyns to A Shift, Southwest Jr. High, eff. 7-30-08.

E. Unpaid Leave of Absence:

1. Brandon Perry – July 9, 2008 through April 9, 2009.
2. Donna Wytaske – August 6-15, 2008,

F. Additional Hours: Kara Rotramel – up to 32 hrs./wk, 46 wk./yr. eff. 8-11-08.

7.4 Approved Licensed Personnel:

A. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Kris Bercher – Policy 415 LOA for 2008-09.

B. Non-Curricular Position (on non-contract status):

1. Angela Butler - .25 Assistant Dance Team Coach (FLHS)
2. Heather Davis – Girls’ Assistant Basketball Coach (FLHS)
3. David Eyre – Assistant Football Coach (FLHS)
4. Emily Fellows – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Girls’ Assistant Volleyball Coach (CJH)
5. Brian Larson – Summer Orchestra Lessons.
6. Jeff Neidt – Girls’ Head Hockey Coach (FLHS)
7. Kimberly Smith – Girls’ Head Swimming Coach (FLHS)

C. Resignation:

1. Nathan Appleby – Resign effective immediately.
2. Joanna Etshokin – Resign effective immediately.
3. Diana Greiner – Resign effective immediately.
4. Angela Orpen – Resign effective immediately.

D. Employment (effective 2008-09 school year):

1. Romona Bridges – Regular teaching contract.
2. Lisa Finn – Regular teaching contract.
3. Kristen Grygelko - .5 Regular teaching contract.
4. Katherine Lightfoot Fagnan – Regular teaching contract.
5. Jennifer Lodin – Junior High Readiness Project Coordinator including 4 additional weeks.
6. Courtney Mettling - .5 Regular teaching contract.
7. Rebecca Prange – Regular teaching contract.
8. Susan Rogers – Regular teaching contract.
9. Nichole Young – Regular teaching contract.

7.5 Membership in Metro ECSU for 2008-09.

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 Kieger, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted. Donations: \$160 from Wells Fargo Foundation for Wyoming Elementary School educational materials; \$45 from Landscape Alternative for Scandia Elementary garden plants; \$35 from Prairie Restorations for Scandia Elementary garden plants; and \$100 each from the Scandia Café, Abrahamson's Nursery, Crabtree's Garden Gate, Country Messenger, and Security State Bank of Marine for printing of the Scandia Elementary School Calendar/Handbook.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- 9.1 Tax Levy – Member Kieger moved to adopt the proposed Property Tax Levy Calendar for 2008 Payable 2009. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, all members voted aye and the motion carried. (The Truth in Taxation Hearing will be December 9, 2008.)
- 9.2 Bus Driver/Bus Aides Employment Agreement – Member Grafft moved to ratify the Bus Drivers' and Bus Aides' Employment Agreement July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger. By roll call vote members Bresin, Corcoran, Gay, Grafft, Kieger and Rapheal voted aye. Member Langness voted no. The agreement was ratified.
- 9.3 School Age Care Employment Agreement – Member Kieger moved to ratify the School Age Care Employment Agreement July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. The motion was seconded by Member Langness, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the agreement was ratified.
- 9.4 Mechanics' Employment Agreement - Member Grafft moved to ratify the Mechanics' Employment Agreement July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal. By roll call vote members Bresin, Corcoran, Gay, Grafft, Kieger and Rapheal voted aye. Member Langness voted no. The agreement was ratified.

- 9.5 2008-09 School Liaisons – Member Grafft moved to appoint School Board Member Liaison positions for the 2008-09 school year. The motion was seconded by Member Gay, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

The liaisons for the 2008-09 school year will be:

Columbus Elementary – Eric Langness  
 Forest Lake Elementary – Julie Corcoran  
 Forest View Elementary – Rob Rapheal  
 Lino Lakes Elementary – Dan Kieger  
 Linwood Elementary – Joe Grafft  
 Scandia Elementary – David Gay  
 Wyoming Elementary – Bill Bresin  
 Central Learning Center – Joe Grafft, Dan Kieger  
 Century Junior High – Bill Bresin, Julie Corcoran  
 Southwest Junior High – Eric Langness, Dan Kieger  
 Senior High – David Gay, Rob Rapheal  
 Bus Garage – Dan Kieger, Joe Grafft

- 9.6 Math – Member Grafft moved to approve the instructional coaching recommendation for secondary math teachers. The motion was seconded by Member Langness, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.
- 9.7 Additional Staffing – Member Grafft moved to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Columbus Elementary, a .5 FTE Kindergarten teacher at Forest Lake Elementary, and a .5 FTE Kindergarten teacher at Lino Lakes Elementary for the 2008-09 school year. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- 10.1 Annual Report – First reading of the Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement. This item will be placed on the next agenda for School Board review and action.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed upcoming calendar dates and acknowledged communications. Superintendent Steenblock proposed reviewing School Board and committee meetings for the 2008-09 school year and changing those that conflict with holidays or graduation. Regular School Board Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month and School Board Committee Meetings will be held on the second Thursday, with the following exceptions: The January 2009 School Board Meeting will be January 8, 2009 and the January committee meetings will be January 15, 2009. The March committee meetings will be March 19, 2009, the April committee meeting will be April 16, 2009, and the June School Board Meeting was changed to May 28, 2009. Member Grafft moved to approve the revised School Board Meeting dates as noted above. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

As there was no further business, Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Langness, to adjourn. All members voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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Bill Bresin

President

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Rob Rapheal

Clerk