

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
July 10, 2008

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, July 10, 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, Rob Rapheal, and Superintendent Lynn Steenblock, ex officio.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approval of the July 7, 2008 Special School Board Meeting Minutes was added to the consent agenda under item 7.1.

4. VISITORS:

LaCrosse Teams – Community Education Director Julie Ohman introduced the coach and students of the boys’ and girls’ LaCrosse teams. Both teams made it to the state tournaments this spring.

FLEA President Andy Stoyke stated that he is looking forward to his new role as FLEA President and maintaining the cooperative relationship between the teachers, administration, and School Board.

Listening Session: Members Corcoran and Grafft reported that at the Listening Session they discussed a four-day week, summer school, SMART Boards, and math.

Forest Lake City Council Member Greg Ochs reported that the Northland Mall improvement project will begin shortly, the airport will be adding 25 new hangers, the new ice arena is expected to produce ice by the end of the summer, and the new water tower will be painted soon.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Future Problem Solvers – Dr. Janet Palmer introduced coach David Sauer and five students from the Forest View Elementary School Future Problem Solving team. This team was one of 68 international teams participating in international competition and they placed 20th.

Columbus Elementary School – Principal Neal Fox and Tech/Gifted Instructor Janine Allen gave a presentation on positive student achievement at Columbus Elementary School, and test score results.

Positive Happenings:

District employees and families again participated in last week’s 4th of July Parade.

Julie Corcoran reported that her son participated in a play.

6. REPORTS:

Superintendent's report:

- 1) Results of the MCA-II tests are expected the end of July.
- 2) The MSBA Summer Seminar will be August 14-15 at the Sheraton Hotel in Bloomington.
- 3) Ross Bennett will be our new Communications Coordinator. He will begin employment on July 28.
- 4) We have tentative contract settlements with the Mechanics and SAC employees.
- 5) Summer School ends tomorrow (July 11).

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Rapheal, to approve consent agenda items 7.1 – 7.7. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

7.1 Approved the Minutes of June 12 and July 7, 2008.

7.2 Approved the bills as of July 10, 2008.

7.3 Classified Personnel:

A. Resignation:

1. Ashli Alsaker – eff. 7-3-08.
2. Jonathan Holzshuh – eff. 5-21-08.
3. Susan Pilarski – eff. 6-5-08.
4. Laurel Swanson Moore – eff. 6-10-08.
5. Vicki Weidt-Nelson – eff. 7-1-08.

B. Termination – Ronald Geerdes – eff. 7-10-08.

C. Transfer:

1. Debra Greene – to Cook Helper at St. Peter's Elementary eff. 8-19-08.
2. Jason Sederholm – Custodian B shift eff. 6-19-08.

7.4 Approved Licensed Personnel:

A. Non-Curricular Position:

1. Katherine Bjorklund - .34 Student Council Advisor.
2. Dan Cremisino - .33 Student Council Advisor.
3. Becky Haven - .5 National Honor Society Advisor.
4. Rochelle Quillen - .33 Student Council Advisor.

B. Resignation:

1. Jim Caldwell - eff. 7-11-08.
2. Kelly Nuss – eff. immediately.
3. Donald Pults - eff. immediately.

C. Employment (effective 2008-09):

1. Jessica Coleman – Regular teaching contract.
2. Lydia Juairé – Regular teaching contract.
3. Kyle Swenson – Regular teaching contract.
4. Brooke Thalacker - .5 Regular teaching contract.

7.5 Membership in Minnesota State High School League for 2008-09.

7.6 Membership in Schools for Equity in Education for 2008-09.

7.7 Membership in Minnesota School Boards Association 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: \$1,000 1994 Pontiac Grand Prix SE automobile to the Auto Tech Program from Debbie Jung; \$9,256.12 from the Forest Lake Elementary PTO for five SMART Boards; \$200 for the Forest View Elementary SMART Board fund from the 3M Foundation; \$250 from Scholastics, Inc. for Wyoming Elementary educational materials; and \$186.40 from Save 5 for School Dean Foods North Central, LLC for educational materials for Wyoming Elementary.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

9.1 Police Liaisons – Member Grafft moved to approve both the junior high and senior high two-year Police Liaison Joint Powers Agreements 2008-09 and 2009-10 with the City of Forest Lake. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, by roll call vote all members voted aye, and the agreements were approved.

9.2 Custodial Agreement - Member Grafft moved to ratify the Custodial, Maintenance, and Laundry Employee Agreement for 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.

9.3 Athletic Training Agreement – Member Kieger moved to approve the Athletic Training Agreement for 2008-09 with Fairview Health Services. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft. By roll call vote, Members Bresin, Corcoran, Gay, Kieger, Grafft and Rapheal voted aye, Member Langness abstained, and the motion carried.

9.4 Population – Member Kieger moved to certify the school population as of June 26, 2008 to be 48,797. The motion was seconded by Member Gay, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

9.5 Strategic Plan – Dr. Linda Madsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, highlighted results of the 2007-08 Strategic Plan and presented the Plan for the 2008-09 school year. Member Grafft moved to adopt the Strategic Plan for 2008-09. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the Strategic Plan for 2008-09 was approved.

- 9.6 Title 1 Reductions – Member Rapheal moved, seconded by Member Grafft, to approve the following motion: If, by August 4, 2008, Linwood and/or Forest View Elementary School do not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status for the 2007-08 school year, or if the district has not been notified of AYP status, the School Board authorizes the reduction of Title I and non-Title I paraprofessional staff by 20 for the 2008-09 school year. These reductions consist of \$78,148 of Title I funds, \$40,000 in non-Title I funds already approved on March 27, 2008, and \$23,129 in additional non-Title funds. By roll call vote Members Bresin, Corcoran, Grafft and Rapheal voted aye. Members Gay and Langness voted no. Member Kieger abstained. The motion carried.
- 9.7 Health & Safety – Member Langness moved to approve Health & Safety Levy Attachment 99. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft, all members voted aye and the motion carried.
- 9.8 Air Quality – Member Grafft moved to approve the revised Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- 10.1 Spanish Language Course – First reading of new World Language Course – Extended Spanish Language and Cultures II (1 credit). Member Grafft moved to dispense with the second reading and approve this course as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Gay, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

- 11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed upcoming calendar dates and acknowledged communications. Member Kieger gave School Board Members documents for the Superintendent annual evaluation and requested that they be returned to him by July 31.

As there was no further business, Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Langness, to adjourn. All members voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Bill Bresin

President

Rob Rapheal

Clerk