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, June 28, 2007, 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.

Agenda Review - Item 7.5 Donations, will be made a separate agenda item to make it a School Board Resolution with roll call vote.

4. VISITORS:

A reception honoring Scott Isaacson and his parents was held before the meeting. Scott was congratulated for being a National Merit Finalist for 2007, one of 8,200 graduating seniors nationwide.

Listening Session: Julie Corcoran and David Gay conducted the 6:00 p.m. Listening Session and reported that two people attended to talk about budget concerns and the levy.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Future Problem Solving – David Sauer introduced students Kayla Thole and Rebecca Renwick who reported on their recent trip to the International Future Problem Solving Competition in Fort Collins, CO. Kayla took second place in Scenario Writing.

Golf and Track Teams – Activities Director Joel Olson introduced coaches and members of the spring Golf and Track Teams. Students displayed trophies from their state competitions and reported on their individual and team accomplishments.

Forest Lake Senior High – Dr. Steve Massey reported on academic offerings at the senior high and how the curriculum ties into Strategic Plan goals. The senior high curriculum provides all students with a variety of programs to prepare them for post-secondary education.

Joel Olson explained how student activities and athletic programs are an extension of the classroom and develops character and teaches leadership.

6. REPORTS:

City of Forest Lake – No report.
Policy – Rob Rapheal reported that at the last meeting the Policy Committee reviewed changes to Leave of Absence Policy 415 and the Background Check Policy. Both policies are on this Board Meeting agenda.

Superintendent’s report:
1) Introduced Jeffrey Ion, new Elementary Principal at Forest Lake Elementary effective July 1, 2007.
2) The MSBA Summer Seminar will be August 16-17. The signup deadline is August 9.
3) Summer School has 874 students enrolled.
4) The Administrative Retreat was held for four days last week at TIES.
5) Membership in the East Metro Integration District (EMID) is being discussed with the Department of Education.
6) The Q Comp Plan is in process and the ten new Instructional Coaches are being identified.
7) A Special School Board Meeting will need to be held in late July for student expulsions.
8) This week the state writing test results were announced and our students scored higher than the state average.
9) Participants marching in the 4th of July Parade will gather behind the CLC at 9:30 am.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
Member Grafft 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 May 24, 2007 and June 6, 2007.

7.2 Approved the Bills as of June 28, 2007.

7.3 Classified Personnel:
A. Retirement: Ruth Willius – eff. 6-8-07.
B. Resignation: Diane Lovas – eff. 6-8-07.
D. Employment:
1. Shelly Beck – eff. 9-4-07.
2. Duane Huschka – eff. 5-21-07.
3. James Larter – eff. 5-21-07.
4. Dana Wrich – eff. 6-25-07.
E. Transfer:
1. Julie Anderson – to ALC Office Asst. III eff. 7-9-07.
2. Daniel Forga – to Custodian, B shift @ Century Jr. High eff. 5-29-07.
3. Marcella McCarthy – SAC Program Aide @ Forest View eff. 4-9-07.

F. Leave of Absence:

7.4 Licensed Personnel:
A. Unpaid Leave of Absence:
2. Kelli Kaetterhenry – Unpaid LOA from on or about 5/21/07-6/4/07.
3. Jill Krautkremer – Child care LOA from on or about 1/21/08-2/29/08.
5. Ryan Soukup – Child care LOA intermittently from on or about 8/27/07-9/21/07.

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

C. Additional Position: Full-time Licensed School Social Worker.

D. Resignation:
1. Cynthia Hess - Resign effective end of day 6/8/07.

E. Employment (effective 2007-08 school year):
2. Terri Dierkhising - .68 regular contract.
4. Aaron Forsythe – Full-time regular contract.
5. Linda Gavanda – Full-time regular contract.
7. Cheryl Hagen – Full-time regular contract.
10. Renee Luther – Full-time regular contract.
14. Joyce Reed – .5 regular contract and .5 Title I contract, and award .5 Tenure.
15. Stephanie Salonek – Full-time regular contract.

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7.5 Donations: Member Grafft introduced the resolution to accept donations and gifts to the school district. The motion was duly seconded by Member Gay. By roll call vote, all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted. Donations: $3,300.00 for musical instruments and a Sony Digital mini-DV Video Camera and tape for Linwood Elementary School from the Linwood Elementary PTA; $2,298.64 from Target Take Charge of Education for Scandia Elementary student enrichment; $500 for Scandia Elementary musical instruments from the Scandia Elementary PTO; $50 from Richard and Barbara Edwall for the ALC Yearbook; $100 from the Forest Lake Area Partnership for Families for the ALC Spring Formal; $100 for Family Center classroom supplies from Linda Peisert; $26,395.47 for Smart Boards for Lino Lakes Elementary from the Lino Lakes PTO; $1,500 from Robert Voedisch for Read Naturally CD’s and CD Players for the Special Education Department at Lino Lakes Elementary in memory of Barbara Voedisch; $59 from Mir and Shirley Verner for the ALC Mentor Program; nine portable DVD Players for the golf teams from Strand Closing Services; sportswear from Melissa Paxicznyk and snacks from Marketplace Foods for the Pat Cheyne Annual Golf Tournament, $100 from Bruce Johnson State Farm Insurance to sponsor the golf tournament; and $100 from Forest Lake Floral and Roberts Funeral Home for the Golf Team.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Background Check Policy – Member Kieger moved to approve Background Check Policy #438. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

Member Rapheal moved to amend Policy #438 to read that the enforcement date for a completed background check for auxiliary volunteers will be November 1, 2007, and that until November 1, 2007, in order to be considered an auxiliary volunteer, the background check paperwork must be completed and signed. The motion was seconded by Member Gay, all members voted aye and the policy was amended.

Member Langness moved, seconded by Member Gay, to amend Policy #438 item “C” by striking the words, “and provide a money order or check payable to the school district in an amount equal to half of the actual processing cost assessed by the employment screening entity selected by the school district”, and state instead that the school district will pay the cost of the background checks. All members voted aye and the policy was amended.

8.2 Strategic Plan – Dr. Linda Madsen gave an overview of the accomplishments of the 2006-07 Strategic Plan and the proposed Strategic Plan for 2007-08. Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Langness, to approve the Strategic Plan for 2007-08. By roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

Superintendent Steenblock announced that the Strategic Plan Committee will be reconvened at TIES on October 5-6, 2007.
The meeting was recessed from 8:55-9:05 p.m. Upon reconvening, all members were present.

Item 9.2 - Materials Challenge, was moved up on the agenda to accommodate a visitor. Dr. Linda Madsen explained the process of challenging instructional materials via procedures established in Instructional Materials Selection Policy #605. Parent Lauri Causey presented her concerns regarding the book, “The Giver”, being read aloud to a fifth grade class. She feels the material would be more appropriate at the junior high level. Member Rapheal moved to bring this item back for consideration at the August 2, 2007 School Board Meeting to give Board Members an opportunity to read the book. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

8.3 Census – Member Grafft moved to certify the population as of June 21, 2007 at 48,554. The motion was seconded by Member Langness, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

8.4 Health & Safety Levy – Member Grafft moved to adopt Attachment 99 of the Health and Safety Levy. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, and by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

8.5 Air Quality Management Plan – Member Grafft moved to adopt the Indoor Air Quality Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Member Langness, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

8.6 Primary Election Resolution - Member Langness moved to adopt the Contingent Resolution Relating to Choosing Nominees for Election to the School Board and Calling the School District Primary Election. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Leave of Absence Policy 41 – First reading of the updated Leave of Absence Policy #415 changing the request notification date from April 1 to March 1. This policy will be placed on the next agenda for Board action.

10. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed upcoming calendar dates and acknowledged communications.
At 9:33 p.m. Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Rapheal, to recess the regular meeting
to go into closed session to discuss negotiation parameters for the Forest Lake Education
Association (FLEA). The regular meeting reconvened at 10:21 p.m. whereby Member Grafft
moved, seconded by Member Gay, to go back into closed session to discuss a student expulsion.
The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:30 p.m. and all members were present.

Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Kieger, to adopt The Resolution Expelling a
Student. By roll call vote all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted. (Copy of
resolution in official minutes book.)

As there was no further business, Member Langness moved, seconded by Member Gay, to
adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m. All members voted aye and the meeting adjourned.

Bill Bresin                             President                             Rob Rapheal                             Clerk