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, March 6, 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 an item on the Metro Deaf School sponsorship was added to old business as item 9.5.

4. VISITORS:

Listening Session: David Gay and Rob Rapheal conducted the Listening Session and reported that three people came to discuss Wyoming Elementary security lights and the proposed 2008-09 school calendar.

Jim Banta had questions for three Board members regarding the January 3, 2008 School Board Meeting Minutes and the censure resolution adopted at the February 7, 2008 School Board Meeting.

John Freed presented his thoughts regarding the accuracy of the February 7th censure resolution and asked that it be rescinded. He also stated that the district anti-bullying policy should apply to all employees.

Jim Lindstrom invited School Board Members to the annual Forest Lake Senior High music concert at the Bethel College Great Hall on April 18th.

Former Forest Lake School Board Member and current Minnesota State Auditor Rebecca Otto thanked School Board Members and the district for the excellent education her son is receiving at Century Junior High.

Activities in State Competitions – Activities Director Joel Olson introduced coaches and students involved in recent state competitions. The activities/athletics reporting were: Nordic Skiing, Student Congress, and One-Act Play. The School Board congratulated the students, teams, and coaches on their individual and team successes.

Teen Center – Community Education Director Julie Ohman introduced Wyoming Mayor Sheldon Anderson and thanked him for his “extreme fund raising” efforts in collecting $35,000 for the Forest Lake Teen Center. He was presented with a plaque of commemoration and thanks.
5. **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**:

Scandia Elementary School Principal Julianne Greiman and Media Specialist Gerry Seaburg gave a presentation on the SMART Board technology and its capabilities and uses in the classroom.

Positive Happenings:

Bill Bresin and other School Board Members attended Century Junior High’s talent show. Joe Grafft commented that our student athletes also have good academics. Dan Kieger reported that on President’s Day, 25 students and a teacher toured the State Capitol. Rob Rapheal attended Scandia Elementary School’s fourth grade breakfast. Julie Corcoran reported that the Century Junior High parent-teacher conferences were well attended.

6. **REPORTS**:

City of Forest Lake – Julie Corcoran reported that she plans to meet with City Council Member Greg Ochs soon to discuss collaboration opportunities between the school district and City of Forest Lake.

Buildings & Grounds – Eric Langness reported that the committee discussed internal products, safe routes to school funding, and capital outlay for 2008-09.

Communications – David Gay reported that the committee reviewed the new Connect-Ed notification system, the February 15th classified staff in-service, marketing the school district, text messaging, and reported that the new kindergarten materials are now available in Hmong and Spanish.

Finance – Julie Corcoran reported that at the last Finance Committee meeting they discussed the budget, benchmarking with other districts, enrollment projections, and student retention.

Policy – Dan Kieger reported that the Policy Committee mainly discussed the criminal background checks policy.

Staff Welfare – Bill Bresin reported that the committee heard a presentation on the senior high mascot proposal, and the revised Q Comp plan.

Superintendent’s report:

The Superintendent presented each School Board Member with a Minnesota School Boards Association certificate of thanks and appreciation for their service on the School Board. The Q Comp Plan recently had a review and on-site visit from the Minnesota Department of Education.

The district’s partnership with the junior high immersion program and Lakes International Academy is going well.
7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Kieger, to approve consent agenda items 7.2-7.8. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

7.2 Approved the bills as of March 6, 2008.

7.3 Classified Personnel:

A. Resignation:
1. Nicole Huitt – eff. 1/30/08.
2. Robert Scharbach – eff. 2/27/08.
3. Jeanette Wolfe – eff. 2/1/08.

B. Termination – Dana Wrich – eff. 2/19/08.

C. Employment:
1. Emily Berg – eff. 1/28/08.
2. Julie Boatman – eff. 1/28/08.
3. Elsa Cummings – eff. 2/25/08.
4. Diane Marschall – eff. 2/11/08.
5. Shayna Navara – eff. 2/4/08.
6. Rena Pepin – eff. 2/19/08.

D. Transfer:
1. Penney Omodt – increase hours eff. 2/11/08.
2. Rebecca Skalsky – increase hours eff. 2/20/08.

E. Unpaid Leave of Absence:
2. Peggy Peterson – March 10 through 17, 2008.

7.4 Licensed Personnel:

A. Unpaid Leave of Absence:
2. Christine Glomski – Child Care leave of absence intermittently from on or about February 6 to the end of April, 2008.

B. Non-Curricular Position (on non-contract status):
3. Angela Butler – .5 Assistant Speech Coach (FLHS).
5. Dan Forsythe – Boys’ Assistant Tennis Coach (FLHS).
7. Mike Meier – 8th grade boys’ Head Baseball Coach (CJH).
8. Tim Newcomb – Senior High Speech Director (FLHS).
12. Andrew Waldron – Senior High Assistant Speech Director (FLHS).

C. Resign/Retirement:
1. Beth Benshoof – Resign effective immediately.
2. Georgia Heisserer – Retire effective end of the 2007-08 school year (37 yr.)
3. Thomas Newell – Retire end of the 2007-08 school year (31 yr.)

D. Employment:
1. Heidi Leigh – .4 Regular Contract Title I Teacher effective 2/4/08 to 5/30/08.
3. Carol Young – Title I Teacher paid on voucher basis from 1/31/08 to 6/6/08.

7.5 Approved the Assessment and Evaluation Coordinator Employment Policy effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009.

7.6 Approved the Educational Services Administrator Employment Policy effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009.

7.7 Approved the Communications Coordinator Employment Policy effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009.


7.1 Minutes – Member Gay moved, seconded by Member Langness, to amend the wording of his motion in agenda item 12.6 of the January 3, 2008 meeting Minutes. When Member Gay was unable to produce the wording change, a roll call vote was taken and Members Gay and Langness voted aye, and Members Bresin, Grafft, Corcoran, Kieger and Rapheal voted no. The motion to amend the January 3, 2008 meeting Minutes was defeated.

Minutes of February 7, 2008 – Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Rapheal, to approve the meeting Minutes of February 7, 2008. By roll call vote members Bresin, Corcoran, Grafft, Kieger and Rapheal voted aye. Members Gay and Langness voted no. The minutes were approved.
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: $444 from Forest Lake American Legion Voiture #44 for flags, banners, brackets and mounts for district classrooms; $50 from Mir and Shirley Verner for the ALC Mentor Program, $750 from Patriot Bank Minnesota for the ALC 2008 Yearbook, and $5,585 from the Wyoming Elementary PTA to fund field trips, classroom grants, playground equipment, aquarium, Family Appreciation Night, and scanners for Wyoming Elementary School.

The meeting recessed 8:30-8:37 p.m.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

9.1 Mascot – Activities Director Joel Olson requested approval for a process to explore a new senior high school mascot that captures the original intent and essence of the “Forest Lake Ranger”. Member Kieger moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

9.2 Directors’ Agreement – Member Grafft moved to Ratify the 2007-09 Agreement Between the Forest Lake Area School District and the Association of School District Administrators effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

9.3 Revised Q Comp Plan – Member Kieger moved to approve the Revised Q Comp Plan for 2008-09/2009-10. The motion was seconded by Member Langness, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

9.4 Background Checks Policy – First reading of the changes to Background Checks Policy 438. This policy will be reviewed again at the next Policy Committee meeting and placed on an upcoming School Board agenda for Board action.

9.5 Metro Deaf School Charter – In order to facilitate a future merge with their sister high school, the Metro Deaf School requested a release from their charter sponsorship with the Forest Lake School District. Member Gay moved to adopt the Resolution to not renew the Metro Deaf School’s contract effective June 30, 2008. The motion was duly seconded by Member Grafft, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted. (Copy of resolution in official minutes book.)
10.1 Calendar – First reading of the 2008-09 School Calendar. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board action.

10.2 New Course – First reading of new course Web Design II. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board action.

10.3 Bid Paper Supplies – Member Kieger moved approval for administration to call for bids on district paper supplies for 2008-09. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

10.4 RFP Diesel Fuel - Member Grafft moved approval for administration to request proposals on diesel fuel for 2008-2010. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

10.5 Diversity Plan – Family Support Advocate Carolyn Latady presented a proposed district Diversity Plan. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board action.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: The School Board reviewed upcoming calendar dates and acknowledged communications.

   Board Members reported receiving a number of emails on the proposed 2008-09 school calendar.

At 10:55 p.m. Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Langness, to recess the regular meeting to go into closed session to discuss a student expulsion. The closed meeting convened at 10:58 p.m. with all members present. The regular meeting was reconvened at 11:09 p.m. with all members present. Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Gay, to adopt the Resolution Expelling a Student. By roll call vote all members present voted aye, none voted no, and the resolution was adopted. (Copy of resolution in official minutes book.)

As there was no further business, Member Gay moved, seconded by Member Langness, to adjourn at 11:10 p.m. All members voted aye and the meeting adjourned.