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, May 3, 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.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and an item on “City of Forest Lake Liaison” was added to new business as agenda item 9.3.

4. VISITORS:
   Listening Session: Joe Grafft and Dan Kieger conducted the 6:00 p.m. Listening Session where security issues, class sizes, extended day, and this weekend’s Columbus and Wyoming School Carnivals were discussed.

5. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:
   Boys’ Basketball Team – Head Basketball Coach Dan Cremisino reported that the boys’ varsity basketball team was named the 2007 AAAA State Academic Champions. They received this honor for the second year in a row.

   Columbus Elementary School – Principal Neal Fox along with teachers Janine Allen and Jackie McMahon gave a presentation on testing and differentiated instruction methods.

   Positive Happenings:
   Joe Grafft reported that he will be participating in a school bus emergency drill with the East Bethel Fire Department using one of our school buses.

   Julie Corcoran and Rob Rapheal attended the Festival of Cultures last Friday evening at the senior high.

   Bill Bresin gave a reminder of the May 23 District Retirement Recognition at the senior high Media Center. The event will begin at 4 p.m.

   Superintendent Steenblock has joined the Board of the Youth Service Bureau.

   Julie Corcoran reported that Forest Lake Elementary held their Arts & Academic Fair recently.

6. REPORTS:
   Buildings & Grounds – David Gay reported that at the last meeting the Buildings and Grounds Committee discussed the summer project list, the science classroom bids, roofing projects, and a five-year capital needs plan.
Communications – Eric Langness reported that committee reviewed the Senior High and Century Junior High web sites, the 2007-08 school calendar, a mailing for area realtors, and an attendance boundary map brochure.

Finance – Julie Corcoran reported that at the last meeting the Finance Committee reviewed the budget and proposed school finance legislation.

Policy – Rob Rapheal reported that the Policy Committee reviewed Discipline Policy #515 that will have a first reading at this meeting.

Staff Welfare – Bill Bresin reported that at the last meeting, the Staff Welfare Committee discussed use of the Maroon & Gold Ice Arena when the new arena is open, the Forest Lake Elementary Principal hiring, a World Language Task Force, Q Comp, and contract negotiation updates.

Superintendent’s report:

1) Reported that Mr. Jeffrey Ion has accepted the position of Forest Lake Elementary School Principal effective July 1, 2007.

2) The Q Comp proposal has received minor revisions and it is hoped that it will be approved by the Commissioner of Education by mid-May.

3) Graduation Commencement ceremonies will be June 7 at 7:30 p.m. A reception will begin at 6 pm in the senior high Media Center.

4) A meeting was held on April 30 with band students and Steve Hursh regarding student participation in the Forest Lake City Band.

5) A School Board work session was tentatively set for Monday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the East Metro Integration District.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

7.1 Approved the Minutes of March 29, 2007.

7.2 Approved the Bills as of May 3, 2007.

7.3 Classified Personnel:

A. Retirement: Wayne Brodersen – effective 5/31/07

B. Resignation:

1. Barbra Brown – eff. 5-4-07
2. Susan Davis – eff. 5-4-07
3. Wilma Dehart – eff. 4-13-07
4. Robert Kuehn – eff. 4-14-07
5. Kenneth Marquardt – eff. 4-20-07
6. Deborah Roust – eff. 5-4-07
7. Maribeth Spreeman – eff. 5-17-07
C. Termination: Dean Boyer – eff. 4-10-07

D. Employment:
1. Carmen Ahyai – SAC Aide eff. 4-9-07
2. Bonnie Arend – SAC Aide eff. 2-26-07
3. Russell Bower – Sub. Bus Driver eff. 3-28-07
4. James Crockett – Bus Driver eff. 4-10-07
5. Karrieann Kamppi – Health Office Asst. IV eff. 4-9-07
7. Amber Lesney – Spec. Ed. Para II eff. 4-9-07

E. Transfer:
1. Susan Davis – SAC Aide eff. 4-9-07
2. Stephen Delmont – Lead Bus Mechanic eff. 4-2-07
3. Kathie Hamernick – SAC Aide eff. 4-9-07
4. Judith Merrell – SAC Aide eff. 4-9-07

F. Unpaid Leave of Absence:
1. Virginia Carney – April 27 through May 20, 2007
3. Linda Knyphausen – April 16-23, 2007
4. LaVerne Niemi – April 4 through July 4, 2007
5. Judy Perterson – March 19 through April 30, 2007

G. Additional Position: ALC Office Assistant III, 4 hrs./day, 52 weeks/yr.

7.4 Licensed Personnel:

A. Unpaid Leave of Absence:
5. Angela Orpen – Child care leave of absence on or about May 2-June 8, 2007.
8. Kim Vanneste - .5 leave of absence on or about May 11-June 8, 2007.

B. Non-Curricular Position (on non-contract status):
1. Charles Anderson - .5 Girls’ Assistant Track Coach (FLHS).
2. Susan Brown - .5 One-Act Play Second Assistant (CJH).
8. Noel Lovas – 7th grade Head Baseball Coach (SW).
9. Phil Pappano – 7-8 grade Junior High Assistant Track Coach (CJH).
10. Allison Peper – Assistant Synchronized Swim Coach (FLHS).

C. Additional Position: Area Learning Center School Counselor position.

D. Retirement/Resignation:
1. Chris Brewster – Retire effective 10-1-07 (34 yr.)

7.5 Donations: Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Rapheal, to accept the following donations. All members voted aye and the motion carried. $220 from Whitaker Buick Pontiac GMC for the Lino Lakes Elem. Carnival fundraiser; $3,102 from the Hazelden Foundation for Slick Tracey materials supporting the 6th grade curriculum on alcohol prevention; $200 from the Wyoming Elementary PTA for the Festival of Cultures; $100 from Bruce and Amy Huset for SMART Boards for Wyoming Elementary; $4,000 from Columbus Elementary PTO for field trip expenses; $250 from the First State Bank of Wyoming for Wyoming Elementary’s School Calendar; $1,328.88 for Wyoming Elementary, $116.22 for ALC Field Trips, $374.49 for the Central Montessori Student Council, and $1,982.29 for Lino Lakes Elementary from Target-Take Charge of Education.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Tenure – Member Grafft moved to award Tenure to the following probationary teachers: Lisa Houska, Alissa Nelson, Angela Diaz, Susan Wittuhn, Erin Burton, Amy Dickerson, Shelly Guptil, Jennifer Larsen, Holly Mansfield, Jeanette Maxfield, Molly Messingham, Margret Rychley, Julie Sorensen, Laurie Tibbetts, Tiffany Freeman, Scott Geary, Joel Hall, Bonnie Johnson, Eric Kaluza, Katie Kennedy, Laura LeVake, George Malone, Tracy Maxwell, Joe Mueller, Stephanie Persons, Kathryn Potthoff, Lynn Randazzo, Katherine Smith, Brenda Steward, Jennifer Wagner, Paul Wieland, Heidi Wollschlager, and Michael Miron. The motion was seconded by Member Rapheal, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

8.2 Science Room Bids – Member Kieger moved to award the science room upgrade bids to the lowest bidders: Bid Division 1 General Construction – Parkos Construction Co. for $90,600.00 including alternate #1 to provide upper wall cabinets and blocking for $26,400.00 totaling $117,000.00; Bid Division 2 Mechanical – Thelen Heating & Roofing, Inc. for $114,600.00; Bid Division 3 Electrical – BNM Construction, Inc. for $27,000.00. The motion was seconded by Member Grafft, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried. (Bid tabulation in official minutes book.)

8.3 Structural Balance Report – Member Grafft moved to approve the Structural Balance report on the Association of Education Paraprofessional’s employment contract 2006-
2008. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted.

8.4 Paraprofessionals Contract – Member Grafft moved to ratify the 2006-08 Forest Lake Association of Educational Paraprofessionals Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Member Langness, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

8.5 Structural Balance Report – Member Grafft moved to approve the Structural Balance report on the Technology Specialists’ Contract 2006-08. The motion was seconded by Member Kieger, all members voted aye and the resolution was adopted.

8.6 Technology Specialists Contract – Member Rapheal moved to ratify the 2006-08 Forest Lake Technology Specialists Association Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Member Langness, by roll call vote all members voted aye and the motion carried.

8.7 Benefits General Description – Member Grafft moved to approve the Forest Lake Area Schools Benefits General Description on Classified Employment Policies 2006-2008 for the following employees/groups: Adult Basic Education Coordinator, Adult Basic Education Office Assistant, Adult Services Coordinator, Adult Enrichment Coordinator, Assistant School Age Care Coordinator, Assistant to the Building & Grounds Supervisor, Athletic Coordinator, Behavior Intervention Specialist, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Confidential Administrative Assistants, Cook Helper, Cook Manager, ECFE Teacher Assistant, ECFE Teen Parent Child Care Assistant, Link Coordinator, Locker Room Attendant, Noon Duty Assistant, School Age Care Coordinator, Senior Citizen Coordinator, Shop Foreperson, Teen Center Planner, Title I Assistants, Transportation Safety Coordinator, Vision and Hearing Technician, Water Safety Instructor, Youth Development Coordinator, and Youth Site Planner. The motion was seconded by Member Gay, all members voted aye and the motion carried.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

9.1 World Language Task Force – Member Langness moved to approve the formation of a World Language Task Force with a membership change from “four parents” to “four citizens” and include a School Board representative. The motion was seconded by Member Gay. All members voted aye and the task force was approved. Members Grafft and Gay volunteered to serve on the task force.

9.2 Discipline Policy #515 – First reading of updated to the district Discipline Policy #515. This item will be placed on the next agenda for Board action.
9.3 Liaison – Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Langness, to appoint Julie Corcoran as School Board Liaison to the City of Forest Lake. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

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

As there was no further business, Member Grafft moved, seconded by Member Langness, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All members voted aye and the meeting adjourned.

Bill Bresin                                        President  Rob Rapheal                     Clerk

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