

EDUCATION

Building a Bronco community

BY JENN WINDELS

You hear it from teachers and students alike, the 2014-15 school year is starting off with a strong sense of community at Independent School District 361.

Three preschool classrooms are full of new, eager learners with the expansion of the program at no cost to families. The popular Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, which builds excitement and investment in a positive school community, has been expanded to the high school and has been warmly embraced by the older students.

The district has invested in technology updates to improve and expand WiFi capabilities and place more mobile learning devices at the hands of teachers and students which can connect them to the broader world.

The community is investing in our schools, as well.

Springing off an idea from a Blue Ribbon Panel meeting from last winter, Kelly Gordon, with the generous support of several businesses and individuals in the community, organized the effort to mount the large Bronco emblem on the north side of Falls High School which welcomes the community and other teams to the Home of the Broncos.

This October, with a packed house, the Mr. Pete Foundation raised over \$20,000 to support creative and engaging teacher projects to honor the legacy of an effective and beloved teacher. This fall, Boise/PCA donated \$1,000 to the I Falls PIE Wishing Willow program helping us provide extras to elementary classrooms from books to every day or special project supplies. Staff and students are feeling the support and hear the message that this community values education.

Promoting a sense of community and engaging

academic activities via fundraising, volunteering and improved communication has been the focus of I Falls Partners in Education members for the past three years and we look forward to continuing our efforts this year. Through the Wishing Willow program, Bronco Pride clothing sales, the Reindeer Run 5k/1k, Cookbook sales and book drives, I Falls PIE has raised nearly \$10,000 to support the schools. We strive to share volunteer needs and important information with families and the community via newsletters, the school website, our Facebook page, emailing members and the monthly PIE Speaker Series.

I Falls PIE members value the bridge we provide between the school and community and know there are so many ways to make this connection stronger. If you believe in our efforts, want to support our district and have time or resources to share, please consider helping the I

Falls PIE members continue these efforts. We volunteer support to keep and expand our programming. If you can help from home or in person, check out volunteer opportunities listed on the School's PIE link, email us at ifallspie@gmail.com, or attend one of our bimonthly meetings.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities include helping younger students during their library classes, supervising and open computer lab for sixth graders to work on writing activities, and assisting with planning the Reindeer Run scheduled for the morning of Christmas Eve. Each week there are ways to volunteer from home or at the school. The investment of volunteers is noticed and appreciated by students and staff alike.

Sending out a big Bronco cheer for the Falls community for supporting the students and staff in the district this year.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Falls High School students who attended the We Day celebration are not pictured in order: Gary Harala, Tommy Emanuel-Roche, Lexi Emanuel-Roche, Ethan Alleman, Wyatt Amdahl, Anna Levene, Colton Hasbargen, Meggan Crosby, Jenica Wendler, Tori Hell, Megan Nemec, Olivia Holm, Simon Palm, William Harala, Taylor Wilson-Tilander, Remi Vellieux, Grace Haanen, Kristina Remus, Connie Bragg, Kenzie Wenberg, Libby Miggins, and Shelby Layman. The group was chaperoned by Kayla Gilbert, Jessica Crosby and Rachel Amdahl.

Students attend We Day event

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Several Falls High School students were among 18,000 of their peers from around the state last week at the second annual We Day celebration in St. Paul.

According to a release, We Act is a comprehensive service learning program that supports schools and youth groups in taking tangible action to make a difference in the world. Groups take on one local and one global action to earn their way to the We Day event. More than 550 Minnesota schools participated.

"This was such an empowering event for our young people," said Rachel Amdahl, FHS student council adviser. "It made a huge impact on how they view volunteering in their own community as

well as helping people across the globe. I am excited to see the changes they are going to make both here at school and in the service projects they have chosen to do this year. We have some very compassionate youth who are eager to do good in the world."

Gov. Mark Dayton proclaimed Nov. 12 We Day Minnesota, in honor of the volunteer blitz. The celebration featured several famous inspirational speakers including: Magic Johnson, National Basketball Association legend; Martin Sheen, Emmy and Golden Globe award winning actor; The Band Perry, a country music group; JR Martinez, actor; Lennon and Maisy Stella, actresses; Kweku Mandela, grandson of President Nelson Mandela and others.

# ANNUAL CUTEST HOLIDAY PET CONTEST!

New Time: 1:30 p.m. New Indoors: Shannon Square Friday, Nov. 28

**TWO \$25 PRIZES!**



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**DRESS UP YOUR PET**

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**OUTDOOR PET PROMENADE**  
Then It's Inside Shannon Square for  
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TREATS! MUSIC! FUN!  
at Shannon Square  
**WALK PETS in the Parade! 7 p.m.**  
(Register by calling Chamber if Joining the Parade)  
**283-9400 • chamber@ifalls.org**

Public Notices

Swim will host Mesabi East and have parents' night. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the athletes.

13.1.2 National Honor Society induction is Sunday at 2:00 in the Falls High School Cafeteria.

13.1.3 The Math Team is organizing and Knowledge Bowl begins next week.

**14.0 CLOSED SESSION:** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wagner to close the meeting at 5:52 p.m. to discuss a 510 grievance. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**REOPEN AND ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to reopen and subsequently adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: W. Kostiuk, Clerk

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# Public Notice

MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – I.S.D. #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
Thursday, November 6, 2014  
Falls High School Cafeteria – 5 p.m.

**PRELIMINARIES:**

**1.0 CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson G. Dault at 5:00 p.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL:** Members present were Gordon Dault, Mike Holden, Dena Wenberg and Darrell Wagner. Also present was Superintendent Kevin Grover. Members absent were Willi Kostiuk and Michelle Hebner.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**5.0 PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA:**  
Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the personnel consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.1 Approve the hire of Randy Hart as a 1.0 FTE custodian effective November 3, 2014 and in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

5.2 Accept the resignation due to retirement of Susan Millette, Secre-

tary, with the last service date of February 27, 2015 and pursuant to the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

**6.0 CANVASS SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS:**  
Member Mike Holden introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 361, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the school board election of the voters of the district held on November 4, 2014 was in all respects fully and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 4286 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three (3) school board members for four year terms as follows:

**THREE (3) FOUR YEAR TERMS**

Candidate - Holt, Tom	3175
Write-in - McBride, Heather	862
Write-in - Korpi, Toni	848
Write-in - Nordquist, Stuart	25
Write-in - Korpi, Tina	23
Write-in - Draba, Harley	15
Write-in - Ditsch, Leon	7
Write-in - Wenberg, Dena	7
Write-in - Crosby, Steve	5
Write-in - Briggs, Brian	4
Write-in - Wallen, Darren	4
Write-in - Christianson, Todd	3
Write-in - Frank, Willi	3
Write-in - Kostiuk, Willi	3
Write-in - McBride, Maggie	3
Write-in - McBride, Michelle	3
Write-in - Norstad, Lisa	3
Write-in - Pearson, Levi	3
Write-in - Slatinski, Bethanne	3
Write-in - Anderson, Bob	2
Write-in - Krasaway, Brad	2
Write-in - Lassila, Mark	2
Write-in - Lepper, Chuck	2
Write-in - McBride, Brian	2
Write-in - Osse, Jennifer	2
Write-in - Prettyman, Joe	2
Write-in - Short, Robert C	2
Write-in - Smith, Carrilyn	2
Write-in - Smith, Tim	2
Write-in - Wagner, Boxer	2
Write-in - Woods, Ed	2
Write-in - Anderson, Gary	1
Write-in - Awe, Kathy	1
Write-in - Bartlett, John	1
Write-in - Boelk, Keith	1
Write-in - Bolstad, Michael	1
Write-in - Braaten, Elmer	1
Write-in - Budris, Bruce	1
Write-in - Burnshet, Robin	1
Write-in - Carlson, Jerry	1
Write-in - Carlson, William C	1
Write-in - Cook, Tammy	1
Write-in - Corrin, Maxine	1
Write-in - Eisenach, Kurt	1
Write-in - Eklund, Rob	1
Write-in - Fraik, George	1

Write-in - Gedde, Mike	1
Write-in - Gillian, Roy	1
Write-in - Goulet, Mark	1
Write-in - Hebner	1
Write-in - Holden	1
Write-in - Iffert, Terry	1
Write-in - Jespersion, Brian	1
Write-in - Johnson, Bill	1
Write-in - Johnson, William R	1
Write-in - Johnson-Smalley, Dianne	1
Write-in - Koenig, Shelly	1
Write-in - Korpi, Karl	1
Write-in - Korpi, Lori	1
Write-in - Korpi, Renee	1
Write-in - Kruse, Steve	1
Write-in - LeDuc, Brenda	1
Write-in - Loop, Elizabeth	1
Write-in - Lyman, Lori	1
Write-in - Manka, Laura	1
Write-in - Manka, Sarah	1
Write-in - Martinez, Mandy	1
Write-in - Matthews, Tim	1
Write-in - McBride, Stephanie	1
Write-in - Mouse, Mickey	1
Write-in - Myer, Tina	1
Write-in - Ohlquist, Skip	1
Write-in - Pullar, Ralph	1
Write-in - Rautio, Troy	1
Write-in - Riley, Scott	1
Write-in - Roberts, James	1
Write-in - Rolando, Jim	1
Write-in - Rousseau, Tim	1
Write-in - Salo, Matt	1
Write-in - Shermoen, Jerod	1
Write-in - Short, Chris	1
Write-in - Silvers, Paul T	1
Write-in - Simon, Orin	1
Write-in - Sjoblom, Duane	1
Write-in - Skogstad-Ditsch Roxanne	1
Write-in - Smith, JoAnn	1
Write-in - Swendsen, Frank	1
Write-in - Wenberg, Clayton	1
Write-in - Williams, Phil	1
Write-in - Wood, Barry	1
Write-in - Wood, Ray	1
Write-in - Wood, Rhonda	1
Write-in - Zoupas, Howard	1

3. Candidates Tom Holt, Heather McBride and Toni Korpi having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2015.

4. The school clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

Motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Darrell Wagner and being put to voice vote, the following voted in favor thereof: Gordon Dault, Mike Holden, Darrell Wagner, Dena Wenberg

the following voted against: none and the following abstained: none whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion passed and the resolution adopted.

Dena Wenberg  
Attest: Dena Wenberg, Acting Clerk

**7.0 CANVASS SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS:**  
Member Darrell Wagner moved the

adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 361, State of Minnesota, as follows: It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this school district held on November 4, 2014, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, at said election a total of 4286 voters of the school district voted on the question of "shall the School Board of Independent School District 361 consist of seven members", of which 2858 voted in favor, 1079 voted against the same, and there were 253 completely blank or defective ballots. Said proposition, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have carried.

Motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Mike Holden and being put to voice vote, the following voted in favor thereof: Gordon Dault, Mike Holden, Darrell Wagner, Dena Wenberg

The following voted against: none And the following abstained: none Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion passed and the resolution adopted.

Dena Wenberg  
Attest: Dena Wenberg, Acting Clerk

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**  
Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by M. Holden to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Wenberg, Acting Clerk

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# Public Notice

MINUTE SUMMARY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
KOOCHICHIING COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS  
Held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014;  
10:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The County Board approved the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda: approved the minutes from the Octo-

ber 28<sup>th</sup> meeting; approved payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$34,616.49; approved the 2015 County Fee Schedule with no changes.

000 The Board Chair opened a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the County's intent to amend its County Zoning Ordinance by removal of Subdivision 6 of Section 4.52 for Existing Quarrying, Mining or Gravel Pit Operations which was not enacted with the adoption of the County Ordinance in 1975. The Environmental Service Director provided background on the issue and resulting decision to remove the subdivision. The Board Chair opened the hearing for comment. Joe Preftyman for clarity purposes asked if Subdivision 6 of Section 4.52 (a, b, c) was being removed in its entirety and the Environmental Service Director confirmed that is the County's Intent. The Environmental Service Director and County Administration Director confirmed that no written comment was received. With no further public comment the Board Chair closed the hearing stating that the County Board will act on the County's Intent to Amend the County's Zoning Ordinance by removal of Subdivision 6 of Section 4.52 at its November 18, 2014 County Board meeting.

2014/11-05 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee authorizing the County Engineer to purchase 18 ARMER Radios at a cost of \$36,000 for field communications for his staff with cost reimbursement of 60% from state aid maintenance funds. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2014/11-06 Motion by Adee, seconded by Pavleck that Koochiching County hereby approves the International Voyageurs Trail re-designation as follows: Whereas the current trail runs along County Road 144 and reverts off onto Tax Forfeit Property crossing County Road 92 and proceeding on Tax Forfeit Property to the Loons Nest on TH 11; Whereas the Snowmobile Club has requested that the trail is re-designated in which the trail would continue on County Road 144 to County Road 113 to TH 11 crossing into the City of Ranier and thereafter the trail route remains the same; Whereas, the portion of the current trail over Tax Forfeit Property would be closed and the new trail route would be signed; Whereas, the County Engineer and Land Commissioner have reviewed and support the Club's request for the Trail re-designation. Therefore Be It resolved that the Koochiching County Board approves the re-designation of a portion of the International Voyageurs Snowmobile Trail where the trail would continue on County Road 144 to County Road 113 to TH 11 crossing into the City of Ranier.

Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2014/11-07 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe that Koochiching County acting as sponsor for the International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club send a letter to Mn/DOT Transportation District 1 Engineer requesting MnDOT to enter into a Limited Use Permit agreement with Koochiching County as the local unit of government for locations where the International Voyageurs Snowmobile Trail crosses TH 11 R/W or where the trail runs inside Mn/DOT R/W as recommended by the County Engineer. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

A full copy of the minutes is available on the County website at [www.co.koochiching.mn.us](http://www.co.koochiching.mn.us) and for public inspection at the County Administration Office during regular business hours.

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