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For more information, call Tammie Calder at 285-7411.

Norma Swenson, 88

Norma Swenson, 88, of International Falls, died Monday, May 11, 2015.

A funeral service is planned for 11 a.m. Monday, May 18, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

A complete obituary will follow.

ABOUT LOCAL FOLKS

Farese focus of assembly

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

There were about 50 shaved heads at Florida's Olympic Heights High School gymnasium in a show of solidarity with Kayla Farese.

Farese, 16, is the granddaughter of Joe and Mary Nell Gust of International Falls and the daughter of former Falls resident Janis Farese.

The February assembly, during which Kayla sang and danced, featured about 50 students and faculty members who shaved their heads as a fundraiser for St. Baldrick's Foundation, which raises money for childhood cancer research, said the Boca Raton, Fla., newspaper.

Shaving their heads was a show of support for Farese and other kids who suffer from cancer and often lose their hair during cancer treatment, according to the newspaper story.

Farese, born with Down syndrome and heart de-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Kayla Farese was the focus of a fundraising assembly during which about 50 people shaved their heads in support of childhood cancer research. She is pictured with her mother, Janis Farese.

fects, was diagnosed in August with Hodgkin's lymphoma. She finished her treatment in January and her cancer is considered in remission, said the newspaper story on the event.

Nearly \$500,000 has been

raised by students in the 11 years the school has participated in the fundraiser for the foundation, said the story. This year, the students raised another \$18,600 to help fund childhood cancer research.

Growing vegetables in a flower bed

Growing vegetables in a flower bed or in flower pots may seem strange to some, but with a little planning it can be a successful venture. Your first thought might be "but vegetables aren't pretty." Why would I want to destroy the beauty of my flower beds and pots with vegetables? Then again, if space is limited and you haven't really done much with vegetables, why not give it a try?

I made a new bed in my back yard last year. It received more sunlight than any other of my gardens; it was very near to my back door which made it really appealing to have vegetables there for easy picking when I was preparing a meal. Yet I wanted it to look attractive since it was so near to the house.

I started by purchasing three large pots and placed them strategically in the center of the bed. I wanted to do tomatoes, peppers and eggplants in the pots. Knowing that the tomato would need staking to keep it from falling over the edge of the pot, I purchased an attractive wrought iron obelisk rather than the traditional cage. I did the same for one of the other pots. They looked great.

Now for choosing which variety of vegetable I should grow. I selected a determinate tomato thinking it wouldn't sprawl as much as the indeterminate varieties which continue to grow and produce fruit until frost. Cherry or grape tomatoes

would work, too, but most are indeterminate so may require more pruning to keep their size under control. The tomato grew in the center of the largest pot. I surrounded it with small marigolds, red and green lettuce plants and basil. All of the additional plants complemented the tomato. In the other pot I put an eggplant, the variety was "Fairy Tale." It produced numerous lavender elongated fruits. In the same pot were the peppers. One variety was "Say Cheese" which is a small mild pepper and produces red, yellow and green fruit. Again, the red and green lettuce surrounded the plants as well as petunias. My third pot, which was smaller, had oregano and basil in it.

My next problem was what to put in the ground around the pots. I selected carrots for the border edging the entire bed. Their ferny greens looked very attractive. I planted nicotiana, snapdragons and more lettuce and herbs in the main part of the bed.



Jan MAAS

MASTER GARDENER

Chives and parsley added another dimension.

When selecting plants for a combination garden, make sure they all have similar growing requirements. Vegetables will quickly overpower the flowers so make sure you select smaller varieties. Choose plants with different textures to add interest to the garden.

Vegetables planted in containers will be smaller in a direct proportion to the size of the pot. If you check at the nurseries when you buy your plants, you can often find ones that are designated as "dwarf" or for use in containers. Consider growing edible flowers such as nasturtium or violas with the vegetables. A slow release fertilizer should be added at the time of planting.

I was very happy with the success of my mixed garden and look forward to fine tuning my technique this year.

For more information on horticultural topics, see the University of Minnesota Extension website which provides a plethora of guidance <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/>. Master Gardeners are again providing answers to your gardening questions at our voice mail number 218-444-7916. Call, leaving your name, number, and your question and one of the members will return your call.

Independent School District #361

Koochiching County

International Falls, MN

Mission Statement: To prepare all learners for a changing world by developing their potential within a climate of mutual respect and trust.

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – I.S.D. #361
International Falls, Minnesota
Monday, May 18, 2015
Falls High School Library - 5:00 p.m.

PRELIMINARIES:

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 ROLL CALL
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4.0 PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5.0 OPEN FORUM:
 - 5.1 Public open forum
 - 5.2 Marva Fairchild; FACS class project

OLD BUSINESS:

- 6.0 NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 7.0 Adopt a Resolution for renewal of probationary teachers.
- 8.0 Adopt resolution for tenure and presentation of plaques.
- 9.0 Approve the 2015-16 reassignment of Jay Boyle to the part-time technology integrationist position with remaining FTE to be a math teaching assignment to equal a 1.0 FTE.
- 10.0 Discussion and potential action on a Pre K – 5 reading curriculum.
- 11.0 Discussion and potential action on an alternative school setting for the 2015-16 school year.
- 12.0 Discussion and potential action on an additional special education position for the 2015-16 school year.
- 13.0 Discussion and potential action on technology items.

Program Consents:

- 14.1 Approve donations in the amount of \$6280.12

Regular Donations

4/21/15	VFW Post 2948; PBIS Awards	\$200.00
4/22/15	McDonald's (Mc Teacher Night); Falls Elementary School	\$703.97
4/23/15	Memorials given on Behalf of JoAnn Bokovoy; PALS Group	\$260.00
4/22/15	Parent Involvement Committee; 6th Grade Science Fair Supplies	\$207.82
4/28/15	Schwan's Cares; 6th Grade Field Trip	\$122.39
4/28/15	Box Top for Education; 7-8th Grade	\$236.40
5/1/15	Track Boosters; Volunteer Track Coach	\$2500.00
5/4/15	Parent Involvement Committee; FES Classroom Supplies	\$174.54
5/6/15	In Memory of Grandma Jackie from Renee' Horn; FES Library	\$100.00

Falls High School Prom Donations

Almost Lindy's	Sweatshirt
American Family Insurance- John Cann	Golf Pack Tote
AMP Salon	Hair Car Package
Border Bar Pizza	2 \$15 Gift Cards
Border State Bank	2 Gift Packs
Borderland Jewelry	2 \$25 Gift Cards
County Market	\$40 Gift Card
County Market	After Prom Donuts, Muffins & Juice
Einarson Flying Service	2 Sweatshirts, 2 T-Shirts & 2 Hats
Elks Lodge #1599	\$50
Exact Eye Care	Costa Sunglasses
Fairview Healthcare Medical Supply	Blanket & Fruit Infuser Bottle
Farmers Ins. Ronna MacKay	Gift Pack
Int'l Falls Fire Dept	\$50
Foxesland	2 \$25 Gift Certificates
Geartan's Floral & Gifts	Table Centerpieces
Giovanni's	2 \$10 Gift Cards
Hardies	5 Sandwich & Cookie Coupons
It's A Girl Thing	\$35 & \$50 Gift Card
KGHS-AM & KSDM-FM	4 Twins Tickets
Mason's on Main	\$50 Gift Card
Meyers Glass	\$25
Napa Auto Parts	2 \$25 Gift Card
Northern Exposure	Hair Pack & Tan
Roche's Towing	\$150
Steve Boyum's Construction	\$200
Subway	4-6 inch Subs
Randy Pozniak CPA	\$20
Swanky Sweet Peas	Pink Gift Card Box
	Total Value Prom Donations \$1775.00

- 14.2 Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 20, 2015.
- 14.3 Approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$233,022.39
- 14.4 Accept the single bid from Land O' Lakes for milk products for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.
- 14.5 Accept the single bid from Voyageur Charter/Rinke Bus for to/from transportation services on Routes 9 and 11 for the 2015-16 school year.
- 14.6 Accept the single bid from Cedulie's Photography for school picture services for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.
- 14.7 Receive final 2014-15 revenue and expenditure budgets for adoption in June.
- 14.8 Receive revised 2015-16 revenue and expenditure budgets for adoption in June.
- 14.9 Approve a Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with Vermillion Community College for the 2015-16 school year.
- 14.10 Approve a Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with Lake Superior College for the 2015-16 school year.
- 14.11 Adopt the 2015-16 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League.
- 14.12 Approve a contract with the Ft. Frances Lakers for summer ice time rental.
- 14.13 Approve a collaborative agreement with Kootasca Head Start & Early Head Start for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- 14.14 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Local 331 for participation in the Quality Compensation Program (Q-Comp) for the 2015-16 school year

15.0 Personnel Consents:

- 15.1 Accept the resignation of Derek Dowty as head boys basketball coach effective immediately.
- 15.2 Accept the resignation of Luke Zika as assistant boys basketball coach effective immediately.
- 15.3 Accept the resignation of Glen Anderson as head football coach effective immediately.
- 15.4 Approve the hire of the following individuals for coaching positions for seasons during the 2015-16 school year and in accord with Schedule "D" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.
 - Jill Herzog - head girls swim
 - Teresa Stone - assistant girls swim
 - Tony Casareto - head football
 - Ryan Puncchoar – assistant football
 - Chris Wade - assistant football
 - Paul Hjelle - head boys & girls cross country
 - Sheryl Hendrickson – assistant boys & girls cross country
 - Erin Shikowsky - head girls' volleyball
 - Deana Lorenson - assistant girls' volleyball
- 15.5 Acknowledge Kristy Taylor as a volunteer girls swim coach for the 2015 season.
- 15.6 Accept the resignation of Rhonda Johnson as a paraprofessional with last day of employment May 29, 2015.
- 15.7 Approve a request from Dawnelle Meyers, paraprofessional, for two days (15 hours) unpaid leave on May 7 & 8, 2015 in accord with Article 9, Section 2 from the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 4798.
- 15.8 Approve a request from Susan Palm, School Nurse, for one day of unpaid leave on Monday, May 18.
- 15.9 Approve the termination of Niki Kossow, paraprofessional per recommendation of Principal Tim Everson with last day of employment April 23, 2015.
- 15.10 Approve a contract with David Skwarok as Technology Director for the 2015-16 school year.

16.0 Policy Consents: moved _____ second _____ to approve policy consent agenda items as presented. carried/failed

- 16.1 Adopt revised policies:
 - 16.1.1 Policy 404 Employment Background Checks
 - 16.1.2 Policy 405 Veteran's Preference Hiring
 - 16.1.3 Policy 406 Public and Private Personnel Data
 - 16.1.4 Policy 407 Employee Right-to-Know – Exposure to Hazardous Substances
 - 16.1.5 Policy 408 Subpoena of a School District Employee
- 16.2 Second reading for revised policies for adoption in June:
 - 16.2.1 Policy 208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies.
 - 16.2.2 Policy 410 Family and Medical Leave Policy
 - 16.2.3 Policy 413 Harassment and Violence
 - 16.2.4 Policy 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
 - 16.2.5 Policy 416 Drug and Alcohol Testing
 - 16.2.6 Policy 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
- 16.3 First reading for revised policies for adoption in July:
 - 16.3.1 Policy 419 Tobacco-Free Environment
 - 16.3.2 Policy 420.5 Communicable Disease Policy
 - 16.3.3 Policy 421 Gifts to Employees
 - 16.3.4 Policy 423 Employee- Student Relationships
 - 16.3.5 Policy 427 Staff Development

REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

17.0 Administrative Reports:

- 17.1 Tim Everson, Principal
- 17.2 Melissa Tate, Principal
- 17.3 Kevin Grover, Superintendent
- 17.3.1 MSHSL "Why We Play" training video
- 17.3.2 Application for participation in "School Climate Improvement Program"
- 17.3.3 Minnesota Partnership for Collaborative Curriculum

18.0 Committee Reports:

- 18.1 Student member

19.0 Reception for Newly Tenured Teachers

20.0 CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY: Motion to enter into a closed session to discussion negotiations strategy for negotiations with Local 331 on Tuesday, May 19th. moved _____ second _____ carried/failed

21.0 REOPEN MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT ADJOURNMENT

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to reopen the meeting and adjourn meeting at _____ p.m. Motion carried/failed



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