

SPORTS

ARROWHEAD 135

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calls for mild winter weather with air temperatures predicted to remain in the double digits above zero. Below-zero temperatures with bitterly cold wind chills affected the number of finishers in last year’s ultramarathon, which had the largest number of starters and second-lowest percentage of finishers in the race’s history.

In the 2013 Arrowhead 135, which had milder temperatures, several inches of snow that fell during the ultramarathon affected the number of finishers. Bikers who had yet to reach the finish line before the snowfall arrived had trouble pedaling in the deep snow, for instance. Of the 135 athletes in the 2013 race, only 49 finished — 40 bikers, seven runners and two skiers. Racers will be traveling around the clock on the Arrowhead snowmobile trail

as they reach three checkpoints along the way before arriving at the finish line at Fortune Bay. The racers are required to carry mandatory survival gear. Proceeds from the Arrowhead 135 go to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, the local Minnesota Safe Families for Children organization and the International Falls food shelf. **PRE-RACE EVENTS** Prior to the ultramarathon beginning Monday morning, a couple of public

events are planned for this weekend. A movie about the Arrowhead 135, “Among the Wild,” will be shown tonight at the Backus Community Center. The evening will begin at 6:30 with an opening reception that will include a performance from the local bluegrass band Sloughgrass. The film, which begins at 7:30, includes video footage from the 2013 ultramarathon and follows three racers as they attempt to finish

the Arrowhead 135 between the Falls and Fortune Bay. “We’ve had three sold-out screenings and have received phenomenal feedback from participants of the Arrowhead 135 and the adventure community in Minnesota,” said the film’s director, Brenda Piekarski. “The excitement and the energy surrounding the film has been incredible and literally palpable at each event. We are very pleased and excited to bring the film to its home turf and return

to International Falls.” Piekarski said racers and members of the film crew will be available for questions following the film. Tickets for the event may be purchased at the door for \$15. Also planned for Sunday at Backus following a pre-race meeting for the ultramarathon athletes is a pasta dinner scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. Members of the public may attend the dinner by purchasing tickets at the door for \$9.

Public Notices

Public Notice

**MINUTE SUMMARY**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
Held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015;  
11:25 a.m.

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

The Board approved the January 13th meeting agenda; approved the minutes from the January 6, 2015 regular meeting; received notice on the Temporary Hire of Kelsey Street in the County Recorder’s Office; reviewed the December Vendor Payment Listing; approved payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$148,055.17 and ratified the payment of year end Health and Human Services claims in the amount of \$42,946.51.

2015/01-15 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the purchase of an Electronic Time Card System from RTVision for the County’s Payroll System. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/01-16 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Adee adopting a resolution as sponsor for the Polar Polers Ski Club to support the 2015 grant application made to the MN Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreational Trail Grant Program for the purchase of a Polaris Ranger 900XP EPS for \$27,419. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/01-17 Motion by Adee, seconded by Ecklund to approve an additional part time deputy position to the Sheriff Department’s roll roster at no additional cost to the Budget to provide more flexibility for shift fill in or if additional patrol is needed. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Derek Lunser to the Human Services Accounting Technician I Position.

2015/01-18 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Adee authorizing the Health and Human Services Director to fill the vacant Case Aide Position due to the filling of the Accounting Technician I Position. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. 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.

**The Journal**  
**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Public Notice

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – I.S.D. #361  
Monday, December 15, 2014  
Falls High School Cafeteria  
5:00 p.m.

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

**2.0 ROLL CALL:** Board members present were Gordon Dault, Michelle Hebner, Michael Holden, Willi Kostiuk, Darrell Wagner and Dena Wenberg. Also present was Superintendent Kevin Grover and Student Member Gary Harala.

**Media Present:** The Journal

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.0 PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the agenda as presented.

**5.0 OPEN FORUM**

5.1 December Student of the Month certificate was presented to Tessa Walls.  
5.2 Public Open Forum; there was no one to address the Board under Open Forum.  
5.3 Appreciation plaques were presented to outgoing Board Mem-

bers Willi Kostiuk, Dena Wenberg and Darrell Wagner for their years of service on the Board.

**6.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 17, 2014. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**7.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$252,510.96. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**8.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by W. Kostiuk to adopt the FY15 revised revenue and expenditure budgets. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**9.0** The FY14 audit report was presented by Chris Gruber from Miller, McDonald Inc. Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to approve the FY14 audit. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**10.0 Program Consent:** Moved by D. Wagner, seconded by M. Hebner to approve the program consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$10,790.00.  
11/24/14 Donation to Wallace Haglund Scholarship \$25.00  
11/12/14 Ronald Caple; FHS Bronco Hall of Fame \$100.00  
11/17/14 Boise Paper; Fall Athletics. \$765.00

11/17/14 Boise Paper; FHS Wrestling Program \$2500.00  
11/24/14 Bronco Swim Booster; Girls Dive Coach \$1000.00  
11/25/14 McDonald’s; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$400.00  
11/26/14 Midcontinent Communications; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$500.00

12/02/14 Chocolate Moose; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$500.00  
12/02/14 Super One; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$1500.00  
12/3/14 Shannon’s Heating & Plumbing; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$500.00

12/5/14 Minnesota Power; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$1000.00  
12/8/14 Boise Paper; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$1000.00  
12/8/14 Wherley Motors; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$1000.00

Total \$10,790.00

**11.0 Personnel Consent:** Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the personnel consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11.1 Accept the resignation of Chelsea Nagle, Educational Support Professional effective December 19, 2014.

11.2 Accept the resignation of Jenny Olsen, Educational Support Professional effective December 16, 2014.

11.3 Acknowledge early retirement incentive for Onida Kocinski per letter of request received January 23, 2014 with last contract day of June 4, 2015.

11.4 Acknowledge early retirement incentive for MaryKay Hardwig per letter of request received January 23, 2014 with last contract day of June 4, 2015.

**12.0 Policy Consent:** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by W. Kostiuk to approve the policy consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**13.0** Superintendent evaluation forms were given to Board members for completion with the summary to be presented at the regular meeting in January.

**14.0** An overview of the district’s World’s Best Workforce plan was given by Dr. Mary Donohue Stetz who coordinated the formation of the required plan. Moved by W. Kostiuk, seconded by M. Holden to adopt the plan with ongoing modifications as needed. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**REPORTS AND INFORMATION:**

**15.0 Administrative Reports:** Moved by M. Holden, seconded by G. Dault to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

15.1.1 Enrollment is 627 for grades 6-12.  
15.1.2 Concurrent Enrollment courses for first semester closed shortly with meetings being held to coordinate course offerings for next school year.  
15.1.3 First semester ends January 16th and a teacher inservice will be held on the 19th.

15.1.4 Early out Wednesdays continue to go well with the time utilized for department meetings etc.

15.2 Melissa Tate, Principal  
15.2.1 Enrollment is 587.  
15.2.2 The professional dance troupe was here and worked with select classrooms. It was a very remarkable experience to see students build confidence through dance.  
15.2.3 A review of topics discussed at the Early Out Wednesdays was given.

15.3 Kevin Grover, Superintendent  
15.3.1 Strategic planning update: Surveys are being distributed to grades P-6 and a phone message will go out informing parents of the surveys. A phone message will also be sent to parents for grades 7-12 directing them to request or complete the on-line version. Employees are also being directed to complete the survey. On January 7th the MSBA representative will meet with Board members for strategic planning followed by meetings for public input on the 7th and 8th.  
15.3.2 Leave request; Superintendent Grover will be scheduling individual meetings with board members in January and will want to discuss the topic of “leaves” at that time.  
15.3.3 Voyage Forward update: This committee continues to move forward and will be requesting the School Board to complete a survey.

**16.0 Committee Reports:**  
16.1 Student member Gary Harala reported on all of the extracurricular activities relaying current records and upcoming contests. He also reiterated the coat drive that Student Council and NHS are sponsoring. PBIS will now allow students to nominate teachers for awards.

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING 6:00 p.m.**  
Superintendent Grover reviewed the district’s expenditures, revenue sources and levy comparisons.

**17.0** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by D. Wagner to approve the 2014 levy payable in 2015 to secure maximum state funding for education noted in the Minnesota Department of Education documents as follows:  
General Fund \$ 1,965,071.88  
Community Services Fund \$ 129,920.03

General Debt Service Fund \$ 162,892.01

Total Certified Levy \$ 2,257,883.92

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by W. Kostiuk to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: W. Kostiuk, Clerk

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**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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**MINUTES**  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION I.S.D. #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
Wednesday, January 7, 2015  
Falls High School Library 4:30 P.M.

**PRELIMINARIES:**  
**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson M. Hebner at 4:30 p.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL:** Members present were Gordon Dault, Michelle Hebner, Michael Holden, Tom Holt, Toni Korpi and Heather McBride. Also present was Superintendent Kevin Grover.

Media Present: The Journal

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Moved by M. Holden, seconded by G. Dault to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**5.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING:**  
5.1 Sandy Gaulke from the Minnesota School Boards’ Association was present to meet with the Board as part of the strategic planning and goal setting process. The Board was asked to list areas of strength, concerns and visions. Viewpoints will be melded with survey results and pre-

sented to a Board sub-committee in February. Subsequently the Blue Ribbon Panel will be given a survey summary to develop short and long-term goals for Board approval and adoption.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by G. Dault seconded by M. Holden to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: G. Dault, Clerk

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**MINUTES**  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION I.S.D. #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
January 5, 2015  
Falls High School Cafeteria 5:00 P.M.

**PRELIMINARIES:**

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

**2.0 ROLL CALL:** Members present were Gordon Dault, Michelle Hebner, Mike Holden, Tom Holt, Toni Korpi and Heather McBride. Also present was Superintendent Kevin Grover. Student member Gary Harala was absent.

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.0 INSTALLATION AND OATH OF OFFICE:** Newly elected members Tom Holt, Toni Korpi and Heather McBride recited the oath of office and were duly installed.

**5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Moved by M. Hebner, seconded by M. Holden to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent K. Grover requested item 9.1.4 be revised with the removal of his name from the item. Amended agenda was approved with a unanimous vote.

**6.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**6.1 Chairperson:** Chairperson G. Dault called for nominations for the position of Chairperson. Member M. Holden nominated Michelle Hebner for the office of Chairperson. Member G. Dault seconded the nomination. After calling for further nominations two additional times and none given, a vote was called for. Motion carried by a unanimous vote at which point M. Hebner stepped in as Chairperson.

**Vice-Chairperson:** Chairperson M. Hebner called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Member G. Dault nominated M. Holden for the office of Vice-Chairperson. Member T. Holt seconded the nomination. After calling or further nominations two additional times and none given, a vote was called for. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Clerk:** Chairperson M. Hebner called for nominations for the position of Clerk. Member M. Holden nominated G. Dault for the office of Clerk. Member H. McBride seconded the nomination. After calling for further nominations two additional times and none given, a vote was called for. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Treasurer:** Chairperson M. Hebner called for nominations for the position of Treasurer. Member M. Hebner nominated H. McBride for the office of Treasurer. Member G. Dault seconded the nomination. After calling for further nominations two additional times and none given, a vote was called for. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**7.0 MEETING DATES & TIMES**  
Moved by M. Holden, seconded by G. Dault to hold the regular school board meetings on the third Monday of each month with meeting to begin at 5:00 p.m. If the meeting coincides with a legal holiday it will be moved to Tuesday. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**8.0 SET BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES**

A. Administrative Salary Committee: G. Dault, M. Holden, M. Hebner  
B. Local 510 Negotiations Committee: M. Holden, H. McBride, T. Holt  
C. Local 331 Negotiations Committee: G. Dault, M. Hebner, T. Korpi  
D. Local 4798 Negotiations Committee: M. Hebner, T. Holt, T. Korpi  
E. Recreation Commission: H. McBride, M. Holden, T. Holt (alternate)  
F. MSBA Legislative Representative: G. Dault  
G. MSHSL Representative: M. Holden  
H. Continuing Education Committee: M. Hebner  
I. Community Education Advisory Board: T. Korpi, M. Holden  
J. Meet & Confer: Committee as a whole  
K. Grievance Committee: H. McBride, M. Holden  
L. Finance Committee: Board as a Whole  
M. Facility Committee: H. McBride, G. Dault, T. Holt  
N. Labor Management Committee: M. Holden, T. Holt

Alternate for 331 Salary Committee: M. Holden

**9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**9.1 Programs**  
9.1.1 For the period of January 1, 2015 through January 30, 2016 designate Bremer Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, both of International Falls, the Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund (MSD-LAF), and PMA with Associated Bank as official depositories.  
9.1.2 Designate The Journal as the official publication for the school district.  
9.1.3 Designate Ratwik, Rosak & Maloney as the district’s legal counsel for the January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.  
9.1.4 Appoint Kevin Grover, Superintendent and Stacy Frederickson, Business Manager with authority for wire transfers for the district’s financial operations.

Moved by T. Holt, seconded by G. Dault to accept the program consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**10.0 NOTIFICATION OF BOARD MEETING OF THE WHOLE:** The Board will be meeting with a representative from the Minnesota School Board’s Association on January 7th at 4:30 p.m. in the Falls High School Library as part of the strategic planning process. No formal action will be conducted. The meeting is open to the public.

**11.0 NOTIFICATION OF COACH’S HEARING:** The Board will conduct a hearing for potential termination of Dawnn Taylor, Head Boys’ Swim Coach on January 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the Falls High School Cafeteria. Hearing will be open or closed to public based on Coach’s request and pursuant to M.S. 122.40.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**  
Moved by G. Dault, seconded by T. Holt to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: G. Dault, Clerk

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION I.S.D. #361  
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA  
Wednesday, January 7, 2015  
Falls High School Cafeteria 5:30 P.M.

**PRELIMINARIES:**  
**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson M. Hebner at 5:30 p.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL:** Members present were Gordon Dault, Michelle Hebner, Michael Holden, Tom Holt, Toni Korpi and Heather McBride. Also present was Kevin Grover, Superintendent and Student Member Gary Harala. Meeting was officially recorded by Court Reporter Lorna Jacobson.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** The Journal

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Moved by D. Gault, seconded by M. Holden to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by a

unanimous vote.

**5.0 DETERMINATION OF OPEN OR CLOSED MEETING UPON REQUEST FROM COACH.** Coach Dawnn Taylor was asked whether she preferred the meeting open or closed. She requested “open”.

**6.0 CONDUCT COACH’S HEARING:**

**6.1 District’s presentation:** Superintendent Kevin Grover presented the District’s reasons for proposal to terminate Coach Taylor due to excessive absences from coaching duties. Coach Taylor declined to rebut any of Superintendent Grover’s points.

**6.2 Coach’s presentation:** Coach Dawn Taylor presented her theories of coaching and her reasons for said absences. Parent Ed Serrano also spoke with concerns of past alleged events concerning the boys’ swim program and team members. Superintendent Grover declined to rebut any of Coach Taylor’s points.

**7.0 ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR TERMINATION OF COACHING CONTRACT FOR HEAD BOYS’ SWIM COACH.** Member M. Holden introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FOR TERMINATION OF CONTRACT OF HEAD BOYS SWIM COACH

WHEREAS, the School Board has reviewed a proposed letter to Dawnn Taylor notifying the employee of the reasons for the termination of her coaching assignment.

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

1. The contract of Dawnn Taylor as the head coach for the varsity Boys’ swim team is terminated effective January 7, 2015.
2. The letter setting forth the reasons for the termination of Dawnn Taylor head coaching contract is hereby approved by the School Board.
3. The Superintendent is authorized to sign the letter on behalf of the School Board.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by G. Dault and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: G. Dault, M. Holden, T. Holt, T. Korpi and H. McBride. Member M. Hebner abstained from the voting.

And the following voted against the same: none

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**  
Moved by G. Dault, seconded by M. Holden to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: G. Dault, Clerk

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