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Falls High School Family and Consumer Science teacher Marva Fairchild prepares a quilt for display in the FHS library Monday night. Fairchild addressed the Falls School Board thanking it for allowing an additional FACS class. The quilts were made in the textiles of fashion class and were on display during the board meeting.

SCHOOL

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For three to four hours each day, depending on the need, Boyle will go into classrooms to assist teachers in using Google Chromebooks or iPads.

"We need some help working with staff," Grover said. "The teachers have not been supported very well. I'm not in any way bashing Dave (Skwarok), Dave does an excellent job, but we're getting devices very quickly and we need help."

The superintendent said the part-time position costs about $40,000 and will impact the budget.

In related business, the board also took action on technology considerations for next school year.

The first, closet switch replacements, which are network appliances necessary to route data traffic, were installed in 2000 using ERATE, which is a federal educational reimbursement program. A report from Grover said industry standard is to replace the equipment every four to five years, 10 at the most.

"We are using 15-year-old equipment," he said.

In addition, a districtwide wireless infrastructure was installed this year capable of supporting 1:1 mobile devices.

"Ours must be replaced," Grover said.

The ERATE process said the district must purchase the equipment outright for about $55,000. The school will then wait for approval or denial from an ERATE fiscal agent, which could bring the cost down to $24,000.

The board also:

■ Granted faculty tenure to teachers: Marva Fairchild, Tamara Koenig, Kristie LaVigne and Jill Morrison.

■ Renewed probationary teachers: Brittany Bolstad, Laura Hayward, Karli Hendrickson, Joseph Krause, Michael Paulson, Paul Peterson, Ryan Puncochar, Alexandra Ringhofer, Jeana Toninato and Erin Warren.

■ Agreed to implement a pre K-5 reading curriculum.

■ Accepted a bid from Cedulie's Photography for school picture services for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.

■ Approved a memorandum of understanding with the teacher's union, Local 331, for participation in the Quality Compensation Program, or Q-Comp, for the 2015-16 school year.

■ Accepted the resignations of: Derek Dowty as head boys basketball coach; Luke Zika as assistant boys basketball coach; Glen Anderson as head football coach.

■ Approved the hire of the following individuals for coaching positions: Jill Herzig, head girls swimming; Teresa Stone, assistant girls swimming; Tony Casareto, head football; Ryan Puncochar, assistant football; Chris Wade, assistant football; Paul Hjelle, head boys and girls cross country; Sheryl Hendrickson, assistant boys and girls cross country; Erin Shikowsky, head volleyball; Deana Lorenson, assistant volleyball.

■ Accepted the resignation of Rhonda Johnson as a paraprofessional.

■ Approved the termination of Niki Kossow as paraprofessional per recommendation of FHS Principal Tim Everson.

■ Approved a contract with Skwarok as technology director for the 2015-16 school year.

COUNCIL

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the confines of this statement," Todd said of the project.

He said area resident's concerns include:

■ Rainy Lake Oil facility is proposed to be 10 feet from his property, which is zoned residential.

■ The proposed bulk storage and transfer of petroleum products.

■ The potential for petroleum product spills, which present an increased danger to residents and the environment.

■ Decrease in property values for nearby residences with the introduction of rail access and increased industrial activity.

Mayor Bob Anderson, who also serves as a KEDA member, said the concerns appear to be a zoning issue.

"The zoning director (Gary Skallman), I don't want to put words in his mouth, but he sees rail coming into a property the same as a road coming into a property," he said.

Anderson and Falls Councilor Brian Briggs, who represents the residents in the project area, asked city Attorney Steve Shermoen to contact the League of Minnesota attorneys for a legal opinion about whether the city's zoning ordinance allows for a rail spur in manufacturing zones used to convey or transport goods into an area.

KEDA Board member Brian McBride assured Todd nothing will be rubber stamped.

"We will do our job to the best of our ability to search out all information and make an informed decision on this," he said.

City Councilor Harley Droba said the council action taken Monday is just one of several steps, including obtaining necessary permits, before the project can move forward.

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> **Steve Shermoen**
> City Attorney

Councilor Pete Kalar said solutions can be found to address the resident's concerns while at the same time the funding is sought from DEED and MnDOT.

KEDA Director Paul Nevanen met with the city council on the project Monday. Nevanen said a zero interest, 10-year $500,000 MnDOT loan is being sought, along with the DEED grant, which would be matched with the city and county money.

He estimated the total private investment in the project at $2.5 to $3 million and the public cost at about $1.03 million.

Briggs sought contingencies on the motions to address the concerns of the residents, otherwise he said he would not vote in favor.

He asked for a 50-foot buffer between the project property and Todd's property.

Shermoen suggested adding the contingencies to the motions.

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In other business Monday, the council agreed on a 4-1 vote to "untable" discussion on a request by the North Koochiching Area Sanitary District to return $10,000 contributed toward the city's animal holding facility. The facility was previously located within the district's treatment plant renovation area.

Councilor Cynthia Jaksa voted against the motion to again consider the request.

On a unanimous vote, the council agreed to not return the money.

The request came in February, when some officials were unsure whether the money was contributed to build a new facility at another site or to purchase from the city the building used at the NKASD for the facility.

Shermoen said he believes the city owns the property and the structure. He said without the NKASD contribution, the new shelter may not have been constructed because costs came in higher than expected.

Some NKASD Board members attended Monday's council meeting. David Farmer said the issue is more about how the contribution was made than the contribution itself. He said the contribution was made by Tim "Chopper" McBride, the district's executive director, who did not have authority to make the contribution.

But some councilors said the NKASD Board approved the contribution in a budget and Kalar asked that Farmer stop "semi attacking" McBride.

RRCC

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will continue to succeed in your personal and professional lives," she said. Honoring the achievements of RRCC graduates is also an honor to the faculty and staff, who she said are dedicated to the students and tirelessly teach, educate train and mentor and nurture. "We have a name for this and it's titled the Rainy experience," she said.

It may have been Sue Collins' last RRCC commencement ceremony as she retires in June as president of the Northeast Higher Education District, of which RRCC is a member. Collins grew emotional as she described her love of RRCC and the role it plays in the lives of its students, graduates, faculty and community.

Former RRCC President Allen Rasmussen addressed the graduates, offering insight from a recent graduation address by First Lady Michelle Obama. He said the graduates have been blessed with academic, arts and athletic talents. "In exchange for these blessings you must give something back," Rasmussen said. "You must reach back and pull someone up; you must bend down and let someone else stand on your shoulders so they can see a brighter future."

He congratulated the graduates for not only taking the steps to get jobs, but toward being leaders in their fields and the leaders of tomorrow. "We will be counting on you to step up and lead us," he said.

STAFF PHOTO BY LAUREL BEAGER

Posing for a selfie outside with her sister, newly graduated nurse Moureen Moranga, Kenya, was very excited.

Rasmussen presented a plaque to Collins and recalled the leadership and character of "our Sue Collins.... We have benefited from her involvement and commitment in this area. Anything Sue gets involved in, she gets committed to."

Collins came to RRCC in 1981 from Illinois as a physical education instructor and woman's sports coach, later becoming athletic director and following Rasmussen as director of student services. She has served as provost of Vermilion Community College and NHED vice president and in 2008 NHED president.

He pointed to partnerships with trade that have led to student programs and spearheaded talent initiatives that are "beneficial to northeast Minnesota and Rainy River.

"Sue, you were truly an example of the success of the Rainy experience," he said, offering her thanks from all who she touched and her RRCC family and friends. "We've reserved a chair for you at RRCC Foundation Board meetings."

Collins credited Rasmussen with helping to make her who she is today. "I learned farmer math, but most importantly I learned from him in my early 20s that putting people first in an organization makes that organization successful. So Allen, thank you."

Collins credited RRCC faculty and staff with the success of the graduates and the school and pointed to the third Aspen award presented to the school.

"This spring, this college made my dream come true," she said pointing to the recent Community Conversation on diversity and inclusivity and the leadership of Brad Krasaway and Stephen Briggs.

She told the graduates that faculty and staff are proud of their accomplishment today and will be for the rest of their lives. She asked that they be advocates for RRCC and the community college experience.

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Saturday May 30, 2015 9:30 AM

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Charlene (Leroy) Peck

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Dewalt 733 12 in. Planner
Wilton Spindle Sander
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Tool Shop 5 speed Drill Press
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White upright and chest freezers
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MTD 20 in. front tine garden tiller
Power Pro 21 in. push mower

Farm Tillage
5ft. Harrow
2 section spike drag
5ft. Trip type cultivator
2 bottom plow w/ coulters
7ft. Snow blade

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Snowco 4x8 single snowmobile trailer
2000 Snowbear 5x8 Utility Trailer
1990 Honda Fourtrax 300 4 wheeler

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