

LEISURE

BSU music auditions set for Saturday

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Bemidji State University Department of Music will conduct auditions for entrance into the program and for scholarships Saturday in the Thompson Recital Hall of the university's Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex.

Auditions are open to instrumentalists and vocalists who are interested in either entering or transferring to Bemidji State in the fall of 2014. Auditions are also open to those who wish to participate in music activities, but who are not pursuing a music degree.

Music scholarships available at Bemidji State include full-tuition scholarships for Minnesota residents, housing scholarships, a number of endowed scholarships and numerous cash awards. Students unable to be present at the auditions in March may schedule an audition at another time. Students interested in full- or partial-tuition scholarships must audition in person, but recorded auditions are accepted for all other scholarships and awards.

Scholarship recipients perform at a special concert on campus each fall.

This year, more than 45 students participated in the scholarship recognition performance Sept. 19.

Bemidji State's Department of Music has a long and distinguished reputation for musical performance and academic training.

Students who would like to schedule an audition or apply for a scholarship should contact Susan Nelson at snelson@bemidjistate.edu, or 218-755-3364.

More information about Bemidji State's music department and scholarship application forms are available at the department's website.

Ice caves reopen on Lake Superior

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

National Park rangers have reopened the popular ice caves along the Lake Superior shore near the Apostle Islands.

Officials closed the area Thursday night because of

the strong winter storm and uncertainty how it would affect ice conditions on the lake. It was reopened over the weekend. WDIO-TV says rangers recommended snowshoes or cross country skis because of the deep snow and high wind.

More than 60,000 people

have visited the ice caves since Jan. 15, which is more the one third of their average yearly visitation. Rangers have gotten some help handling the crowds from other national parks, the sheriff's office, U.S. Coast Guard and Border Patrol.

Deadline approaching for Google contest

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Minnesota students have less than a month to enter the Doodle 4 Google contest.

March 20 is the last day submissions will be accepted.

The theme for this year's doodle is, "If I could invent one thing to make the world

a better place."

The contest is aimed at inspiring young artists and giving them a chance to see their work come to life.

Students K-12 can enter their doodles for a chance to be featured on Google's homepage in June. The winner also receives a \$30,000

college scholarship and a \$50,000 technology grant for their school.

One doodle from each state will be selected for the nationwide public vote to choose the winner. Last year's Minnesota winner was Carlson Nelson from Maranatha Christian Academy in Brooklyn Park.

Public Notice

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION-ISD #361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
Tuesday, January 21, 2014-5:00 p.m.
Falls High School Cafeteria

PRELIMINARIES:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Superintendent N. Nelson at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL: Members present were G. Dault, M. Hebner, M. Holden, W. Kostiuik and D. Wenberg. Members absent were D. Wagner and student member C. Netland.

Media Present: [The Journal](#)

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

4.1 Superintendent Nelson called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Member M. Holden nominated M. Hebner for said position. Motion was seconded by W. Kostiuik. After calling for nominations two additional times with no further nominations made the vote was called for. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chairperson G. Dault called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Member M. Holden nominated M. Hebner for said position. Motion was seconded by W. Kostiuik. After calling for nominations two additional times with no further nominations made the vote was called for. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chairperson G. Dault called for nominations for the position of Clerk. Member M. Hebner nominated M. Holden for said position. Motion was seconded by M. Holden. Member D. Wenberg nominated W. Kostiuik for said position. Motion was seconded by W. Kostiuik. Chairperson G. Dault called a third time for nominations with no further nomination made. A vote was called for on the first nomination of M. Holden. Members voting in favor were M. Hebner and M. Holden with members G. Dault, W. Kostiuik and D. Wenberg voting against. Motion was defeated by a 3-2 vote. Second motion for W. Kostiuik as Clerk was declared passed.

Chairperson G. Dault called for nominations for the position of Treasurer. Member W. Kostiuik nominated D. Wenberg for said position. Motion was seconded by M. Hebner. After calling for nominations two

additional times with no further nominations made the vote was called for. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.0 PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Nelson amended the agenda with the addition of 5.5 - Presentation from Representative Dave Dill, addition of 18.5 - Transmittal of Resolution and Parent Committee Roster and a date change on 16.9. Moved by W. Kostiuik, seconded by G. Dault to approve amended agenda. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.5 REPRESENTATIVE DILL: Representative D. Dill addressed the Board on legislative issues and encouraged public to contact his office with any local concerns.

6.0 OPEN FORUM

6.1 December Student of the Month certificate was presented to Karl-ann Arnold.

6.2 January Student of the Month certificate was presented to Alexandra Krause.

6.3 Superintendent Nelson recognized Ardel Henrickson for her work as the district Testing Coordinator.

6.4 Students from the engineering class gave a report on recent activities such as development of a board game, computer program and small motor work.

6.5 Public Open Forum; no public addressed the Board.

7.0 Moved by W. Kostiuik, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 16, 2013. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.0 Moved by W. Kostiuik, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$482,483.68. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by W. Kostiuik to approve the revised prom policy Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.0 Moved by G. Dault, seconded by W. Kostiuik to adopt revised Policy 406 Public and Private Personnel Data. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11.0 Moved by W. Kostiuik, seconded by G. Dault to adopt revised Policy 410 Family and Medical Leave Act for. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12.0 Moved by G. Dault, seconded by D. Wenberg to adopt Policy 613.5 Weighted Grades. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

13.0 MEETING DATES & TIMES

Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by W. Kostiuik 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.

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14.0 SET BOARD COMMITTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES

A. Administrative Salary Committee: D. Wenberg, W. Kostiuik, G. Dault

B. Local 510 Negotiations Committee: W. Kostiuik, M. Hebner, M. Holden

C. Local 331 Negotiations Committee: G. Dault, M. Hebner, W. Kostiuik

D. Local 4798 Negotiations Committee: M. Holden, D. Wenberg, D. Wagner

E. Recreation Commission: G. Dault, M. Holden

F. MSBA Legislative Representative: M. Holden

G. MSHSL Representative: M. Holden

H. Continuing Education Committee: G. Dault, W. Kostiuik

I. Community Education Advisory Board: M. Hebner, D. Wenberg

J. Interagency Early Intervention Committee: M. Hebner

K. Meet & Confer: Committee as a whole

L. Grievance Committee: M. Hebner, D. Wagner

M. Collaborative Board: M. Hebner

N. Labor Management Committee: M. Holden, D. Wagner

O. Finance Committee: W. Kostiuik, D. Wagner, D. Wenberg

P. Facility Committee: G. Dault, M. Hebner, D. Wenberg

Q. Personnel Committee: M. Hebner, W. Kostiuik, D. Wenberg

15.0 Program Consent: Moved by W. Kostiuik, seconded by D. Wenberg to approve the program consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

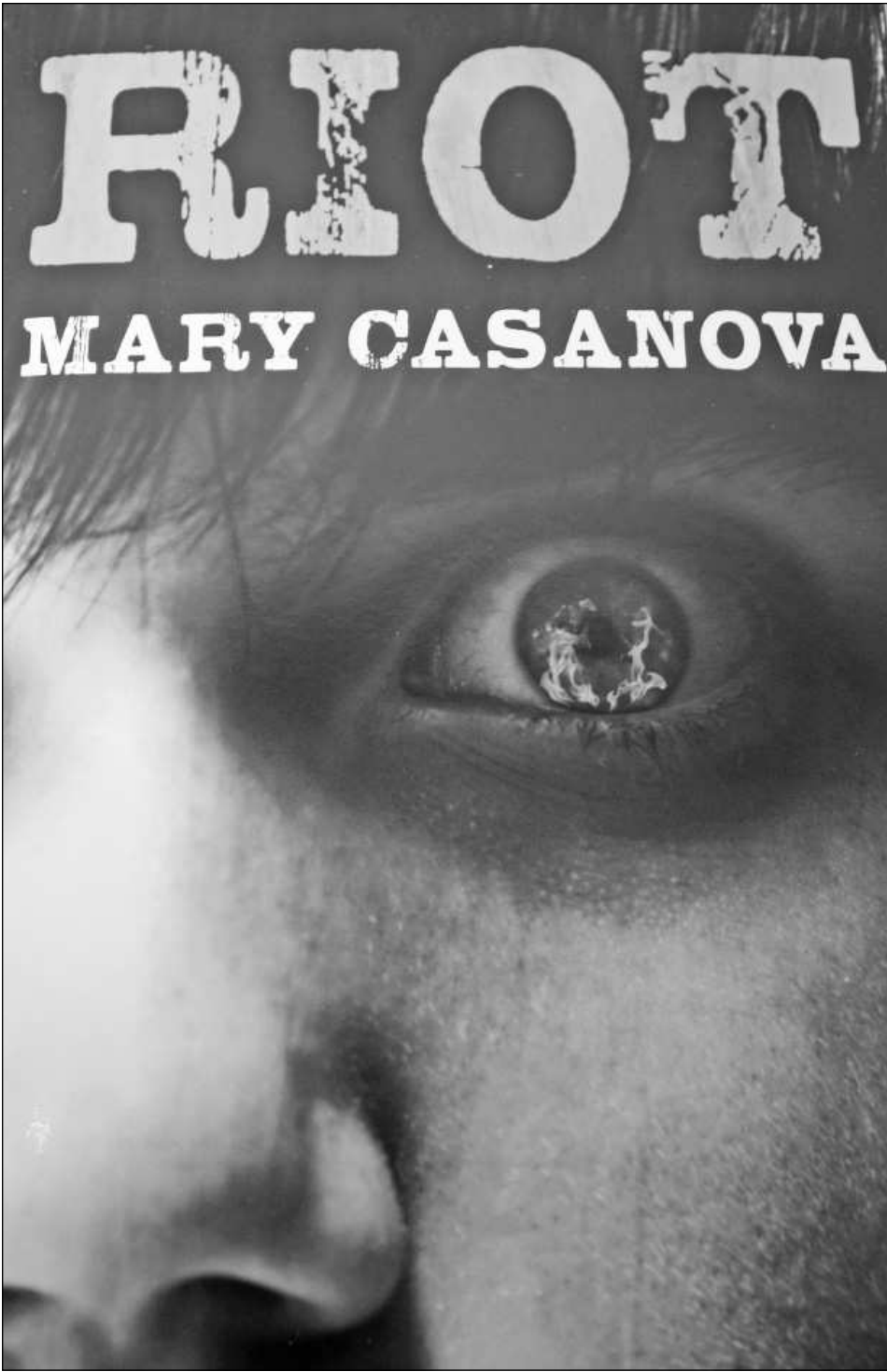
15.1 Accepted donations in the amount of \$8,696.04

12/10/13	Bronco Baseball Boosters; Batting Cage	\$511.90
12/11/13	Parent Involvement Committee; FES for Art Supplies	\$396.35
12/30/13	Schwan's Cares Fundraising; 6 th Grade Class Trip	\$971.99
1/7/14	Bronco Basketball Booster; Girls Basketball Practice Jerseys	\$125.00
1/10/14	Northland Foundation; Community Educ. Age to Age Committee	\$5000.00
1/13/14	Box Tops for Education; Falls Elementary School	\$1690.80
	TOTAL	\$8696.80

15.2 For the period of January 1, 2014 through January 30, 2015 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.

15.3 Designate The Journal as the official publication for the school district.

BOOK SIGNING THIS WEEKEND



STAFF PHOTO BY EMILY GEDDE

The new paperback edition of "Riot," by local author Mary Casanova, tells the story of the 1989 riot and burning of the man camp in International Falls through the eyes of a sixth-grade student. The book will be on sale Friday and Saturday at Backus Community Center during the production of "The Mill," which is set to take the stage both nights at 7 p.m. All profits from the book sales will be donated to Backus.

15.4 Designate Ratwik, Rosak & Maloney as the district legal counsel for the January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

15.5 Designate the Superintendent, Tina Besch, Michelle Hopkins and Stacy Frederickson with authority for wire transfers for the district's financial operations.

15.6 Approve a fundraiser of pie sales through the Village Inn for the 2014 sixth grade class trip.

16.0 Personnel Consent: Moved by W. Kostiuik, seconded by M. Holden to approve the personnel consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

16.1 Recognize Danita Ducharme, David Serrano and Rachel Lucy and Michelle Hebner as van drivers for Boys Swimming.

16.2 Approve the hire of Shannon Keeney as an Educational Support Professional effective January 2, 2014 and in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 4798.

16.3 Approve the hire of Paul Hjelte as Head Boys' Track Coach for the 2014 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

16.4 Approve the hire of Dan Zika as Assistant Boys' Track coach for the 2014 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

16.5 Approve the hire of Sheryl Hendrickson as the Assistant Girls' Track Coach for the 2014 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

16.6 Approve the hire of Kevin Gordon as the Head Girls' Softball Coach for the 2014 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331.

16.7 Approve the hire of Katie Hamers as the Assistant Girls' Softball Coach for the 2014 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

16.9 Approve the hire of Jake Ruelle as a .50 fte custodian effective January 22 27, 2014 and in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

17.0 Policy:

17.1 Receive revised Policy 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse for adoption in February.

17.2 Receive revised Policy 610 Field Trips for adoption in February.

18.0 ADOPT A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFOR.

Member G. Dault introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFOR.

Whereas, the financial conditions of the School District may dictate that the School Board reduce expenditures, and

Whereas, there may be a decline in student enrollment projections, and

Whereas, reductions in expenditures and decrease in student enrollment projections may include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

Whereas, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on Unrequested Leave Of Absence without pay or fringe benefits in affecting discontinuance of positions.

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

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and Administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the School District and reduce expenditures and make recommendations to the School Board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions as needed.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member W. Kostiuik and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: G. Dault, M. Hebner, M. Holden, W. Kostiuik and D. Wenberg and the following voted against: none whereupon said resolution was duly passed and adopted.

18.5 Moved by D. Wenberg, seconded by M. Holden to adopt the Transmittal of Resolution and Parent Committee Roster for the Indian Education Program. Roll call vote was taken with members G. Dault, M. Hebner, M. Holden, W. Kostiuik and D. Wenberg voting in favor and none voting against whereupon said resolution was passed.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

19.0 Administrative Reports:

19.1 Melissa Tate, FES/WEE Principal

19.1.1 Enrollment 561

19.1.2 Attended a regional staff development meeting on using the Charlotte Danielson rubric for teacher evaluations

19.1.3 A math specialist will be here in February to meet with Grades 3-6.

19.1.4 Attended a workshop on Education Innovation Partners which may provide dollars in the future for technology infrastructure.

19.1.5 Ongoing meetings with early childhood staff and Reggie Engbritson to find ways to enhance programming to increase early childhood enrollment.

19.1.6 A Relay for Life recess will be held this spring through the American Cancer Society.

19.2 Tim Everson, FHS Principal

19.2.1 Enrollment is 539.

19.2.2 Second semester began today.

19.2.3 Ongoing meetings on PBIS for implementation next year.

19.2.4 A meeting is scheduled on January 29th with Lake Superior College to gather information on additional College in the Schools offerings.

19.2.5 A survey will be sent to 10th grade students to gather feedback on what type of courses would keep them at Falls High School in lieu of PSEO their next two years.

19.3 Nurdy Nelson, Superintendent

19.3.1 School calendar for 2014-15; need to explore varied calendars which would allow extra days for school closures due to weather. Will seek input from staff.

19.3.2 Special Board Meeting: Monday, January 27th at 5:00 p.m. at Falls High School Library.

19.3.3 Facility Committee; January 29, 4:00 p.m.

19.3.4 EIP (Education Innovative Partner); as mentioned in Ms. Tate's report this is a new partnership which is patterned after ALL but would address technology. A group will be visiting area schools to gather comparisons of technology utilized.

20.0 Committee Reports: none

CLOSE THE MEETING:

21.0 Moved by G. Dault, seconded by W. Kostiuik to close the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss negotiations strategy for negotiations with Local 331. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

REOPEN MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT ADJOURNMENT: Moved by W. Kostiuik, seconded by G. Dault to reopen and adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Attest: W. Kostiuik, Clerk

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