

Rural Senate Democrats make an investment push

ST. PAUL (AP) — Senate Democrats on Wednesday requested major new funding for broadband access, housing, career counseling services and public infrastructure in rural Minnesota, arguing the investment will keep young workers from leaving.

The spending pitch from rural senators amounts to nearly a quarter of the state’s projected \$1 billion

surplus, but they said the cost was worth it. They say the money will attract businesses to greater Minnesota while training young residents in the skills employers want.

“What we’re trying to do is get back to where we’re giving kids some training as they come out of high school and they get into college so they’re qualified for the jobs that are out there,”

said Sen. David Tomassoni, DFL-Chisholm.

The rural lawmakers say students are often uninterested in or unaware of high-paying technical jobs available in their hometowns. Their pitch complements a DFL priority in the Senate to cover community college tuition for qualified high school graduates.

House Republicans accused Democrats in the last

campaign of ignoring rural Minnesota, and managed to pick up several outstate seats in the November election. Legislators in both parties have focused on greater Minnesota this session.

The spending pitched Wednesday totals about \$232 million over two years and includes extra spending on job training programs. The rural Democratic senators said their bills have bipar-

tisan support, but that price tag will compete with other priorities.

Gov. Mark Dayton wants to spend a hefty part of the projected surplus on education, children and families. House Republicans would like to pay off student loans for health workers in nursing homes. They’ve also questioned whether the state should spend that surplus at all.

The rural senators will also have to convince metro-area lawmakers to spend big on greater Minnesota. Sen. Vicki Jensen, DFL-Owatonna, said encouraging young rural workers to stay in their hometowns will keep them from clogging the Twin Cities job market.

“Our pitch is that this is something that’s great for all of Minnesota,” Jensen said.

Public Notices

Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING

DISTRICT COURT

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: Contract
Court File No. 36-CV-14-826

SUMMONS

First American Title Insurance Company as Successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Lenard Bobst,

Defendant.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO LENARD BOBST

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file in the office of the court administrator of the above-named court. This Summons and the Complaint are official papers that affect your rights.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons at:

Bernick Lifson, P.A.
The Colonnade, Suite 1200
5500 Wayzata Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55416

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. **Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

BERNICK LIFSON, P.A.

Dated February 3, 2015.

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Public Notice

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION – I.S.D. #361

International Falls, Minnesota
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Falls High School Cafeteria-5:00 p.m.

PRELIMINARIES:
1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michelle Hebnar at 5:00 p.m.

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

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGEN DA
Moved by G. Dault, seconded by T. Holt to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Grover asked that items 14.5 - 14.8 be added to the program consent agenda. Amended agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

5.0 OPEN FORUM:
5.1 January students of the month certificates were presented to Madison Filipiak and Andrew Larson.
5.2 Joe Silko, representative from the Education Innovation Partners program gave a presentation on the program's initiatives.
5.3 Public open forum
5.3.1 Melanie Benike, Zach Wood and Ashley Germain addressed the Board with the need for an elevator at Bronco Arena to allow handicapped individuals access to concessions, a warming area and bathrooms. They are willing to work on a committee to seek grants, etc.
5.3.2 Jenn Windels addressed the Board with several suggestions in regards to technology in the schools: 1) a technology plan from "the floor" up dictating how technology is used, communicate said use to public and parents, replacement schedule, etc., 2) a technology teacher at the elementary level with an elementary technology curriculum and 3) a technology coach to instruct teacher on how to use technology in their classrooms.

6.0 Moved by T. Holt, seconded by G. Dault to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 15, 2014 and the special meetings of January 5 and January 7, 2015. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.0 Moved by T. Korpi, seconded by H. McBride to approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$484,023.87. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE
NEW BUSINESS:

8.0 Adopt a resolution supporting the Minnesota School Trust Lands Director position. Member G. Dault introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUIRING THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT THE SCHOOL TRUST LANDS DIRECTOR

WHEREAS: When it became a state in 1858, the federal government granted Minnesota lands in every township for the benefit of public schools; and
WHEREAS: The state of Minnesota holds 2.5 million acres of land and an additional 1 million acres of mineral rights in the permanent school fund established in the Minnesota Constitution; and
WHEREAS: Revenue from these lands is generated through many activities, including sale of timber, wild rice leases, mining leases, state forest campground fees, lakeshore leases, utility licenses, and rents and royalties on taconite iron ore removed from the land; and
WHEREAS: Interest and dividends from these lands generated \$23,788,089 in 2014 for the education of Minnesota students; and
WHEREAS: Careful management of the permanent school funds necessary for these lands to continue to produce revenue for education; and
WHEREAS: M.S. 127A.353 requires a school trust land director to be appointed in the Department of Administration; and
WHEREAS: In 2014, \$185,000 was appropriated to hire a director in the Department of Administration; and
WHEREAS: The School Board of Independent School District No. 361 supports the immediate appointment of the school trust lands director; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 361, is urging the Governor to appoint the school trust lands director in the Department of Administration, according to law.

The motion was for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by T. Holt and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: G. Dault, M. Hebnar, T. Holt, T. Korpi and H. McBride.

and the following voted against the same: none
and the following abstained: none and the following were absent: M. Holden
Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

9.0 Moved by T. Holt, seconded by G. Dault to approve the formation of a FHS drama club with corresponding stipend from Schedule "D" from the last Local 331 Master Agreement which carried that position. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.0 Receive the 2015-16 revenue budget for adoption at the regular meeting in February.

11.0 Receive revised policy 713 Student Activity Accounts for adoption at the regular meeting in February.

12.0 Moved by G. Dault, seconded by T. Holt to continue utilizing 4-5 member interview committees but not include a school board member at the interview level per MSBA recommendation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13.0 Member T. Holt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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

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 H. McBride and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: G. Dault, T. Holt, M. Hebnar, T. Korpi and H. McBride.

and the following voted against: none

whereupon said resolution was duly passed and adopted.

14.0 Program Consent: moved by T. Holt, seconded by G. Dault to approve the program consent agenda items as presented/amended. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

14.1 Approve a contract with the International Falls Figure Skating Club for summer ice time rental from July 20 -24th, 2015 in the amount of \$800.
14.2 Acknowledge a 6th grade fund raiser for pie sales with proceeds to be used for the annual 6th grade trip to St. Paul/Minneapolis.
14.3. Acknowledge a 4th grade fund raiser of cookie dough sales with proceeds to be used for their annual trip to the Long Lake Conservation Center
14.4 Approve donations in the amount of \$6797.55.

12/12/14 Falls Lumber Company; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$1000.00
12/12/14 Harvey & Jeanine Windels; 6th Grade Trip \$50.00
12/15/14 Coca-Cola Bottling Company; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$1000.00
12/16/14 Backus Borealis Bards; FHS Speech Team \$200.00
12/16/14 Arctic Cat Ski snowmobile engines
12/17/14 Boise Paper; Partners In Education Committee \$500.00
12/22/14 Dean Blais; Bronco Hall of Fame Display Case \$1000.00
12/24/14 Peggy Johnson; FHS Student Fund \$47.55
1/5/15 Stuart & Susan Nordquist; Bronco Hall of Fame Display Case \$1000.00
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1/12/15 Boise Paper; Project Read.

\$500.00 Fairview Health Services; Arena Scoreboard Sponsor \$1000.00

TOTAL \$6797.55
14.5 Approve a contract with Great American Opportunities for fundraising in 2015-16 for the 6th grade trip.
14.6 Approve fundraising through a "Father/Daughter" Ball for the 2015 6th grade trip.
14.7 Approve fundraising through pizza sales and a movie night for the 2015 3rd grade trip.
14.8 Approve fundraising through "flip flop" sales for 2015 prom activities.

15.0 Personnel Consent: Moved by T. Korpi, seconded by H. McBride to approve the personnel consent agenda items as presented.

15.1 Acknowledge Steve Joslyn as a volunteer boys' swim coach.
15.2 Approve the hire of Jamie Hell as a .75 fte secretary with conditions per the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510 starting February 17, 2015.
15.3 Accept the resignation of Janell Ice as an educational support professional with the last day of employment January 22, 2015.
15.4 Accept the resignation of Tiffany Reineck as an educational support professional with the last day of employment January 16, 2015.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

16.0 Administrative Reports:
16.1 Tim Everson, Principal;
16.1.1 Melissa Tate reported enrollment on behalf of Mr. Everson; current enrollment is 622.
16.1.2 Semester 2 began today and 2015/16 registration has begun with the goal of completion prior to year end.
16.1.3 Chrome books have been purchased and given to students to utilize in the English Composition II class. A cart of chrome books has also been purchased for use in the health classes.

16.2 Melissa Tate, Principal
16.2.1 Enrollment is 587.
16.2.2 Just held an end-of-quarter Bronco Pride celebration with a DJ, treats and bingo.
16.2.3 Bronco Pride citizenship ceremony was also held where two students from each class who consistently exhibit Bronco pride are nominated by their teachers. These students will participate in a pizza and movie event with Principal Tate.
16.2.4 Preschool and kindergarten registration will be held on February 23rd with the same number of sections and format as last year. A newspaper ad and radio program will be utilized to give notice to parents.
16.3 Kevin Grover, Superintendent
16.3.1 Football helmets: The booster club will be purchasing 20 new replacement helmets and paying for repainting of existing helmets to a new color.
16.3.2 MSBA Convention recap: speakers were very good and sessions valuable.
16.3.3 Transportation/Maintenance Director position; is seeking input from the Board on how to proceed with the potential replacement of the Transportation/Maintenance Director position. G. Dault would like information on how other like-sized districts staff the position. Information gathered will be given to the Labor Management team and subsequently to the board. He would like the process to move along to seek a timely replacement.
16.3.4 Blue Ribbon Panel: The Blue Ribbon Panel will meet with Sandy Gaulke from MSBA to hear survey results on January 28th from 5:30 8:00. Up to two board members can be present at said time.
16.3.5 District Audit: The audit firm of Miller, McDonald, Inc. will no longer be able to perform the annual audit of district finances. Requests for Proposals will be put out to seek another firm.

17.0 Committee Reports:
17.1 Student member; absent

18.0 ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT APPRAISAL REVIEW.
Moved by T. Holt, seconded by G. Dault to close the meeting at 6:16 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's performance appraisal. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

19.0 REOPEN MEETING AND ISSUE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL WITH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.
Moved by T. Holt, seconded by H. McBride to reopen the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Statement issued is as follows:

SUMMARY: The majority of marks fell within the "commendable" category with marks distributed fairly evenly between each range of "7" "8" or "9".
Goals set with the Board Chair are as follows:

1) Communication: timely, clear communication to involved parties
Superintendent to School Board/
School Board to Superintendent
Superintendent to Staff/Staff to Superintendent
Superintendent to parents & community
2) Sections, staffing & scheduling completed by May 1 to better serve learners and employees
3) Personnel reviews; an employee performance review completed on every district employee by fiscal year-end.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT
Moved by T. Holt, seconded by G. Dault to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous.

Attest: Gordon Dault, Clerk

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Public Notice

MINUTE SUMMARY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015;
9:30 a.m.

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

The County Board approved the February 3rd meeting agenda and approved the minutes from the January 27, 2015 regular meeting.

000 The Board reviewed a letter from Clearwater County with concerns on a Tribe's request for funding from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for \$2,188,000 for the purchase of 1,994 acres of land within the Reservation which would be put into federal trust status. The County Board concurred with the position of Clearwater County and will monitor the situation and if needed, take action to support Clearwater County's position.

2015/02-03 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Adee to set the 2015 County Board of Equalization Meeting dates of June 16 and June 23. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/02-04 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to approve the employment separation of E911/Jail Administrator Tim Millette effective February 2, 2015 and authorizing the Sheriff to fill the vacant position. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/02-05 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee to approve a service agreement with the Occupational Development Center, Inc. for recycling sorting and clean up for the Transfer Station and for garbage cleanup on the Highway 71 and County Road 107 routes to the Transfer Station. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/02-06 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe approving the membership to the County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Committee. Dale Olson, Darrin Kittelson, Dennis Hummitchsch, Kevin Peterson, Lee Grim, Rob Ecklund, Ryan Maki, Sam Soderman, Tom Morris, Tom Worth. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/02-07 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee to appoint Quay Whitbeck to the County Board of Adjustment. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Ecklund, Adee; abstaining: Skoe (lack of information). Motion carried.

000 Environmental Service Director provided the Board two applications for filling the vacant seat on the County Planning and Zoning Commission. The Board members discussed the Planning Commission membership as it related to balanced representation.

2015/02-08 Motion by Adee, seconded by Ecklund to appoint Deb Bowman to the vacant seat on the Planning Commission based on an earlier application date. Voting

yes: Adee, Ecklund; Voting no: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe. Motion failed.

2015/02-09 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to appoint John Cann to the vacant seat on the Planning Commission based on balanced representation. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Ecklund, Adee; abstaining: Skoe (lack of information). Motion carried.

2015/02-10 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to increase the Female Guard Transport Fee to \$50 for one to five hours of travel and \$100 for six or more hours of travel to accommodate the need for a female guard when male drivers are transporting females. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/02-11 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Adee to approve a County Emergency Management Coordination Service Contract with Willi Kostjuk. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/02-12 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe authorizing the Land Commissioner to obtain quotes and execute contracts for park attendants to provide site management at County administered river access points for the 2015 Rainy River early fishing season. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

000 The Assistant Land Commissioner reviewed the results of the January 21st County Timber Auction.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
A full copy of the minutes is available on the County website at www.co.koochiching.mn.us and for public inspection at the County Administration Office during regular business hours.

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Public Notice

Special Meeting
Kabetogama Township

Review Bids for Pucks Point


Subordinate Sewer District

March, 17, 2015, 7:00 pm

Kabetogama Town Hall

Mary Manninen, Clerk

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