

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 361**

Monday, April 21st, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

Falls High School Library

**Attendance**

Present with voting rights: Jessica Crosby, Dale Johnson, Bruce Raboin, Tina Sather, JoAnn Smith (arrival 5:16pm), Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, Toni Korpi

Absent: None

Non-Voting Members Present: Beth Shermoen - Superintendent, Joe Sullivan - Student Representative, Lisa West - FHS Principal, Melissa Tate - FES Principal

Vice-Chair Jessica Crosby presided until arrival of Chair JoAnn Smith, and Clerk Toni Korpi took the minutes.

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Vice-Chair Jessica Crosby

Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda**

- Motion by Toni Korpi to approve the meeting agenda. Second, by Jessica Crosby
- Discussion: None.
- Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously by the members present.

**Open Forum**

1. Elks Student of the Month:

a. April: Jayden Johnson - Presented by Principal West

Kaden Korpi was unable to attend and will be honored during the May School Board Meeting.

b. May: Loralai Ford and William Ginter -Presented by Principal West

2. Falls Education Foundation and Purple Pride Recognition Certificates- Presented by Superintendent Beth Shermoen to Terry "Krazy" Thompson and Gordy Dault

3.Public Open Forum: Beth Slatinski - Indian Education and Jana Reff - Parent Committee Chair, Compliance State Paperwork signage with Beth, Jana and Chair JoAnn Smith

**Committee and Administrative Reports**

1. Joe Sullivan - Co-Student Representative

- Student Council - Spring Sports Week Pepfest planning
- Student Council Member applications for 2025-2026
- Engineering Day - Iron Range
- Prom Recap
- Choir Concerts aired on KCC-TV
- Senior Trip - Washington D.C. to New York
- Band Trip to Chicago
- MCA Testing

2. Melissa Tate - Falls Elementary Principal - Enrollment 436 (-1 from March), Preschool Registration held, Kindergarten Registration held, May events - STEAM night, Bronco Pride Carnival, Relay Recess, Preschool Graduation, Kindergarten Graduation, Outdoor Education Day, Service Learning Day, MCA Testing, Fastbridge Testing

3. Lisa West - Falls High & ALC Principal - MCA Testing & Thank you to all hardworking teachers, Spring Sports Week, Academic Honor Awards, Graduation Ceremony preparations,

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Falls Education/Purple Pride Breakfast, Cap and Gown Walkthrough, Spring Sports began, Enrollment- 506 (-6)

4. BethAnne Slatinski - Community Education - no report

5. Timm Ringhoffer- Athletic Director - no report

6. Nexus - Referendum construction update

7. Beth Shermoen - Superintendent - 4 day school week update and thank you for participation, District design, course offerings and sections,

8. Committee Groups - Tina Sather - Athletic Committee update

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch to approve the consent agenda. Second by Tina Sather  
Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

1. Approve payroll in the amount of \$705,098.04 for pay periods 3/21/25, 4/4/25 and 4/18/25.

2. Approve current accounts payable due in the amount of \$880,209.84.

3. Approve past meeting minutes for the regular school board meeting on March 17, 2025.

4. Accept the resignation of Heather Ebel as teacher at ISD 361 effective June 30, 2025.

5. Accept the resignation of Elsa Swanson as vocal and classroom music teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year.

6. Accept the resignation of Wyatt Tessier as Special Education Teacher effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

7. Accept the resignation of Jon McDonald as Assistant Boys Hockey Coach.

8. Accept the resignation of William Awe as Assistant Boys Basketball coach.

9. Approve the hire of Shawn Bowles as the One Act Play Advisor.

10. Approve the hire of Erin Hall as Head Volleyball Coach for the 2025-2026 season.

11. Approve the hire of Tenneyson Amdahl as Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2025-2026 season.

12. Approve the hire of Jenica Whitbeck as Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2025-2026 season.

13. Approve the change of Lavina Hahn from paid coach to volunteer Junior High Softball Assistant Coach 2025 season.

**Action Items**

**1. Improving systems and structures to create a culture where all are welcome and supported.**

1.a. Resolution Acceptance of Gifts and Donations.

Motion: Motion by Jessica Crosby, Seconded by Tina Sather. Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

1.b. Approve to retain the 5-day school week for the 2025-2026 school year and continue the exploration, evaluation, and collection of feedback regarding the potential implementation of a four-day school week.

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Motion: Motion by Tina Sather, Seconded by Bruce Raboin. Discussion: Jessica Crosby questioned our stance on the systemic problem with absenteeism and would like to further investigate data moving forward.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

1.c. Approve the Falls Elementary sections for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion: Motion made by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, Seconded by Dale Johnson Discussion:

None Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

1.d. Approve the move of sixth grade to Falls Elementary School beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion by Bruce Raboin, seconded by Tina Sather. Discussion: None Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

1.e. Approve to establish an early education model at West End for ISD 361 preschool programming, early childhood special education, childcare and community education for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion: Motion by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch, Seconded by Tina Sather Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

1.f. Approve the Falls High School course schedules and programming for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion: Motion made by Dale Johnson, Seconded by Jessica Crosby Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

1.g. Approve the recommendation of hiring a .6 Community Ed/.4 Child Care Director for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Motion was made by Bruce Raboin, Seconded by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

1.h. Approve the three-year school photo contract to Cedulie's Photography.

Motion: Motion made by Jessica Crosby, Seconded by Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch Discussion:

Toni Korpi asked if all avenues of posting went out, as there was only the one bid. Confirmed.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

*One addition:* Superintendent Beth Shermoen shared that the proposal to move forward with the Voyageur Country ATV will happen and a meeting will be scheduled. A letter of support can be written for their grant application, as approved by the district attorney.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Motion by Jessica Crosby, seconded by Tina Sather at 7:10 p.m. Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Approved Minutes:**

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District Clerk

Date

Board Chair

Date