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**Labor/Management Committee
Minutes of November 13, 2006
Administrative Services Board Room**

The Labor/Management Committee (L/MC) meeting on 11/13/06 began at 9:30 a.m. in the Administrative Services Board Room. Co-chair Pat Rendle called the meeting to order.

Members present: Randy Longmore, Sue Miskovich, Shawn Linder, Jim Heinrichs, Joe Silko, Patty Peterson, Cindy Hietala, Donna Hoff, Ben Hawkins, Dennis Statsman, Pat Rendle, Nick Wourms, and Rich Derry

Members Absent: Gwen McLaughlin, Tom Peltier, Lynda Ross, and TJ Russell

Changes to the agenda: The superintendent report will be added as an agenda item.

Minutes: The minutes of the 10/9/06 L/MC meeting were approved by consensus of members present.

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SYSTEMS:

Budget Update: Ben Hawkins reported that the auditors have given us a preliminary report. The final report is expected by the end of November.

Legislative Update: Joe Silko discussed the election result. All three ISD #318 School Board incumbents (Tom Peltier, Cliff Schroeder and Mary Ann Olson) were voted back into office and will remain on the School Board. On the state level, the northland has gained considerable power in the legislature. It appears that the both the house and senate are pro education but with candidates running on "no new taxes platforms", we will have to wait to see how education funding is changed.

Technology: Randy Longmore reported that District #318 is now purchasing Dell computers. Steve Randall and Randy will do computer repairs and are getting Dell certified. The district has been using the dollars obtained through the Microsoft settlement to purchase new computers.

Labor issues: none

Safe and Welcoming Environment Rod Leisitkow presented a Health and Safety Report. Rod discussed categories that qualify for Health and Safety expenditures. Rod also discussed the state fire marshal and OSHA inspections.

IASC update: Joe Silko reported that the IASC districts are moving towards a common curriculum and some of the IASC school district have partnered together to hire a curriculum director.

Superintendent report:

Joe Silko discussed the following topics:

1. Facility needs for the Transportation Department and for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

2. The School Board will be addressing issues of concern which include:
 - a. Reading specialist or literacy specialist
 - b. Class size
 - c. All day / Every day kindergarten
 - d. Grade level buildings.
3. Building Crisis plans are being updated. (5 fire drills, 5 lock downs, and 1 tornado drill)
4. Supervisors and principals were provided resources for families with adopted children.
5. MDE's STEM programming (science, technology, engineering and math)
6. Sub teacher calling system. All subs must go through the sub calling system and be assigned a job number.
7. 11/13/06 Board meeting agenda item - district open enrollment data.
8. A partnership between District #318, Itasca County and the City of Grand Rapids has created a painted / lighted cross walk on the Golf Course Road.

Other issues: A parent of an open enrolled student expressed his appreciation of the programs offered to his child.

Hearing no future discussion, Pat Rendle adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

The next L/MC meeting will be held on January 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room.