

January 5, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on January 5, 2022, in the High School Board Room. Members present: The following members were present Directors McLaughlin, Martin, Nyberg and Chair Berklich. Student Director Abigail Thein  
Members Absent: Directors Egan and Polcher

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Reorganization of School Board:**

KEEP THE SCHOOL BOARD IN THE CURRENT OFFICES

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Chair Berklich to keep the school board in the current offices. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECT CHAIR

Director Berklich will remain Chair of the Board for the ensuing year.

ELECT CLERK

Director Martin will remain Clerk of the Board for the ensuing year.

ELECT TREASURER

Director McLaughlin will remain Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year.

ELECT CHAIR PRO TEM

Director Polcher will remain Chair Pro Tem of the Board for the ensuing year.

RESOLUTION – BLANKET BOND

Director McLaughlin offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the District purchase a blanket bond for \$100,000 to cover the board members and school employees.

Director Nyberg supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION – SALARIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

Director Nyberg offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the salaries of the school board members will be \$300.00 per month, payable monthly, for regularly scheduled board meetings. The Chairperson of the school board shall receive \$350.00 per month, payable monthly, for regularly scheduled board meetings. \$25.00 per meeting shall be allowed for additional Negotiation meetings and special meetings.

Director Martin supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION – OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Director Nyberg offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that The Mesabi Tribune be designated the official newspaper of the School District to publish the proceedings of the Meetings of the School Board and legal notices and display advertising at the legal rate. The officers are authorized to enter into a contract for the same.

Chair Berklich supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION – DATES AND TIMES OF BOARD MEETINGS

Moved by Director Berklich offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the regular school board meetings be held on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of each month unless otherwise designated.

The second meeting will be held two weeks after the first meeting unless that day is a legal holiday, when it will be held on the next day when legal business can be transacted unless otherwise designated. The starting time will be 3:30 P.M. and the place will be the Board Room in the High School unless otherwise designated.

Director Martin supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION – PREPAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS

Director McLaughlin offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the Business Manager be authorized to prepay certain claims to take advantage of discounts.

Director Martin supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS

Director Nyberg offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the Business Manager be authorized to make payments through the use of electronic fund transfers, and shall report the same to the School Board each month.

Director McLaughlin supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

KEEP THE SCHOOL BOARD IN THEIR CURRENT ROLES

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Chair Berklich to keep the school board in their current roles. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE TO MSHSL

Director Nyberg remains the Board's representative to the Minnesota State High School League.

REPRESENTATIVE TO MSBA

Chair Berklich remains on the Legislative Liaison to the Minnesota School Boards Association.

REPRESENTATIVE TO TITLE I PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Director Martin remains on the Title I Parent Advisory Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITY ED ADVISORY COUNCIL

Director Martin remains on the Community Education Advisory Council.

REPRESENTATIVE TO RAMS

Director McLaughlin remains on the representative for ISD #701 on the Executive Board of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools.

REPRESENTATIVE TO RELIGIOUS RELEASE COMMITTEE

Chair Berklich remains on the Religious Release Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE TO DISTRICT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Director Polcher remains the District Health and Safety Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE TO WORLD'S BEST WORK FORCE

Director Martin remains on the World's Best Work Force.

REPRESENTATIVE TO NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

No Directors were appointed to the Negotiations Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE TO CHEMICAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Director Nyberg remains the Chemical Health Advisory Council.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Chair Berklich, supported by Director Nyberg to appoint Directors McLaughlin and Martin to the Finance Committee. Chair Berklich will fill in as needed. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve the agenda with an addendum to add under the Administrative Business, item J, Transportation Donation Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda for the Month of November and December, 2021 which consists of the Minutes of the December 22, 2021 Special Meeting. Consideration of Claims for the month of November \$1,987,745.19. Electronic Fund Transfers for the month of November in the amount of \$4,176.35. Treasurer's and Investment Report for the month of November. Payrolls for the month of November in the amount of \$2,231,625.45. Postings and Transfers for the Month of December, 2021 – Approve posting of Job #2 Secretary – Clerk 1, High School, 11 Months, effective December 16, 2021.

**Public Comment:** Olivia Sallia – High School Books

**Old Business:** None

**Personnel:**

HIRE COLLEEN MCCORMACK

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve the hiring of Colleen McCormack as the Jr. high boys' swimming coach, effective November 29, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE AMY MANDT

Moved by Director Martin, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the hiring of Amy Mandt, Data Specialist, Districtwide, effective when a suitable replacement is found for her current position of Job #2 Secretary-Clerk 1 at the High School. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF AMY MANDT

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director McLaughlin to accept the resignation of Amy Mandt, Job #2 Secretary-Clerk 1, 11 Months, effective when a suitable replacement is found. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE KIM NAGLER

Moved by Director Martin, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the hiring of Kim Nagler to Job #61 Interpreter, 30 hours per week, Lincoln Elementary, effective January 6, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES RETIREMENT OF MARY WARNER

Moved by Director Martin, supported by Director Nyberg to accept the resignation for purposes of retirement of Mary Warner, Science Teacher, High School, effective June 3, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Directors /Student Director:**

Student Director Abigail Thein reported on planning for the Jacket Jamboree February 7-11, 2022.

Director Martin – recapped the Superintendent's Evaluation

**Principals / Assistant Principals:**

**Committee Report:**

**COVID-19 Update:**

Superintendent Aldrich gave an update on the district's COVID-19 stats. With low numbers at what point can we take the masks off and recommend vs. required. Discussion on the difficulty enforcing the current mandate with different policies between venues and districts and a general lack of respect. Possible plans will be brought forward at the January 19, 2022 Board meeting.

END MASK MANDATE AFTER 3:00 P.M.

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Chair Berklich to end the mask mandate for after school activities beginning at 3:00 p.m. each school day effective immediately. Upon being put to a vote carried as follows:

For: Directors Nyberg, Chair Berklich and McLaughlin

Against: Director Martin

Absent: Directors Egan and Polcher

**Administrative Business:**

ADOPT RESOLUTION

Moved by Director Martin, supported by Director McLaughlin to adopt resolution to accept donations. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO BE COVERED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve a Resolution to allow school board members to be covered by the School District Workers Compensation Insurance Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPOSITORIES

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve Corporate Authorization Resolutions for school district depositories.

1. Park State Bank – Hibbing
2. MN Liquid Asset Fund
3. PMA Financial Network, Inc.
4. Robert W. Baird & Company
5. Security State Bank – Hibbing
6. US Bank – Hibbing
7. Wells Fargo Bank – Hibbing

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE 2022 CALDENDAR YEAR: RUPP, ANDERSON, SQUIRES & WALDSPURGER, P.A., COLOSIMO, PATCHIN, KEARNEY & BRUNFELT, LTD AND FRYBERGER, BUCHANAN, SMITH & FREDERICK, P.A.

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director yberg to appoint the following as School District legal counsel for the 2022 calendar year: Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A., Colosimo, Patchin, Kearney & Brunfelt, LTD and Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE A FOUR-YEAR MASTER LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH APPLE FINANCIAL

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve a four-year Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple Financial Services for desktop computers in the amount of \$633,150.00. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701 AND KIM NAGLER FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve the termination of Purchase of Service Agreement between I.S.D. No. 701 and Kim Nagler for Interpreter Services, effective January 5, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 500-526 STUDENT PARENTAL, FAMILY AND MARITAL STATUS NONDISCRIMINATION

Superintendent Aldrich presented the First Reading of Policy 500-526 Student Parental, Family and Marital Status Nondiscrimination.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 500-528 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Aldrich presented the First Reading of Policy 500-528 The Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 500-529 STUDENT SURVEYS

Superintendent Aldrich presented the First Reading of Policy 500-529 Student Surveys.

APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION DONATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701, HIBBING AND NORTHERN MINNESOTA  
INVESTMENTS, LLC EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2022.

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director Martin to approve the Transportation Donation Agreement between I.S.D. No. 701, Hibbing and Northern Minnesota Investments, LLC effective January 6, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion Items:** None

ADJOURN

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

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JOHN BERKLICH, Chair

ATTEST:

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MARJORIE MARTIN, Clerk