

March 23, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on March 23, 2022, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Nyberg, Martin, Egan, Polcher and Chair Berklich.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Nyberg supported by Director Martin and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes for the March 9, 2022 Regular Meeting and the following for the Month of February, 2022: Consideration of Claims \$1,516,864.45. Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$20,818.97. Treasurer's and Investment Report and payrolls in the amount of \$2,069,741.70. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Sara Gabardi – School Actions

**Personnel:**

HIRE TARA HELMS

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the hiring of Tara Helms as the head JV softball coach, effective March 14, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE EMILY FREEMAN

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the hiring of Emily Freeman as the head golf coach, effective March 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE KAYLA YOUNG

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Martin to approve the hiring of Kayla Young as the assistant golf coach, effective March 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE DEREK GABARDI

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director McLaughlin, to approve the hiring of Derek Gabardi as the Jr. high golf coach, effective March 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE BRIAN YURETICH

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the hiring of Brian Yuretich as a 1.0 FTE special education evaluator, districtwide, effective August 29, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF REBECCA LATIMER

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director Martin to accept the resignation of Rebecca Latimer as a technology technician, effective March 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

DECREASE ELIZABETH PERRY FROM A 1.0 FTE TO A 0.6 FTE  
ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONIST EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to decrease Elizabeth Perry from a 1.0 FTE K-2 Academic Interventionist to a 0.6 FTE K-2 Academic Interventionist, Greenhaven Elementary, effective April 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CARRIE FAWKES

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to accept the resignation of Carrie Fawkes as a student council advisor, effective June 2, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF INA-MARIE KENNEDY

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Polcher to accept the resignation of Ina-Marie Kennedy as an elementary teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective June 3, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Directors / Student Director:**

Director Egan expressed that we should pursue hosting Section 7 basketball tournaments to utilize our local facilities.

Director McLaughlin will testify before the House Tax Committee on our Taconite Tax Bill tomorrow, March 24, 2022. Ms. Seykora testified previously before the Senate Committee.

**Principals / Assistant Principals:**

Mr. Robert Bestul, Lincoln Elementary Principal, reported the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be doing the Star Days STEM based program at the Duluth Air Force Base. Mr. Gabardi has worked diligently to arrange this opportunity and get clearances to go to the Base.

Mrs. Carrie McDonald, Greenhaven Elementary Principal gave an update on Multi -Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and the positive impact in the K-2 schools.

**Committee Report:**

**COVID-19 Update:**

Chair Berklich gave the COVID update with the lowest numbers to date in this school year.

**Administrative Business:**

ADOPT RESOLUTION

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the resolution to accept donations. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE MOU BETWEEN I.S.D. #701 AND THE HIBBING UNITED EDUCATORS' SOFTBALL "B" SQUAD SALARY CORRECTION

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve the MOU between I.S.D. #701 and The Hibbing United Educators' Softball "B" Squad Salary Correction, effective with the 2022 spring season. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION AIPAC AND DISTRICT COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION AND RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE AS PRESENTED

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to accept the American Indian Education AIPAC and District Compliance Documentation and Resolution of Concurrence as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE HIBBING PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENDORSE HOUSE FILE 4042 AND SENATE FILE 3622

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director Polcher to adopt the following Resolution that the Hibbing Public Schools endorse House File 4042 and Senate File 3622, bills to allocate taconite tax revenue to match a portion of the costs for these initiatives, and thereby lowering the property tax impact on our communities. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE POLICY #204 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve Policy #204 School Board Meeting Minutes. Discussion. Motion was amended to include the following policies: #205, #208, #305, #421, #427, #504, #517, and #525. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion Items:** None

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, 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