

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2711
MESABI EAST SCHOOLS
AURORA, MN 55705**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 2, 2022
Board Room (204)**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on May 2, 2022 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Director Gross, Director Baudhuin, Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland

Absent: Director Worshek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the agenda as amended by adding 9.8, 9.9 and 9.10.

All in favor—Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,252,594.75; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2022; Tuition Agreements with Vermilion Country School for one student with start dates of 9/1/20 and 9/7/21; Fargo Public School District for one student with a start date of 4/22/22 and East Range Academy for one student with a start date of 1/4/22.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Spanish Trip Approval: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve the Spanish Trip to Belize in the spring of 2023.

All in favor—Motion passed.

eLearning Days Plan: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the eLearning Days Plan as provided effective the 2022-2023 school year and beyond.

All in favor—Motion passed.

School Childcare Guidelines: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Gross to approve the Mesabi East School Care Guidelines for Summer 2022 and the 2022-2023 school year without a minimum day requirement.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Guidance Counselor Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Nicole Romero as Guidance Counselor effective June 10, 2022 with appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the district.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Resignation: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Deanna Kopp as Paraprofessional effective April 22, 2022 with appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the district.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

Bus Driver Resignation: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Bonnie Locken as Bus Driver effective April 17, 2022 with appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the district.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

Donations Received: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the following donations: Monetary donation of \$1,000 earmarked for the 3rd Grade Trip; Monetary donation of \$3,350 earmarked for Charter Busing for the 3rd Grade Field Trip

All in favor—-Motion passed.

Bus Purchase: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the purchase of a 2011 Thomas C2, 71 passenger school bus in the amount of \$16,179.92.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

Non-Renewal of Probationary Teacher: Member LaFrenier introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF MEGAN DARVELL, A PROBATIONARY TEACHER**

WHEREAS, Megan Darvell, is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2711.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2711, that, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subd. 5, the teaching contract of Megan Darvell, a probationary teacher in and of Independent School District No. 2711, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2021-2022 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract to the extent of 1.00 FTE as provided by law and statute, and that notice be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL**

Ms. Megan Darvell

Dear Ms. Darvell:

You are hereby notified that at a Regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. #2711 held on May 2, 2022, a resolution was adopted by a majority vote to terminate your contract to the extent of 1.00 FTE with the school district at the end of the 2021-2022 school year and not to renew your contract to the extent of 1.00 FTE for the 2022-2023 school year. Said action of the board was taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. For your information, however, this action was taken because of the financial condition of the school district and decrease in enrollment.

Yours very truly,

Kathy Undeland
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District #2711

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Hautala and upon the vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Director Baudhuin, Hautala, LaFrenier, Undeland, Gross

and the following voted against the same: None.

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Chairperson

Clerk

Audit Proposal: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve Wipfli LLP to perform an annual audit for the years 2021-2022 in the amount of \$26,300; 2022-2023 in the amount of \$26,800 and 2023-2024 in the amount of \$27,300. Hourly rate for additional services will be \$150.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, June 6, 2022 - 5:30 p.m. - Board Room (204)

Adjournment: Moved by Director Undeland seconded by Director LaFrenier to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk