

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2021

Present: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Kristine Flesher, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe, Sarah Borchers,  
Martha Van de Ven

Absent: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, October 11, 2021 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:00 PM.

3. – Community Members Questions and Comments

Board Chair Bob Tunheim shared a statement in advance of this portion of the meeting. Following Mr. Tunheim's statement, several community members and Orono students addressed the board about a variety of topics.

4. – Consideration of the Agenda

5. – Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Martha Van de Ven the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held September 27, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Clare Liedtke, as full-time Floating Hybrid Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School and Orono Intermediate School, effective September 29, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Chad Augeson, as full-time Floating Hybrid Teacher at Orono Middle School and Orono High School, effective October 4, 2021
- Approved the appointment of Courtney Olson, as full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Middle School, effective October 7, 2021
- Approved the change of assignment of Katie Gram, full-time School Age Childcare Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, to full-time School Age Care and Enrichment Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, effective July 15, 2021
- Approved the resignation of Nicollette Andree, full-time Lead Toddler Teacher at Orono Discovery Center, effective October 8, 2021
- Approved the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination
- Approved **Bill Vouchers:** 311380-311474, 1471-1475, **EP Register:** 901263-901269, **EFT Vouchers:** 203, 6295-6298 and **Capitol One:** 51450-51479

6. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report by sharing that last week, Orono Schools celebrated its annual homecoming week with many fun traditions and outstanding student engagement. This year's homecoming Queen was Jenna Perkins, with Homecoming King Sam Swearingen. Dr. Flesher congratulated our attendants, athletes and students who participated in numerous events over the week.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared that the homecoming parade was a highlight on Friday, with 35 student floats, plus local police cars and fire trucks. Thank you to the many community members that attended the parade. The new route through the school grounds provided terrific views from both sides of the street.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared that the first-ever outdoor homecoming dance was held on Saturday night in the Spartan Plaza and was organized by our high school Student Senate and advisors. Students enjoyed lawn games, music and dancing. The event was very well attended and considered a great success. The rain mostly held off until 10:15pm.

Finally, Dr. Flesher shared that over the weekend, the Orono Alumni Association recognized this year's honorees during half-time at the homecoming game and at a recognition breakfast Saturday morning. Dr. Flesher congratulated each of these very distinguished Orono Alums and asked that everyone please watch for the Alumni Award nominations to open this winter with honorees announced in the spring.

Dr. Flesher gave special recognition to our Promising Alumni Award recipient, Genna Torney, who leads our SPARKS and STRIVE programs. In her remarks Saturday, she appealed to the community for additional volunteer mentors. A small commitment of time and talent to these two programs supports our mission to help *all* Orono students achieve new levels of personal excellence.

#### 7. – Board Members Questions and Comments

##### 8. – Old Business

##### 8. A – Presale Report for 2021A Bonds

Interim Director of Business Services, Jim Westrum, shared with the board a Presale Report associated with the previously approved resolution granting the sale of bonds.

##### 8. B – Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

##### 9. – New Business

##### 9. A – Policy Review

Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Director of Learning and Accountability and Dr. Scott Alger, Director of Human Resources presented to the board the following revised policies for a first reading and review.

- Policy 409: Family and Medical Leave
- Policy 411: Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
- Policy 412: Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
- Policy 511: Bullying Prohibition

##### 9. B – Other New Business as Necessary

No other new business was brought forward.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Laura Wallander, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.



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Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



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Martha Van de Ven, *Clerk*