

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278
HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2022

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

Absent: Ali Howe

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, January 24, 2022 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:05 PM.

3. – Consideration of the Agenda

4. – Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Mike Bash the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Scott Brown, as full-time Floating Substitute Teacher at Orono High School, effective January 10, 2022 through March 4, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Julie Brown, as full-time Floating Substitute Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective January 10, 2022 through March 4, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Kerri Olson, as full-time Floating Substitute Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School and Orono Elementary Center, effective January 10, 2022 through March 4, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Julie Maas-Kusske, as full-time Floating Substitute Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School and Orono Intermediate School, effective January 10, 2022 through March 4, 2022
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Lee Starr, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective June 30, 2022
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Mary Bischoff, full-time Media Specialist at Orono High School, effective June 10, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Sommer Elsenpeter, full-time Office Clerk at Orono High School, effective January 24, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Nina Hammer, Facilities Manager at Orono Elementary Center, effective January 26, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Alexander Townsend, full-time Technology Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, effective January 28, 2022
- Approved the the appointment of the following winter coaching contracts:

Dance

Sharon Forde, Head Coach
Jenna Reed, JV Coach
Erin McCarty, JV Coach
Kaitlin Budish, Assistant Coach

Meghan Jensen, JV Coach
Kayla Wandersee, JV Coach
Mackenzie Iversen, JV Coach

Basketball – Boys

Barry Wohler, Head Coach
Rustin Olson, JV Coach
Mathew Wistrom, C Coach

Bryan Goudy, JV Coach
Mike Leuer, C Coach
Luke Runka, Varsity Assistant Coach

Mark Sembrowich, Varsity Assistant Coach

Basketball – Girls

Christopher Bjorgaard, Head Coach
Danielle Jorgenson, JV Coach

Alison Nash-Gerlach, JV Coach
Geri Jorgenson, Assistant Coach

Gymnastics

Sarah Hanson, Head Coach

Nordic Ski

Brian McCollar, Head Coach

Kathleen Leslie, JV Coach

Swim Dive – Boys

Benjamin Hanson, Head Coach
Sara Neve, JV Coach
Isabelle Kalb, JV Coach

Todd Hansen, JV Coach
Cheryl Kittelson, JV Coach

Wrestling

Joe McPherson, Head Coach
Jonathan Schmid, Assistant Coach

Jackson Striggow, JV Coach

Hockey – Girls

Sean Fish, Head Coach
Hal Tearse, JV Coach
Ashley Antonenko, Goalie Coach

Greggory Malmgren, JV Coach
Brooke Madsen, Assistant Coach

Hockey – Boys

William Scholz, Head Coach
Kyle Esperum, JV Coach
Geno Parrish, Assistant Varsity Coach

Richard Anderson, JV Coach
Paul Pelowski, JV Coach
Aaron Kruse, Goalie Coach

Alpine Ski

Heidi Butler, Head Coach

Patrick Hiller, JV Coach

- Approved temporary wage differentials and increases for substitutes during the 2021-2022 School Year
- Approved Clerk Officer Change
- Accepted Donations Totaling: \$13,015.90
- Approved Electronic Fund Transfers for November of 2021
- Approved Treasurer's Report for November of 2021
- Approved **Bill Vouchers:** 312035-312159, 1509-1513, **EP Register:** 901379-901384, **EFT Vouchers:** 211, 6315 and **Capital One:** 51618- 51636

Motion Carried.

5. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Kristine Flesher reported that last week, the Orono Boys Swim and Dive team placed 2nd in the True Team Section Meet. As a result of their strong performance, the team qualified for the True Team State Meet held this past Saturday at the University of Minnesota. The team finished 9th at the State meet. We are so excited for the boys this year.

The Orono Girls Hockey is also having a tremendous season with 6 consecutive wins. They are undefeated in conference play and have a season record of 17 wins and 2 losses. They are currently ranked No. 2 in Class 1A in the coaches association poll. We will look forward to the next few weeks of competition.

On Friday, January 28, the Orono Unified Club will host a Unified Basketball Tournament at the Activities Center. Orono's Unified team will enjoy a fun day of competition against other area players. We are grateful to Special Olympics Minnesota, the high school Unified Club, and all the volunteers for planning an incredible event. This is only one way our students support a positive culture of inclusivity.

Peyton Libby, one of the Orono Girls Basketball managers, was selected by Special Olympics Minnesota to represent Team Minnesota at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando this June. Peyton and her team will make history as Team Minnesota's first ever, all-female, half-court basketball team to attend the USA Games.

This past weekend, Orono and Mound Westonka co-hosted an impressive speech tournament here on campus with 450-500 competitors. Congratulations to the Orono Speech Team who took fourth place overall. McKenna Monger placed first for "Program Oral Interpretation." Other stand-out speakers, placing second or third were Madeleine Dore, Nova Tseng, Mia Middleton and Ava Blaufuss.

This week is Paraprofessional Appreciation Week. Dr. Flesher recognized the vital role our paras play in assisting teachers and helping our students achieve their personal best. Paras are a presence in our students' lives at every grade level and throughout our special education program. We are thankful for their service every day.

Our first semester comes to a close Thursday, January 27. Teachers have worked incredibly hard to bring a level of normalcy to academic pursuits this year and we are so pleased with the results we are seeing. We also know our students are studying very hard for finals this week. Dr. Flesher acknowledged their efforts and perseverance during yet another uncertain time. She wished them the best as they worked to finish strong.

Friday, January 28 is a grading and Professional Day for staff with no school K-12.

Dr. Flesher expressed a heartfelt thank you to our School Board members. January is School Board Appreciation Month and she expressed that we wouldn't miss the opportunity to thank the board for their service, guidance and support this year. She added that they have worked tirelessly for Orono children.

6. – Board Members' Questions and Comments

7. – Old Business

7. A – Approve 2022-2023 School Board Meeting Dates

UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Martha Van de Ven, the Board of Education approved the 2022-2023 School Board Meeting Dates.

7. B - Policy Review

The following revised policies were presented to the board for a second reading and approval.

- Policy 101: School District
- Policy 101.1: Name of the School District
- Policy 102: Equal Educational Opportunity

- Policy 103: Complaints- Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons
- Policy 104: School District Mission Statement

UPON MOTION by Martha Van de Ven, seconded by Mike Bash, the board approved the proposed changes to policies 101, 101.1, 102, 103 and 104.

Motion approved unanimously.

7. C- Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

8. – New Business

8. A – Orono Action Platform

Amy Alworth, co-chair of the Orono Action Committee, presented the 2022 Orono Action Legislative Platform.

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Sarah Borchers, the Board of Education approved the 2022 Orono Action Legislative Platform as discussed.

Motion carried.

8. B - Orono High School Registration Guide & Report

Dr. Amy Steiner, Principal of Orono High School, presented the 2022-2023 Orono High School Course Catalog.

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Laura Wallander, the 2022 - 2023 Orono High School Course Catalog was approved as presented.

Motion carried.

8. C- Award Bid for 2022 Orono Discovery Center IAQ Improvement

Jim Westrum, Executive Director of Business Services presented the bid award recommendation for Ebert Construction.

UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Mike Bash, the Orono Board of Education approved the bid from Ebert Construction be awarded the contract for the 2022 Orono Discovery Center IAQ Improvement.

Motion carried.

8. D - Other New Business as Necessary

No other new business was brought forward.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

The Board will hold a Special Meeting with the Orono High School Student Senate prior to the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room for the purpose of the Board to meet members of the Student Senate and engage in discussion concerning school district operations.

UPON MOTION by Martha Van de Ven, seconded by Laura Wallander, the meeting was adjourned to closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.03, for labor contract negotiations at 8:02 PM.

Motion carried.

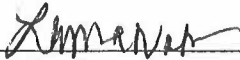
Bob Tunheim reconvened the meeting to an open session at 9:11 PM.

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Mike Bash, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Motion carried.



Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



Laura Wallander, *Clerk*