

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Present: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Kristine Flesher, Ali Howe, Sarah Borchers, Laura Wallander

Absent: Martha Van de Ven

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, February 14, 2022 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:05 PM.

3. – Consideration of the Agenda

No request was made to remove any items from the Agenda.

4. – Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Sarah Borchers the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Bryan Norman, as full-time Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective January 24, 2022 through May 31, 2022.
- Approved the appointment of Mallory Purdy, as full-time Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective February 11, 2022 through March 28, 2022.
- Approved the appointment of Tatum Johnson, as full-time Long-Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective February 7, 2022 through June 10, 2022.
- Approved the leave of absence for Kelly Biller, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective February 11, 2022 through March 25, 2022.
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Debby Thompson, full-time Technology Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective June 10, 2022
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of David Herring, full-time Social Studies Teacher at Orono High School, effective June 10, 2022
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Kyle Ann Herring, full-time English Teacher at Orono High School, effective June 10, 2022.
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Elizabeth Taylor, full-time Literacy Interventionist at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective June 10, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Keith Clark, full-time Districtwide Floater Custodian at Orono Public School, to full-time Custodian at Orono Elementary Center, effective February 7, 2022
- Approved the leave of absence for Kyle Whittaker, full-time Custodian at Orono Elementary Center, effective January 18, 2022 through February 4, 2022.
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Barbara Ehalt, full-time Media Clerk at Orono High School, effective April 1, 2022.
- Approved the resignation of Merle Johnson, full-time Custodian at Orono Elementary Center, effective February 4, 2022.
- Approved the resignation of Brian Grossinger, full-time Custodian at Orono High School, effective February 22, 2022.
- Approved the resignation of Malisa Solberg, full-time District Office Receptionist at Orono Public Schools, effective February 16, 2022.
- Approved the appointment of Tara St. Martin, Adult Enrichment and Aquatics Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, effective February 21, 2022.
- Approved the appointment of Katherine Hofmann de Bustamante, Discovery Kids Assistant Teacher at Orono Discovery Center, effective February 7, 2022.
- Approved the termination of the contract of Andrew Smith, full-time Mobile Device Specialist at Orono Middle School, effective March 15, 2022.
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Lynette Ische, full-time Payroll and Benefits Manager at Orono Public Schools, effective June 20, 2022.
- Approved the Educational Support Personnel Master Contract for 2021-2023
- Accepted Donations Totaling: \$22,888.58
- Approved Electronic Fund Transfers for: None noted

- Approved Treasurer's Report for: None noted
- Approved **Bill Vouchers**: 312160-312378, 1514-1518, **EP Register**: 901385-901434, **EFT Vouchers**: 212, 6316-6323 and **Capital One**: 51637-51667

Motion carried.

#### 5. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Kristine Flesher reported that in January, five seniors from Orono High School Student Senate were part of a student panel at the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals annual conference. Orono students were co-presidents Jack Kopesky and Ben Summers, Minnesota Association of Honor Societies (MAHS) President Jennifer Nguyen, Minnesota Association of Student Councils (MASC) Vice President Kate McGrann, and Senior Senator Andrew Van Overbeke. At the conference, Jennifer Nguyen received the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) Leadership Scholarship for her wonderful work for MASC.

In February, all buildings will be celebrating Black History Month. Activities for students have been embedded in curricular areas. MS has created a beautiful display commemorating important leaders in Black History. OHS will be hosting a student-designed celebration on February 22. Thank you to everyone working on honoring the contributions of Black Americans.

The Orono Jazz and Kick Dance Teams will be competing in the MSHSL Dance Team State Tournament on February 18-19. They have been top-ranked all season and are sure to turn in amazing performances at Target Center.

IS fifth-grader, Luke Mitchell, earned a top award, "Grand Honors" from Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth in recognition of his exceptional performance in math. He scored in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile as part of the CTY Talent Search. We are so proud of Luke's award and his infectious enthusiasm for learning.

The Alpine Ski teams competed in sections on February 8. The Girls team placed 4<sup>th</sup> and the Boys team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Four skiers qualified for state as individuals and will be competing this week: senior, Riviera Wock, senior, Harper Randolph, sophomore, Jack Shideman and freshman, J.T. Burns.

Nordic ski also competed in sections, sending both Miles Miner and Sindri Bonner to the state tournament Wednesday and Thursday, February 16-17, at Giants Ridge, Biwabik, MN. Congratulations to all of our skiers!

Section Girls Hockey Semi-Final and Finals: The number one seeded Orono Girls Hockey Team will host sections on Tuesday and Thursday night at 6:00PM at Morrison Ice Arena. Tickets can be purchased beginning Monday. Please cheer on Orono Girls!

Finally, Let's Play Hockey announced the 10 semifinalists for the coveted Ms. Hockey Award last Friday. Orono High School Student, Iyla Ryskanmp has been named a Semi-Finalist for Ms. Hockey. The award is given to the state's most outstanding senior female high school hockey player. The 10 semifinalists were chosen from a list of 27 nominees and voted by a panel of high school and college coaches. Congratulations Iyla!

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

#### 7. – Old Business

#### 7. A - Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

#### 8. – New Business

#### 8. A – Policy Review (First Reading)

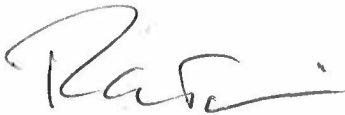
- Policy 202: School Board Officers
- Policy 203: School Board Procedures: Rules of Order
- Policy 203.2: Order of The Regular School Board Meeting
- Policy 203.6: Consent Agenda
- Policy 204: School Board Meeting Minutes
- Policy 205: Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
- Policy 210: Conflict of Interest- School Board Members

8. B - Other New Business as Necessary

No other new business was brought forward.

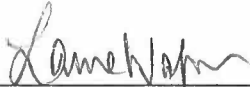
The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Ali Howe, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.



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Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



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Laura Wallander, *Clerk*