

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278
HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2022

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

Absent: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, February 28, 2022 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:00 PM.

3. – Consideration of 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 February 14, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Julie Schottler, as 0.8 FTE Long-Term Substitute English Language Learner Teacher at Orono Middle School and Orono High School, effective February 28, 2022 through June 10, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Angela Reader, as District Office Receptionist at Orono Public Schools, effective March 29, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Cooper Tokar, Part-Time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective February 23, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Finn Grandy, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective February 14, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Judith Feist, Part-Time ECFE Assistant at Orono Discovery Center, effective February 14, 2022
- Approved Bill Vouchers: 312379-312441, EP Register: 901435-901439, EFT Vouchers: 213, 6324-6328 and Capital One: 51668-51675

5. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher shared many examples of excellent student achievement during her report.

First, she shared with the board that over the weekend, our girl's hockey team made history as they competed in the state tournament for the first time. The team finished third in state after defeating South St. Paul by a score of 5-2. Senior Iyla Ryskamp was recognized with the coveted Class A Herb Brooks Award and was named to the All Metro team. She and Celia Dahl were named to the All State team. Allie Pleimann and Zoe Lopez were named All State Honorable Mention. Coach Sean Fish was honored with the 2022 Class A Coach of the Year Award by the Minnesota Girls Hockey Coaches Association. Dr. Flesher offered congratulations to athletes, families and coaching staff.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared that Orono's three National Merit Semifinalists have advanced to Finalist standing following a rigorous application process. Congratulations to Angelo Fiataruolo, Nova Tseng and Martin Weiss on their many achievements. Scholarship notifications are expected this spring and we look forward to hearing about their post-high-school plans.

Dr. Flesher also shared several additional achievements related to athletics. The high school boy's table tennis team took home the state championship title while the girl's team finished in second place. The Orono girl's dance team finished their competitive season with the highest placements in school history. The Jazz team earned second place at state and the High Kick team finished in fifth place. Our state competitors in Nordic and Alpine skiing represented us well. In Nordic, Miles Miner placed 13th overall earning All-State Recognition. Sindri Bonner placed 56th out of 110 skiers. In Alpine, Riviera Wock placed 6th; Harper Randolph, 11th; Jack Shideman, 24th; and J.T. Burns, 37th. Boys Swim and Dive will participate in State Tournaments this weekend. Seven Orono students will participate: Owen Gagne, Walter Royal, Kaden Starcznski, John Fort, Nick Fogle, Eli Fish, Simon Vinton and Peter Nicklow. Orono girls' basketball teams are heading to sections this Wednesday.

Finally, Dr. Flesher shared that the Orono High School Math Team finished the regular season in 17th place out of 162 teams statewide. For the second consecutive year, the team qualified for the State Tournament scheduled for March 14. Additionally, our Speech Team continues to shine, earning a second-place trophy at the Forest Lake Invitational with impressive individual honors as well.

6. – Board Members Questions and Comments

7. – Old Business

7. A – Policy Review

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

- 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

UPON MOTION by Martha Van de Ven, seconded by Mike Bash, the board approved the proposed changes to policies 202, 203, 203.2, 203.6, 204, 205 and 210.

Motion approved unanimously.

7. B – Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

8. – New Business

8. A – Middle School Spotlight – History Day

Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Executive Director of Learning and Accountability and OMS Teachers Jared Shogren and Katie Stanley reported to the board regarding the history day projects.

8. B – AIPAC Compliance

Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Executive Director of Learning and Accountability and Christine Morris, Chairperson of the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee reported to the board regarding the vote of concurrence process, a requirement of the Minnesota Department of Education to ensure American Indian student voices are heard.

8. C – Policy Review

Dr. Scott Alger, Executive Director of Human Resources, presented to the board the following revised policies for first reading and review.

- Policy 201: Legal Status of the School Board
- Policy 206: Public Participation in School Board Meetings
- Policy 208: Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies
- Policy 209: Code of Ethics
- Policy 211: Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee, Student
- Policy 214: Out of State Travel by School Board Members

8. D – Other New Business as Necessary

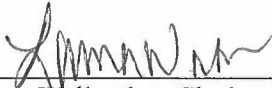
No other new business was brought forward.

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

UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Mike Bash, the meeting was adjourned to a workshop session for the purpose of an administrative mid-year report at 7:48 PM.



Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



Laura Wallander, *Clerk*