

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
HELD ON JUNE 22, 2022

Present: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Kristine Flesher, Ali Howe, Laura Wallander, 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, June 22, 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 Sarah Borchers, seconded by Laura Wallander, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 9, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Quinn Montgomery, full-time Social Studies Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 24, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Rebecca Kleive, full-time Special Education Transition Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 24, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Kerri Olson, full-time General Music Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective August 24, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Iris Erickson, full-time Special Education Transition Teacher at Orono High School, to 0.5 FTE Special Education Transition Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 29, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Danielle Malin, 0.8 FTE Mathematics Teacher at Orono High School, to 1.0 FTE Mathematics Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 29, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Sara Hunstiger, full-time Mathematics Teacher at Orono Middle School, to Academic Planning and Intervention Support Specialist, effective August 29, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Kyle Jensen, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, to full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective August 29, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Brittany Oppen, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, to full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 29, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Jennifer Lubke, full-time Academic Planning and Intervention Support Specialist at Orono Middle School, to full-time School Counselor at Orono Middle School, effective August 29, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Jane Smith, full-time Challenge Specialist at Orono Intermediate School, to full-time Challenge and Thinking Skills Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 29, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Jessica Frie, full-time English Teacher at Orono High School, to full-time Teacher on Special Assignment Literacy or Media at Orono High School, effective August 29, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Virginia Enfield, full-time Mathematics Teacher at Orono High School, effective June 10, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Morgan Abbott, full-time Fourth Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective June 10, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Luis Benitez, full-time Custodian at Orono Elementary Center, effective June 13, 2022

- Approved the resignation of Emmie Kahl Johnson, full-time Secretary to the Principal at Orono High School, effective May 30, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Angela Quale, part-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective June 9, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Katlin Lee-Radke, full-time Business Office Support Specialist at Orono Public Schools, effective June 6, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Molly Lopez, full-time District Accountant at Orono Public Schools, effective June 15, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Marie Moore, full-time Activity Center Manager at Orono Activity Center, effective June 30, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Joann Toensing, full-time Discovery Kids Assistant Teacher at Orono Discovery Center, effective June 30, 2022
- Accepted donations totaling: \$6,808.38
- Designated Dr. Kristine Flesher as the 'Identified Official with Authority' to authorize access by local education agency users to Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) secure websites
- Approved the Orono Principals Association Master Agreement for 2021-2023
- Approved Bill Vouchers: 312924-313327, 1548-1557, EP Register: 901490-901564, EFT Vouchers: 6346-6350 and Capital One: 51785-51851

## 5. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report by sharing that the 21-22 school year ended on an incredibly positive note. Students, families and staff expressed their gratitude for the return of many traditional, end-of-year programs and celebrations. She thanked our families for their support and our teachers and staff for helping our students finish strong.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared a number of student achievements that demonstrate how our students maintained momentum through the end of the year and succeeded at the highest levels in academics and athletics.

- Nolan Naughton, a rising Orono third-grader, earned top honors through Continental Math League. Nolan competed in three CML meets this year. He earned a perfect score on all assessments and was named a CML National Champion. Congratulations to Nolan and thank you to Challenge Teacher, Mindy Schroeder.
- Four middle-school students competed at the National Speech and Debate Association Junior National tournament this spring: Isaac Hess, Maya Haugen, Sophie Middleton, and McKenna Monger. More than 1,000 middle-school competitors participated this year. Maya Haugen earned 1st place and National Championship honors in the storytelling category. Congratulations also to McKenna Monger who was a semifinalist in Drama and earned third-place in Program Oral Interpretation. Thank you to Barb Shofner for leading the outstanding speech and debate teams.
- The Orono High School Boys Tennis team entered the state tournament this year as the number-one seed. They defeated Duluth East and Rochester Mayo to advance for the first time to the Class 2A state final. The team unseated Edina, the defending champion, to take the state title. Congratulations to the players and a huge thank you to the coaches, families and fans for the outstanding support all season.
- This wasn't the only state tennis title that Orono brought home from the tournament. Co-captain Matias Maule and fellow senior Sam Skanse partnered this year in doubles and lost only one set—all season—to win the Class 2A state doubles title. Preston Perrill and Jack Tanner also competed and qualified to play as individual doubles at the state tournament and won their first round there. Other doubles teams were formidable competitors this year and we look forward to watching our returning tennis players next spring. Special thanks to Head Coach Aaron Dvorak and assistant coaches Brian Brown and Mike Kasner for their expertise and support.

- Jack Fischer earned the state championship title in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 39.68 seconds.
- Notable finishes from the track and field state meet:
  - Estelle Atkinson, 7th place, 300-meter hurdles;
  - Jack Fischer, 8th place, 100-meter hurdles;
  - Owen Chapman, 9th place, 3200-meter race; and
  - Owen Hirt, 11th place, 1600-meter race
- Thank you to Boys Track and Field coaches, including Head Coach Nathan Porter and Hurdles Coach Jennifer Nyquist.
- Three students in Orono's Unified Club competed in the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Florida. Each one brought home the gold!
  - Pierce Pennaz, gymnastics, who earned gold in All-Around and Horizontal Bar
  - Anna Stankevitz, gymnastics, earning gold medals in All-Around and Vault
  - Peyton Libby, 3x3 half-court basketball, earning a gold medal

Finally, Dr. Flesher concluded her report by sharing that the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) recently awarded one of four prestigious 2022 Pinnacle of Achievement Awards to Orono Schools and Mr. Jim Westrum. The Pinnacle Awards recognize outstanding practices and new ideas that result in significant contributions to school districts and school business management. The district was recognized for successfully negotiating favorable transportation contract negotiations, working in conjunction with the Orono School Board Facilities and Finance Committee. This is a win-win for all parties.

#### 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 – 2022-2023 School Lunch Prices

Jim Westrum, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the 2022-2023 school meal prices.

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Martha Van de Ven, the board approved the meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 8. B – Budget Approvals

Jim Westrum, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the 2021-2022 Revised Budget to the Board.

UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Laura Wallander, the board approved the 2021-2022 Revised Budget as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Jim Westrum presented the Preliminary Budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Laura Wallander, the board approved the Preliminary Budget for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 8. C – Long Term Facilities Revenue for Orono School District 278

Jim Westrum, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the updated 10 Year Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan for Approval.

Member Mike Bash motioned to approve the plan as presented.

The motion to approve the plan as presented was duly seconded by member Ali Howe.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Sarah Borchers, Martha Van de Ven, Mike Bash, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly approved.

#### 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, August 22, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

Adjournment to Closed Session

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a), the Board seeks to go into closed session to evaluate the performance of school district personnel.

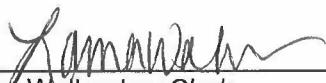
UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Laura Wallander, the board adjourned to a closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a), to conduct the annual Superintendent's evaluation.

Motion carried.



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Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



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Laura Wallander, *Clerk*