

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
HELD OCTOBER 10, 2022

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

Absent: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, October 10, 2022 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:00 PM.

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, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Juliann Luce, as part-time Long-Term Substitute Second Grade Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, tentatively effective October 17, 2022 through January 26, 2023
- Approved the appointment of Reed Hartman, as full-time Long-Term Substitute Band Teacher at Orono High School, tentatively effective November 28, 2022 through February 24, 2023
- Approved the leave of absence of Kristen Southard, part-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School and Orono Intermediate School, tentatively effective October 10, 2022 through December 12, 2023
- Approved the appointment of Victoria Fernette, as full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono High School, effective October 3, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Brandon Scott, as full-time Custodian at Orono Elementary Center, effective September 28, 2022
- Approved the resignation of Harley Tollin, full-time Discovery Kids Assistant Teacher at Orono Discovery Center, effective September 26, 2022
- Accepted Donations Totaling: \$1,150.00
- Approved the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination
- Approved Bill Vouchers: 313954-314071, EP Register: 901611-901614, EFT Vouchers: 228-230 and Capital One: 52013-52029

5. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report by sharing that at the last regular board meeting, she was able to announce the names of Orono's National Merit Finalists. Since then, five additional students in the class of 2023 have been named National Merit Commended Scholars. Congratulations to Angus Muldoon, Roxanne Neset, Brock Peyton, Rachel Pusch and Caleb Vaughan.

Next, Dr. Flesher commented on last week's homecoming festivities. Homecoming was on Friday, September 30 and she was pleased that so many families were able to be on campus. The parade floats were amazing, the band was terrific and Orono's younger students really enjoyed looking up to the older students, they were true examples of Spartan Spirit. Kristi also congratulated homecoming king Charlie Kraus and homecoming queen Maddie Cardinal, as

well as the entire homecoming court. The varsity football team capped off a great day with a 52-6 victory.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared that the Orono Alumni Association honored three individuals through the Distinguished and Promising Alumni Awards program. Congratulations to Jim Franklin, Jesus Martinez and Grace Berbig. These alumni bring so much pride to the district.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared some athletic accomplishments. The Orono Boys Soccer team is currently 15-0-0 taking the conference championship. They are currently seeded #1 in the section and ranked #1 in state Class AA. Girls soccer is seeded #2 in the section. Both teams are headed into section quarterfinal matches at Pesonen stadium on October 13. The Girls Swim and Dive team celebrated a conference championship and will swim at True Team Sections this weekend. They are currently ranked #3 in state Class A. Girls Tennis went 1-1 in section team play and will start individual tennis competitions next week. The Boys and Girls Cross Country teams will compete in the conference race next Tuesday, October 18.

Finally, Dr. Flesher shared that Orono's theater programs have engaged a lot of talented students this fall and they are working hard to prepare for upcoming shows. Middle School performances of "Sideways Stories from Wayside School" are Thursday through Saturday of this week. Tickets went on sale for the Orono High School fall musical, "Sound of Music" with performances November 11-19.

#### 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

Dr. Scott Alger, Executive Director of Human Resources presented to the board the following revised policies for first reading and review. Dr. Alger briefly described the proposed revisions for each policy.

- Policy 521: Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections and Searches
- Policy 522: Student, Parental, Family and Marital Status Nondiscrimination
- Policy 523: Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students
- Policy 524: Immunization Requirements
- Policy 525: The Pledge of Allegiance

##### 8. B – Orono Educator Excellence Presentation

Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Executive Director of Learning & Accountability, Mr. Ryan Gallagher, 1st Grade Teacher and Ms. Katie Stanley, 7th Grade English Teacher shared with the board the process and beginning expenditures as a result of the Orono Educator Excellence Fund.

##### 8. C – Other New Business as Necessary

No other New Business was brought forward.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Mike Bash, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.



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Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



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Laura Wallander, *Clerk*