

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
HELD NOVEMBER 14, 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, November 14, 2022 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:02 PM.

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Sarah Borchers, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held October 24, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Kalli Dorwart, as full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective November 14, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Emily Lewis, as full-time Long-Term Substitute Second Grade Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective November 29, 2022 through December 16, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Jerome Young, as full-time Custodian at Orono Elementary Center, effective November 7, 2022
- Approved the change of assignment of Victoria Fernette, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono High School, to part-time English Language Program Paraeducator at Orono High School, effective November 10, 2022
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Theresa Ernhart, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono High School, effective December 30, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Jacqueline Allonby, as part-time ECFE Assistant at Orono Discovery Center, effective October 25, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Brek Hovland, as part-time Monitor at Orono Activities Center, effective October 19, 2022
- Accepted Donations Totaling: \$4,462.72
- Approved wage scales for Community Education Program staff
- Approved Treasurer's Reports for July, August and September of 2022
- Approved Electronic Fund Transfers for July, August and September of 2022
- Approved Bill Vouchers: 314131-314360, 1596-1605, EP Register: 901662-901679, EFT Vouchers: 231, 6367-6374 and Capital One: 52046-52098

5. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report by sharing that this week is American Education Week. The official federal proclamation offers gratitude "for all those who have made education their calling, and who help learners of all ages and backgrounds reach their full potential." Dr. Flesher noted that she shares this gratitude for Orono's outstanding staff.

Dr. Flesher expressed her deepest gratitude to Orono's resident voters who overwhelmingly supported the Tech Levy Renewal last week. The referendum passed with 67% voting yes and a favorable result in every one of the Orono Schools communities. This is the best show of support since 1995. Passage of the levy ensures a predictable funding stream for our technology needs for the next 10 years. On behalf of the entire organization, Dr. Flesher thanked the Orono Schools community for their support and partnership.

Dr. Flesher also noted that on the ballot last week was the Orono School Board election with three open seats. Congratulations to Sarah Borchers, Wendy Lundsgaard and Todd Madson on their success. Dr. Flesher recognized the efforts of all seven candidates over the last several months. The new and returning Board members will be sworn in at the January 9, 2023 Board Meeting.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared that Veterans Day was recognized around the district on Friday, November 11. Orono High School partnered with the Rotary Club of Orono and American Legion Post 514 to host a celebration honoring veterans in our community. Dr. Flesher thanked keynote speaker Mr. Jamie Buchino, Army E5 Sergeant, for his motivational speech that was *authentic* and *inspirational*. The high school Wind Ensemble performed musical selections honoring our country and all branches of the military. Intermediate School teachers discussed the significance of the day with their students and asked them to create artwork, decorate lockers, and write letters of thanks to IS students' family members who serve. Orono fourth-graders learned a new song, "*We Remember*," that was written by a teacher to honor our veterans.

Next, Dr. Flesher gave a recap of fall sports. Congratulations to the Orono Varsity Football team, who finished second in Sections and lost a tough game to Zimmerman in the section championship. Boys Cross Country finished 5th at state. Sindri Bonner qualified for the Girls State Cross Country meet. Varsity runners were:

- Owen Hirt
- Gabe Hallen
- Owen Chapman
- Miles Miner
- Jack Montgomery
- Cooper Munsch
- Michael Rascher
- Spencer Greene
- Jake Thelander

Orono Girls Swim and Dive team placed 2nd in Sections as a team. Graycin Andreen was named Section swimmer of the year. The girls will compete in eight events at the state meet this weekend.

- 200 Medley Relay - Kaelyn Knutson, Skye Thalhuber, Hailey Ball, Mallory Knutson
- 200 Free - Graycin Andreen
- 200 IM - Hailey Ball
- 50 Free - Mallory Knutson
- 100 Fly - Graycin Andreen
- 200 Free Relay - Elle Davis, Skye Thalhuber, Mallory Knutson, Graycin Andreen
- 100 Back - Reilly Anderson
- 400 Free Relay - Lila James, Elle Davis, Addie Thalhuber, Graycin Andreen

Next, Dr. Flesher reported that the Minnesota State High School League just named Kayla Kullenbach and Avery Anderson AAA winners. This is a state honor for seniors who excel in Academics, Arts, and Athletics. Congratulations to these outstanding athletes!

Dr. Flesher also shared that three Unified teams competed in the State Bocce Tournament. In Division A, Alisa Barnett and Bradley Walker placed second. In Division B, Andrew Rosales and Brady McPherson placed third. Christian Brandt and Carson Libby also competed as Orono's third Division B team. Congratulations to our Unified teams!

Last week, Orono High School held its first celebration for athletes signing a National Letter of Intent. This ceremony recognized Orono students' commitment to continue their academic and athletic pursuits in college. Congratulations to:

- Joey Lieberman, who will be playing Lacrosse at the University of Tampa
- And to Oliver Giel and Parker Lewin who will be playing D1 baseball at the University of Minnesota

Finally, Dr. Flesher shared that there are still tickets available for performances of the fall musical, The Sound of Music, this week. The students are amazing and so talented. It is a very challenging production, but Orono's students and directors make it look flawless. Gratitude to Director - Kelsie Balon and her team.

Dr. Flesher noted that the workshop that was scheduled for this evening has been moved to December 6th, where the board will be hearing a presentation from Orono's partner, Wold Architects & Engineers, on the LTFM planning process. This is open to the public.

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 526: Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds
- Policy 528: Weapons
- Policy 801: Crisis Management

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Martha Van de Ven, the board approved the following changes to policies 526, 528 and 801.

Motion approved unanimously.

7. B – 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 and Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Executive Director of Learning and Accountability presented to the board the following revised policies for first reading and review. Dr. Alger and Dr. Ruhland briefly described the proposed revisions for each policy.

- Policy 512: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
- Policy 513: Student Medication
- Policy 527: Wellness
- Policy 529: School-Sponsored Curriculum Related Student Groups and Activities
- Policy 530: Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Title IX Grievance Procedure and Process
- Policy 531: Student Surveys
- Policy 601: District Curriculum Instruction and Assessment
- Policy 602: Organization of School Calendar and School Day
- Policy 603: Curriculum and Program Review and Development
- Policy 604: Instructional Curriculum
- Policy 605: Alternative Programs
- Policy 606: Textbooks and Instructional Materials
- Policy 724: Public Data Requests

8. B – Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes in School District Special Election

Member Mike Bash moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS  
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 278, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this School District held on November 8, 2022 in conjunction with the State General Election, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, at said election a total of 7,470 voters of the School District voted on the question of renewing a capital project levy authorization to fund technology for taxes payable in 2023 and thereafter (SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1), of which 4,732 voted in favor, 2,297 voted against the same, and there were 441 completely blank or defective ballots. Said proposition, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have carried.

3. The Clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditors of each county in which the School District is located in whole or in part. The Clerk is also directed to promptly report the results of the election to the Commissioner of Education.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Laura Wallander and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Martha Van de Ven, Mike Bash, Sarah Borchers, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe and the following voted against the same: None whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

8. C - Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes in School District General Election

Member Martha Van de Ven moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS  
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 278, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of this School District held on November 8, 2022, in conjunction with the State General Election was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 7,470 voters of the School District voted at said general election on the election of three (3) school board members for four (4) year term vacancies on the School Board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

<u>Wendy Lundsgaard</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>Timothy Usset</u>	<u>678</u>
<u>Brady Haislet</u>	<u>2,682</u>	<u>Todd Madson</u>	<u>2,854</u>
<u>Sarah Borchers</u>	<u>3,102</u>	<u>Dan Achtor</u>	<u>2,413</u>
<u>Melinda Ringenier</u>	<u>2,677</u>	<u>Write-In</u>	<u>31</u>

3. Wendy Lundsgaard, Sarah Borchers and Todd Madson, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four (4) year terms beginning on the first Monday in January, 2023.

4. The Clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the County Auditor of each county in which the School District is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Sarah Borchers and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Martha Van de Ven, Mike Bash, Sarah Borchers, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe and the following voted against the same: None whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

#### 8. D - Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election

Member Martha Van de Ven introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES  
OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK  
TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES**

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held in conjunction with the State General Election on November 8, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 278, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board Chair and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute Certificates of Election on behalf of the School Board of Independent School District No. 278 to the following candidates:

- a. Wendy Lundsgaard
- b. Sarah Borchers
- c. Todd Madson

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

2. The Certificate of Election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.

3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the Clerk of the School Board is hereby directed to deliver a certificate to each person entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.

4. The Clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Ali Howe and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Martha Van de Ven, Mike Bash, Sarah Borchers, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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

No other New Business was brought forward.

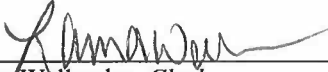
The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

UPON MOTION by Sarah Borchers, seconded by Mike Bash, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.



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Bob Tunheim, *Chair*



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Laura Wallander, *Clerk*