

January 4, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on January 4, 2023, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Polcher, Nyberg, Egan, Gabardi and Chair Berklich.
Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Newly elected board members Gabardi, Nyberg and Polcher accepted the oath of office.

Reorganization of School Board:

ELECT CHAIR

Chair Berklich called for nominations for position of School Board Chair. Director Polcher nominated Chair Berklich. No other nominations were made Chair Berklich closed the nominations. Moved by Director Polcher, seconded by Director Nyberg that Chair Berklich be named Chair of the Board for the ensuing year. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECT CLERK

Chair Berklich called for nominations for position of School Board Clerk. Chair Berklich nominated Director Polcher. No other nominations were made Chair Berklich closed the nominations. Moved by Chair Berklich, seconded by Director McLaughlin that Director Polcher be named Clerk of the Board for the ensuing year. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECT TREASURER

Chair Berklich called for nominations for position of School Board Treasurer. Director Nyberg nominated Director McLaughlin. No other nominations were made Chair Berklich closed the nominations. Moved by Director Nyberg, seconded by Polcher that Director McLaughlin be named Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECT CHAIR PRO TEM

Chair Berklich called for nominations for position of School Board Chair Pro Tem. Director Polcher nominated Director Nyberg. No other nominations were made Chair Berklich closed the nominations. Moved by Director Polcher, seconded by McLaughlin that Director Nyberg be named Chair Pro Tem of the Board for the ensuing year. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – BLANKET BOND

Director McLaughlin offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the District purchase a blanket bond for \$100,000 to cover the board members and school employees.

Director Polcher supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – SALARIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

Director Nyberg offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the salaries of the school board members will be \$400.00 per month, payable monthly, for regularly scheduled board meetings. The Chairperson of the school board shall receive \$450.00 per month, payable monthly, for regularly scheduled board meetings. \$50.00 per meeting shall be allowed for additional Negotiation meetings and special meetings.

Director Polcher supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Director Nyberg offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that The Mesabi Tribune be designated the official newspaper of the School District to publish the proceedings of the Meetings of the School Board and legal notices and display advertising at the legal rate. The officers are authorized to enter into a contract for the same. No second, motion fails for lack of support.

Director Egan moved to amend the Resolution that the Mesabi Tribune be designated the official newspaper of the School District for 30 days and to ask them to provide more coverage. Director Polcher supported the amendment and upon a vote the amendment passed with a 5-1 vote.

RESOLUTION – DATES AND TIMES OF BOARD MEETINGS

Moved by Director McLaughlin offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the regular school board meetings be held on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of each month unless otherwise designated.

The second meeting will be held two weeks after the first meeting unless that day is a legal holiday, when it will be held on the next day when legal business can be transacted unless otherwise designated. The starting time will be 3:30 P.M. and the place will be the Board Room in the High School unless otherwise designated.

Director Nyberg supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion fails 2-4.

Director Egan moved to amend the motion to change the starting time to 4:30 P.M. Director Nyberg supported the amendment and upon a vote the amendment passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION – PREPAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS

Director McLaughlin offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the Business Manager be authorized to prepay certain claims to take advantage of discounts.

Director Gabardi supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS

Director Egan offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption: RESOLVED, by the School Board, ISD #701, Hibbing, that the Business Manager be authorized to make payments through the use of electronic fund transfers, and shall report the same to the School Board each month.

Director Polcher supported the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE TO MSHSL

Moved by Director Egan, seconded by Chair Berklich that Director Nyberg be appointed as the Board's representative to the Minnesota State High School League. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE TO MSBA

Moved by Director Polcher, seconded by Director Egan that Chair Berklich be named the Legislative Liaison to the Minnesota School Boards Association. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE TO TITLE I PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved by Chair Berklich, seconded by Director Egan that Director Gabardi be appointed to the Title I Parent Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITY ED ADVISORY COUNCIL

Moved by Chair Berklich, seconded by Director Gabardi that Director Nyberg be appointed to the Community Education Advisory Council. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE TO RELIGIOUS RELEASE COMMITTEE

Moved by Director Egan, seconded by Director Nyberg that Chair Berklich be appointed to the Religious Release Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE TO DISTRICT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Moved by Director Egan seconded by Chair Berklich that Director Polcher be appointed to the District Health and Safety Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE TO WORLD'S BEST WORK FORCE

Moved by Director Polcher, seconded by Director Nyberg to appoint Director McLaughlin and Director Gabardi to the World's Best Work Force. Motion carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Director Nyberg to nominate Director McLaughlin, and Chair Berklich nominated Director Gabardi to the Finance Committee, supported by Director Egan. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the December 21, 2022 Closed Meeting and Special Meeting. Postings or transfers in the Non-Certified Bargaining Unit—Approve posting of Job #29 Custodian Supervisor Engineer, Day Shift, Lincoln Elementary, effective December 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Personnel:

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT FROM MARY COHOE

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director McLaughlin to accept the resignation for purposes of retirement from Mary Cohoe, Job #2 Secretary 22.5 hrs/week, Buildings and Grounds, effective February 28, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF NATALIE SHUTTER

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Nyberg to accept the resignation of Natalie Shutter, School Psychologist, Districtwide, effective June 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director Sarah Gabardi introduced herself.

Principals / Assistant Principals:

Mr. Nathan Lutzka, Special Programs Director gave an update on the special education department.

Committee Report: None

Administrative Business:

RESOLUTION WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve a Resolution to allow school board members to be covered by the School District Workers Compensation Insurance Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Polcher to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolutions for the following school district depositories:

1. Park State Bank
2. MN Liquid Asset Fund
3. PMA Financial Network, Inc.
4. Robert W. Baird & Company
5. Security State Bank - Hibbing
6. US Bank - Hibbing
7. Wells Fargo Bank - Hibbing

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR RUPP, ANDERSON, SQUIRES & WALDSPURGER & PACE, P.A., COLOSIMO, PATCHIN, KEARNEY & BRUNFELT, LTD AND FRYBERGER, BUCHANAN, SMITH & FREDERICK, P.A.

Moved by Director Nyberg, seconded by Director Polcher to appoint the following as School District legal counsel for the 2023 calendar year Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger & Pace, P.A, Colosimo, Patchin, Kearney & Brunfelt, LTD and Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE PAYMENT TO THE HIBBING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR 2023 MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Polcher to approve the payment to the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce for the 2023 Membership in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF ROBOTICS BETWEEN HIBBING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CHISHOLM PUBLIC SCHOOLS BEGINNING WITH THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the Application for Cooperative Sponsorship of Robotics between Hibbing Public Schools and Chisholm Public Schools beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE CHOIR SENIOR TRIP TO NYC APRIL 27, 2023 – MAY 1, 2023

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the Choir Senior Trip to NYC April 27, 2023 – May 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY #713 BUS ACCIDENT

Superintendent Aldrich presented the First Reading of Policy #713 Bus Accident.

FIRST READING OF POLICY #714 FUND BALANCES

Superintendent Aldrich presented the First Reading of Policy #714 Fund Balances.

FIRST READING OF POLICY #715 STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTING

Superintendent Aldrich presented the First Reading of Policy #715 Student Activity Accounting.

FIRST READING OF POLICY #717 UNIFORM GRANT GUIDANCE POLICY REGARDING FEDERAL REVENUE

Superintendent Aldrich presented the First Reading of Policy #717 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue.

Discussion Items:

Director Gabardi addressed boardroom audio and documents related to school board agendas.

Director Egan addressed sports cooperatives with neighboring districts.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, Chair

ATTEST:

JEFFREY POLCHER, CLERK