

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
HELD DECEMBER 12, 2022

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

Absent: None

Note: Ali Howe excused herself from the meeting early.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, December 12, 2022 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:00 PM.

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Mike Bash, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held November 14, 2022
- Approved Minutes from the Special Meeting held December 6, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Jennifer Justen, as full-time Long-Term Substitute Sixth Grade Language Arts Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective December 5, 2022 through March 24, 2023
- Approved the appointment of Rosemary Willenbring, as full-time Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Orono Public Schools, effective December 13, 2022 through June 8, 2023
- Approved the leave of absence of Samantha Sadler, full-time Second Grade Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective November 28, 2022 through December 16, 2022
- Approved the leave of absence of Kristen Fritsch, full-time Sixth Grade Language Arts Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective December 5, 2022 through March 31, 2023
- Approved the appointment of Abigail Wooley, as part-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Intermediate School, effective November 28, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Anna Streich, as part-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Intermediate School, effective November 28, 2022
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Fredrick Azariah, full-time Custodian at Orono High School, effective December 19, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Sarah Craig, as part-time Lead Preschool Teacher at Orono Discovery Center, effective November 28, 2022
- Approved the appointment of William Johnson, as part-time Monitor at Orono Activities Center, effective November 23, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Blake Petersen, as part-time Monitor at Orono Activities Center, effective November 23, 2022
- Approved the appointment of Joel Jude, as part-time Debate Coach at Orono High School, effective November 15, 2022
- Approved the resignation due to retirement of James Westrum, full-time Executive Director of Business Services at Orono Public Schools, effective January 31, 2023
- Approved the resignation of Meghan Wilson, full-time Discovery Kids Lead Preschool Teacher at Orono Discovery Center, effective January 9, 2023
- Approved the resignation of Molly Lopez, full-time District Accountant at Orono Public Schools, effective December 19, 2022
- Approved the leave of absence of Carol Sulander, full-time Systems Support Specialist at Orono Public Schools, effective November 15, 2022 through December 23, 2022

- Approved the following winter coaching contracts:

**Dance**

Sharon Forde, Head Coach  
Kaitlin Budish, JV Coach – Shared  
Jenna Reed, JV Coach – Shared

Meghan Eder, JV Coach  
Mackenzie Iversen, JV Coach – Shared  
Kayla Wandersee, JV Coach – Shared

**Basketball – Boys**

Barry Wohler, Head Coach  
Rustin Olson, JV Coach  
Mark Sembrowich, Varsity Asst. Coach  
Mat Wistrom, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach

Bryan Goudy, JV Coach  
Luke Runka, Varsity Asst. Coach  
Brad Anderson, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach

**Basketball – Girls**

Christopher Bjorgaard, Head Coach  
Alison Nash-Gerlach, Varsity Asst. Coach

Kate Ylitalo, JV Coach  
Maxwell Herrera, JV Coach

**Nordic Ski**

Brian McCollor, Head Coach

Kathleen Leslie, JV Coach

**Swim & Dive – Boys**

Benjamin Hanson, Head Coach

Isabelle Kalb, JV Coach

**Wrestling**

Joe McPherson, Head Coach  
Charlie Schmid, JV Assistant Coach  
William Ostvig, Volunteer

Jackson Striggow, JV Coach  
Jonathan Schmid, Volunteer  
Pete Keding, Volunteer

**Hockey – Boys**

Sean Fish, Head Coach  
Aaron Kruse, JV Coach  
Gregg Malmgren, Varsity Asst. Coach  
John Anderson, JV Assistant Coach

Mitch Hall, JV Coach  
Paul Antonenko, JV Coach  
Corey Ryan, JV Assistant Coach  
David Lynne, Strength Coach

**Hockey – Girls**

Larry Olimb, Head Coach  
Hannah Williams, Varsity Asst. Coach  
Amanda LeVeille, Goalie Coach

Mackenzie Skatter, JV Coach  
Claire Bjerke, Varsity Asst. Coach

**Alpine Ski**

Heidi Butler, Head Coach  
Grace McGuire, JV Coach

Anna Trenary, JV Coach

- Accepted Donations Totaling: \$8,799.72
- Approved Temporary Wage Scale for Teacher Substitutes
- Approved Bill Vouchers: 314361-314583, 1606-1615, EP Register: 901680-901738, EFT Vouchers: 232-235, 6375-6382 and Capital One: 52099-52141

## 5. – Superintendent’s Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report by sharing that Hennepin Theatre Trust recently published their Spotlight Education honors for the Orono High School fall musical, “Sound of Music.” Congratulations to the entire cast and crew and to Theatre Director Kelsie Balon Peck. The following students were recognized.

- For Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role:
  - Lauren Dock as Maria
  - Axel Duke as Max Detweiler
  - Amelia Shafer as Mother Abbess
- Lily Quale as Liesl for Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role.
- Two students were recognized for Technical Leadership:
  - Charles Konkol received Outstanding Honors as Sound Designer
  - Riley Wignall received an Honorable Mention as Stage Manager

Dr. Flesher also thanked the community who came out in record numbers to see this production and support the theater program. Closing night had a 90% sold rate.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared that this week, the Orono High School Student Senate and the Well-being Club are co-sponsoring the first ever "You Matter Week." High school students have worked to create relaxing, fun, and meaningful experiences all week, with dress-up days and activities. The major goals are to support and bring awareness to students’ and staff mental health and well-being, and to ensure all students feel welcome and valued at OHS. Many of the activities will raise funds for Mental Health MN, an organization selected by the students.

Finally, Dr. Flesher noted that she felt greatly honored to be seated here tonight with two highly respected, long-standing Board members who will end their terms this month, with tonight being their last board meeting. Dr. Flesher shared that it is difficult to find words to express the gratitude as staff that we all feel toward Ms. Martha Van de Ven and Mr. Bob Tunheim. Dr. Flesher offered congratulations to Ms. Van de Ven and Mr. Tunheim, and extended deep gratitude and appreciation for their leadership of an outstanding school district.

## 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 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

UPON MOTION by Mike Bash, seconded by Martha Van de Ven, the board approved the following changes to policies 512, 513, 527, 529, 530, 531, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606 and 724.

Motion approved unanimously.

7. B – Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

8. – New Business

8. A – Next Steps for Technology

Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Executive Director of Learning and Accountability and Mr. Sean Beaverson, District Technology Coordinator presented to the board the next steps pertaining to the district's technology needs.

8. B – Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places

Member Mike Bash introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMBINED POLLING PLACE FOR MULTIPLE  
PRECINCTS AND DESIGNATING HOURS DURING WHICH THE POLLING PLACE  
WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VOTING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD  
ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION

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

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. The combined polling place must be a polling place that has been designated for use as a polling place by a county or municipality. The following combined polling place is established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election in the calendar year following the adoption of this resolution:

Combined Polling Place:      Orono Council Chambers  
   2780 Kelley Parkway  
   Orono, MN 55356

This combined polling place serves all territory located in Independent School District No. 278; Hennepin County, Minnesota.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the combined polling place will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

4. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditor of Hennepin County, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate County Auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Martha Van de Ven.

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

8. C - Financial Update

Mr. Jim Westrum, Executive Director of Business Services shared with the board an update pertaining to fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, providing information for each respective fiscal year.

8. D - Facility Needs Assessment Update

Mr. Jim Westrum, Executive Director of Business Services shared with the board a summary of the comprehensive facilities analysis and needs assessment performed by WOLD Architects and Engineers and shared in detail at the board's special meeting held on December 6, 2022. Mr. Westrum discussed the impact of the results of the assessment on long term facilities maintenance planning for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

8. E - 2022 Truth in Taxation Hearing

Mr. Jim Westrum, Executive Director of Business Services, presented information regarding Truth in Taxation. The district is required by Minnesota State Statute to hold a Truth in Taxation meeting annually. The public was given an opportunity to comment. There were no comments.

8. F - 2022 Pay 2023 School Property Tax Levy for Fiscal 2023-2024

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Mike Bash, the Board of Education approved the final 2022 pay 2023 property tax levy of \$20,587,037.77 as we presented, and directed the Clerk to certify to the Hennepin County Auditor in that amount.

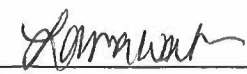
8. G – Other New Business as Necessary

No other New Business was brought forward.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

UPON MOTION by Martha Van de Ven, seconded by Bob Tunheim, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

  
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Chair

  
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Clerk