

January 18, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 4:30 P.M. on January 18, 2023, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Nyberg, Gabardi, Egan, Polcher, Chair Berklich and Student Representative Aiden Smerud.

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Nyberg and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the January 4, 2023 Regular Meeting and the following for the Month of November, 2022 and December, 2022: Consideration of Claims \$1,177,884.01 and 2,531,117.76. Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$830,390.81 and 5,908.45. Treasurer's and Investment Report and payrolls in the amount of \$2,093,701.71 and \$2,140,647.97.

**Public Comment:** None

Mr. Matt Berg – Presented band trip to Disney World in March, 2024.

Mrs. Ranae Seykora and Alex Coker with World Classrooms – Presented a non-school affiliated 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. trip.

**Personnel:**

HIRE ANNAMAE BILLS

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to Approve the hiring of Annamae Bills to Job #60 Pupil Support Assistant, 30 hours per week, Early Learning Center, effective January 19, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT FROM RENEE WELLS

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Polcher to accept the resignation for purposes of retirement from Renee Wells, special education teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective September 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Directors / Student Director:**

Director McLaughlin announced the Boys and Girls Club grand opening is January 31, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Greenhaven Elementary door 6.

Student Representative, Aiden Smerud - discussed balancing of classrooms registration numbers.

**Principals / Assistant Principals:**

Mrs. Ranae Seykora, HS Principal – reported on the following: Work Based Learning, end of the quarter is January 20, 2023, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade fun night had 200 kids participate on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Bluejacket Café will be held January 20<sup>th</sup> for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Conferences this spring teachers will do a curriculum showcase for parents. Family and parent event on March 8<sup>th</sup> regarding danger of social media. Registration for next year begins in February. Ms. Minnesota will visit the HS February 24<sup>th</sup> and Jacket Jamboree is January 30 – February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Derek Gabardi, Lincoln Elementary Assistant Principal – reported on the following: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Star Base Program at the Airforce Base in Duluth. Finishing up the second round of star testing. North Homes has 2 counselors at the Lincoln and is adding another counselor 3 days a week. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade swim classes are back with HS student's lifeguarding. PTO have monthly family fun nights and put the Deck the Halls night on.

**Committee Report:** None

**Administrative Business:**

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the resolution to accept donations. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PAYMENT #8 TO MAX GRAY CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,840.15 FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE LINCOLN AND GREENHAVEN LTFM PROJECT

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Gabardi to approve payment #8 to Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$20,840.15 for work completed on the Lincoln and Greenhaven LTFM project. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE PAYMENT TO RANGE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOLS FOR 2023 MEMBERSHIP

Moved by Chair Berklich, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the payment to Range Association of Municipalities and Schools for 2023 Membership in the amount of \$1,750.00. Motion carried 5-1.

APPROVE THE 2022 PAY EQUITY COMPLIANCE REPORT

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the 2022 Pay Equity Compliance Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF POLICY #713 BUS ACCIDENT

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

SECOND READING OF POLICY #714 FUND BALANCES

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

SECOND READING OF POLICY #715 STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTING

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

SECOND READING OF POLICY #717 UNIFORM GRANT GUIDANCE POLICY REGARDING FEDERAL REVENUE SOURCES

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

**Discussion Items:** Superintendent Aldrich gave an update on the following: Sound quality in the boardroom is still in progress. Mr. Keith Turner is working on numbers on the Co-ops and working with the fire department for AED training. Resolution for the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to name the Mesabi Tribune the newspaper for printing the school board minutes. Board packet backup available on-line will be put on the next agenda to vote on making it available to the public or keeping it the same.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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JOHN BERKLICH, Chair

ATTEST:

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JEFFREY POLCHER, CLERK