

February 8, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 4:30 P.M. on February 8, 2023, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Polcher, Nyberg, Egan, Gabardi and Chair Berklich and Student Representative Aiden Smerud.

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting. Postings or transfers in the Non-Certified Bargaining Unit—Approve posting of Job #29 Custodian Supervisor Engineer, Day Shift, High School, effective January 18, 2023. Approve the transfer of James Jukich to Job #29, Custodian Supervisor Engineer, Lincoln Elementary, effective January 18, 2023. Approve posting of Job #60 Pupil Support Assistant, 30 hours per week, High School, effective January 23, 2023. Approve the transfer of Benjamin Schmelzer to Job #29, Custodian Supervisor Engineer, High School, effective February 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Personnel:

HIRE ELLIS WOJCIEHOWSKI

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the hiring of Ellis Wojciehowski as a temporary head wrestling coach, effective January 11, 2023 for the remaining 2022-2023 season. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE GRETA KOLSTAD

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the hiring of Greta Kolstad as a 1.0 FTE special education teacher, Districtwide, effective February 13, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE SYDNEY FOSTER

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Nyberg, to approve the hiring of Sydney Foster to Job #60 pupil support assistant, 30 hours per week, Lincoln Elementary, effective February 13, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE MICHELE STENSTROM

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the hiring of Michele Stenstrom as a Form “B” Long-term substitute teacher, Greenhaven Elementary from approximately March 10, 2023 – June 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE MATTHEW J. ANDERSON

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the hiring of Matthew J. Anderson as varsity head football coach, effective August 14, 2023. Motion carried 5-0 with Director Nyberg abstaining.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOSH MCDOWELL

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Nyberg to accept the resignation of Josh McDowell as a Jr. high softball coach, effective January 24, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JENNIFER BENEDICT

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Gabardi to accept the resignation of Jennifer Benedict as a girls’ swimming coach, effective February 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF NOEL CORDERO

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Egan to accept the resignation of Noel Cordero, school readiness teacher, Washington Early Learning Center, effective June 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JEFFREY NEIST

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Polcher to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Neist as the head girls’ soccer coach, effective June 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JEFFREY NEIST

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Neist as a science teacher, high school, effective June 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT
FROM PAUL CLUSIAU

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to accept the resignation for purposes of retirement from Paul Clusiau, elementary teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective June 3, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT
FROM LISA PERALA

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director McLaughlin to accept the resignation for purposes of retirement from Lisa Perala, elementary teacher, Greenhaven Elementary, effective January 3, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director McLaughlin gave an update on the Boys and Girls Club opening. Student Representative Aiden Smerud gave an update on Jacket Jamboree.

Principals / Assistant Principals:

Mr. Tyler Glad, Building and Grounds Supervisor gave an update on the Building and Grounds Department.

Mr. Keith Turner, Activities Director gave an update on the Activities Department.

Mrs. Ranae Seykora, High School Principal gave an update on HHS events.

Committee Report: None

Administrative Business:

PROVIDE THE SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA BACKUP TO THE PUBLIC
BY HAVING IT AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE /
ONBOARD

Moved by Chair Berklich, supported by Director Gabardi to provide the school board agenda backup to the public by having it available on our school district website / Onboard. Motion failed 2-4.

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the resolution for the school district official newspaper. The Mesabi Tribune will be designated to publish the Proceedings of the Meetings of the School Board and legal notices. The Mesabi Tribune and Hometown Focus will be designated to publish display advertising at the legal rate. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND TRIP TO DISNEY WORLD
MARCH 24-30, 2024

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Polcher to approve the high school band trip to Disney World March 24-30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT BY THE CHAIR OF TWO DIRECTORS TO SIGN AND
DISTRIBUTE 2023 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

Chair Berklich appointed Director McLaughlin and Director Egan to sign and distribute 2023 High School Diplomas.

APPROVE POLICY #713 BUS ACCIDENT

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Polcher to approve Policy #713 Bus Accident. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE POLICY #714 FUND BALANCES

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Nyberg to approve Policy #714 Fund Balances. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE POLICY #715 STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTING

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director Polcher to approve Policy #715 Student Activity Accounting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE POLICY #717 UNIFORM GRANT GUIDANCE POLICY
REGARDING FEDERAL REVENUE SOURCES

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Egan to approve Policy #717 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Director Nyberg discussed changing the board meeting times back to 3:30 p.m.

Director Egan welcomed football coach Matt Anderson.

Director Gabardi discussed student teachers and job opportunities.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, Chair

ATTEST:

JEFFREY POLCHER, CLERK