

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2711  
MESABI EAST SCHOOLS  
AURORA, MN 55705**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 6, 2023  
Board Room (204)**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:38 p.m. on February 6, 2023 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Justin Adams, Walt Hautala, Pamela LaFrenier, Kathy Undeland, Superintendent Burgess

Absent: Directors Amanda Gross, Chris Baudhuin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director Undeland seconded by Director Adams to approve the agenda amended by adding 9.10.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,208,932.16; Re-Organizational Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023 and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

American Indian Advisory Committee Resolution: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Resolution as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Directors Hautala, LaFrenier, Undeland, Adams

Nays: None - Motion passed.

Resolution to Examine Programs and Positions for Possible Reduction: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Adams to adopt the resolution as presented.

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION  
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS  
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE,**

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2711, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions as a result of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of programs.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Directors LaFrenier, Undeland, Adams, Hautala

Nays: None --- Motion passed.

State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between MDE and Mesabi East School District from January 16, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to participate in a two-year, person-centered interagency cohort aimed at enhancing the fidelity and efficacy of a person-centered individualized education program with students in special education who have interagency partners ("Cohort").

All in favor---Motion passed.

FMLA Leave Request: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Adams to approve an FMLA Leave Request for an employee effective February 6, 2023 for up to 12 weeks.

All in favor---Motion passed.

2nd Reading - Policy 408: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Hautala to accept Policy 408 - Subpoena of a School District Employee for approval.

All in favor---Motion passed.

2nd Reading - Policy 524: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Hautala to accept Policy 524 - Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy for approval.

All in favor---Motion passed.

JH Softball Coach Resignation: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Adams to accept the resignation of Lyle Kleusch as JH Softball Coach with appreciation for his dedicated service.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

MSHSL Form B2 Application: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Adams to approve the Minnesota State High School League Foundation Form B2 Application grant to offset costs for training opportunities, etc.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Adams to accept the following donations: Monetary donation of \$750 earmarked for Prom; Monetary donation of \$1,200 earmarked for Monster Bash 2023.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

Special Education Paraprofessional Resignation: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Undeland to accept the resignation of Samantha Sandnas as Special Education Paraprofessional effective January 24, 2023 with appreciation.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, March 6, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. - Board Room (204)

Adjournment: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Undeland to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

All in favor—-Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Chair

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Clerk