

August 9, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on August 9, 2023, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Gabardi, Egan, Nyberg, Polcher and Chair Berklich.

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the agenda with adding the following to Administrative Business: Approve contract for Leadership of Community Education and Activities Director Services. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approved unanimously the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the July 12, 2023 Regular Meeting and the following for the month of June, 2023: Consideration of Claims \$1,403,653.31, Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$1,378,711.10. Treasurer's and Investment Report and Payrolls in the amount of \$4,971,009.35. Postings or transfers in the Non-Certified Bargaining Unit-Approve the transfer of Darin Sauter to Job #38 Custodian I, Washington Elementary, Afternoon Shift, effective July 3, 2023. Approve posting Job #40 "Temporary" Grounds Foreman, Districtwide, effective July 5, 2023. Approve posting Job #60 Pupil Support Assistant, 30 hours per week, Greenhaven, effective July 10, 2023. Approve the transfer of Bradley Pervenanze to Job #40 "Temporary" Grounds Foreman, Districtwide, effective July 14, 2023. Approve posting Job #37 Fireman Custodian, Greenhaven, 2:00 p.m. - m 10:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, effective July 24, 2023. Approve posting Job #38 Custodian I, Afternoon Shift 3:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m., High School, effective July 24, 2023.

**Public Comment:** None

Mr. Dan Merfeld – update on recent trip to Europe and discuss future trip to Europe.

**Personnel:**

ACCEPT RESIGNATION RAYMOND TAWYEA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Nyberg, to accept the resignation from Raymond Tawyea, custodian, high school, effective July 18, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION ABBEY MCDONALD

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin, to accept the resignation from Abbey McDonald, pupil support assistant, high school, effective July 26, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE FRANKLIN JONES

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the hiring of Franklin Jones as a 1.0 FTE science teacher, effective August 28, 2023 contingent upon being released from his current teaching contract in another state and receiving licensure from MN PELSB. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE CHARLES WAGNER

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the hiring of Charles Wagner as a 0.2 FTE American Language and Culture teacher, effective August 28, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Directors / Student Director:**

Director Nyberg discussed possibilities for the 100-year class reunion.

**Administrators and Staff:** None

**Committee Report:** None

**Administrative Business:**

APPROVE PAYMENT #9, FINAL PAYMENT TO MAX GRAY  
CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,495.02 FOR WORK  
COMPLETED ON THE LINCOLN AND GREENHAVEN LTFM PROJECT

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve payment #9, final payment to Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$35,495.02 for work completed on the Lincoln and Greenhaven LTFM project. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH  
INAC, INC. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023- JUNE 30, 2024

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the Food Service Management Contract with INAC, Inc. effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR VENDED MEALS WITH  
ARROWHEAD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AGENCY, INC.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the Contract for Vended Meals with Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT ACCIDENT  
INSURANCE WITH STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES EFFECTIVE  
JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan approve the application for student accident insurance with Student Assurance Services effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE “POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OPTION”  
PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN MINNESOTA NORTH COLLEGE  
AND I.S.D. NO. 701 FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the “Post-Secondary Education Option” Program Agreement between Minnesota North College and I.S.D. No. 701 for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 4-2 with Director Egan and Nyberg against and Director McLaughlin abstaining.

APPROVE THE HIBBING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR  
THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the Hibbing High School Student Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE POLICY #102 EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Chair Berklich to approve Policy # 102 Equal Educational Opportunity. Motion was amended to include the following policies: #417, #418, #424, #504, #506, #510, #513, #521, #522, #530, #602, #604, #607, #613, #619 and #716. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701  
HIBBING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND I.S.D. NO. 695 CHISHOLM PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS FOR LEADERSHIP OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION  
BEGINNING AUGUST 21, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2025

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the contract agreement between I.S.D. No. 701 Hibbing Public Schools and I.S.D. No. 695 Chisholm Public Schools for Leadership of Community Education beginning August 21, 2023 – June 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 695  
CHISHOLM PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND I.S.D. NO. 701 HIBBING PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS FOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR SERVICES BEGINNING  
AUGUST 15, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2025

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the contract agreement between I.S.D. No. 695 Chisholm Public Schools and I.S.D. No. 701 Hibbing Public Schools for Activities Director Services beginning August 15, 2023 – June 30, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion Items:**

Superintendent Aldrich gave an update on contract negotiations.  
Director Gabardi commented on National Night Out Event

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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JOHN BERKLICH, Chair

ATTEST:

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JEFFREY POLCHER, CLERK