

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 7, 2023
Board Room (204)

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:40 p.m. on August 7, 2023 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Director Amanda Gross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier, to approve the agenda as amended.

All in favor—Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,148,880.67; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2023.

All in favor—Motion passed.

2023-2024 Meal Prices: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to approve the 2023-2024 meal prices as follows: Adult Breakfast - \$2.65, Adult Lunch - \$4.95, milk - 32 cents.

All in favor—Motion passed.

High School Handbook: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the High School Handbook changes as presented.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Assistant Cheerleading Coach Request: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve an Assistant Cheerleading Coach for the 2023-2024 Fall Cheer Season. The stipend for this position would be \$684.00 based on the Hockey Cheer Advisor Stipend of \$1,368 divided by 2.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Fall Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the fall coaching recommendations as presented: Steve Grams/Head Football Coach; Keith Maki/Assistant Football Coach; Will Thommavongsa/Head B-Team Football Coach; Austin Mount/JH Football Coach; Josh LaFreniere/JH Football Coach; Kaden Maki/Volunteer Football Coach; Jon Skelton/Volunteer Football Coach; Kassidy Cook/Volunteer Football Coach; Sara Baribeau/Head Volleyball Coach; Kathy Undeland/Assistant Volleyball Coach; Shannon Hill/JH Volleyball Coach - 7th; Morgan Hirsch/JH Volleyball Coach - 8th; Emily House/Volunteer Volleyball Coach; Tasha Starkovich/Volunteer Volleyball Coach; Steve Ekman/Head CC Running Coach; Kari Hunt/Assistant CC Running Coach; Rose Antilla/Volunteer CC Running Coach; Jon Isaacson/Head Girls Swimming Coach; Terry Layman/Assistant Girls Swimming Coach; Isaac Lange/JH Swimming Coach; Dave Setnicker/Diving Coach; Carl Layman/Volunteer Swimming Coach; Jenna Dickinson/Volunteer Swimming Coach; Eric Njimegni/Head Boys Soccer Coach; Neal Thornbloom/Assistant Boys Soccer Coach; Sue Bennett/Head Girls Soccer Coach; James Bennett/Assistant Girls Soccer Coach; Coni Erickson/Fall Cheerleading Advisor; Jen Hull/Assistant Cheerleading Advisor (1/2 Hockey Cheer Stipend).

Director Undeland abstained from the vote.
All in favor—Motion passed.

iPad Insurance: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the iPad Usage Agreement for 2023-2024 which includes the iPad insurance plan information.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Leave of Absence: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Hautala to approve Family Medical Leave for an employee from September 11, 2023 to January 3, 2024.

Leave of Absence - Amended Motion: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve Family Medical Leave for an employee for twelve weeks.

All in favor—Motion passed.

AEOA Head Start Rental Agreement: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the AEOA Head Start Rental Agreement for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide office space for one Early Head Start Home-Base Educator and storage space for the Head Start/Early Head Start program.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Agriculture Teacher Hire: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Undeland to approve Rachel Doherty as .34 FTE Agriculture Teacher, BA, Step 2 effective the 2023-2024 school year with wages and benefits pursuant the Master Agreement with Education Minnesota Local #1255.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Agenda Publication: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to approve the agenda to be published on the website instead of the newspaper.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Greenhouse Position Addition: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Undeland to authorize the district to post a position for a B.E.E. Coordinator for 20 hours per week for 42 weeks with a salary of \$20.29 per hour.

Janitor Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to accept the retirement resignation from Debra LaValley as Janitor effective August 15, 2023 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Donations Received: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the following donations: Monetary donation of \$30 earmarked for a backpack; Monetary donation of \$3,000 earmarked for Early Childhood.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Special Education Teacher Hire: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to approve Jamie Worthington as 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher, BA, Step 3 effective the 2023-2024 school year with wages and benefits pursuant to the Master Agreement with Education Minnesota Local #1255.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Choir Teacher Hire: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Hautala to approve Catherine Oberg as .34 FTE HS Choir Teacher, BA, Step 3 effective the 2023-2024 school year with wages and benefits pursuant to the Master Agreement with Education Minnesota Local #1255.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Farm to School/Environmental Education Center Manager: Moved by Director Baudhin, seconded by Director Adams to approve the Farm to School Coordinator and Environmental Education Center Manager Agreements for Rachel Doherty for the 2023-2024 School Year.

All in favor—Motion passed.

School Nurse Hire: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to authorize the School District to post for a .80 FTE School Nurse for the 2023-2024 school year.

All in favor—Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, September 11, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. - Board Room (204)

Adjournment: Moved by Director Baudhuin seconded by Director Adams to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk