

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2023
Board Room (204)

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on September 11, 2023 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Justin Adams, Amanda Gross, Chris Baudhuin, Walt Hautala, Pamela LaFrenier, Superintendent Burgess.

Absent: Director Kathy Undeland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

All in favor—Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,239,218.75 Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Truth in Taxation Hearing Date: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the Truth in Taxation Hearing Date as December 4, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room (204) at Mesabi East School District.

All in favor—Motion passed.

2023 Payable 2024 Levy Certification: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the Levy Limitation Certification 2023 Payable 2024 as presented at maximum level.

All in favor—Motion passed.

School Resource Officer Agreement: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement for the School years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Viking Coca-Cola Bottling Company Agreement: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the new Viking Coca-Cola Bottling Company Agreement as presented.

Nayes: Directors Adams, Gross, Baudhin, Hautala, LaFrenier
Ayes: None - Motion fails.

School Improvement Plan and Title I School Wide Program Plan: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the School Improvement Plan and Title I School Wide Program Plan for the school year 2023-2024.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Substitute and Non-Union Rates of Pay: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the substitute and non-union rates of pay as Option B effective the 2023-2024 school year.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Athletic Complex Baseball and Softball Rental Rates: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the Athletic Complex Baseball and Softball Rental Rates as presented.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Marco Proposal: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to accept the proposal submitted by Marco to upgrade the Konica printers.

All in favor—Motion passed.

FTE Increase: Moved by Director LaFrenier seconded by Director Gross to approve an FTE Increase for Ashleigh Burgess from .34 FTE to .64 FTE effective the 2023-2024 school year.

All in favor—Motion passed.

FTE Increase: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve an FTE Increase for Catherine Oberg from .34 FTE to .51 FTE effective the 2023-2024 school year.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to approve a salary lane change for Megan Pelarske from MA to MA + 12 effective the 2023-2024 school year.

All in favor—Motion passed.

General Education Paraprofessional Hire: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Adams to approve Stephanie Engstrom as General Education Paraprofessional up to 29 hours per week, step 0 effective August 31, 2023.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Special Education Paraprofessional Hire: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve Kathy Otto as Special Education Paraprofessional up to 29 hours per week, step 0 effective August 31, 2023.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Special Education Paraprofessional Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to approve Hailey Skelton as Special Education Paraprofessional up to 20 hours per week, step 0 effective September 18, 2023.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Bus Driver Hire: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve Tony Michels as Bus Driver up to 20 hours per week, step 1 effective September 5, 2023.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Janitor Assignment: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Gross to assign Fran LaPrairie as Janitor, afternoon shift, Step 0, full-time 12 month position effective September 5, 2023.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Concession Stand Manager: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve Cherie Grams as Concession Stand Manager with a stipend of \$10,000.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Family Service Collaborative Director Retirement: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Baudhuin to accept the retirement resignation of Karen St. George effective October 1, 2023 with appreciation for her dedicated service.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Retirement: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the retirement resignation of Tammy Royseth effective August 31, 2023 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Retirement: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to accept the retirement resignation of Nancy Martinetto effective August 31, 2023 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Fall Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve the 2023-2024 fall coaching recommendations as presented.

All in favor—Motion passed.

General Education Paraprofessional Posting Request: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve a posting for a General Education Paraprofessional up to 29 hours per week to work at the Greenhouse.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to accept the following donations: Black dirt donation to be used at ME3C (\$960.00); Monetary donation in the amount of \$180 earmarked for ECFE Programming; Monetary donation in the amount of \$200 earmarked for ECFE Programming; Monetary donation in the amount of \$120 earmarked for school supplies.

All in favor—Motion passed.

Special Education Para Bus Monitor Assignments: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to assign the following Special Education Paraprofessional Bus Monitors up to 8.75 hours per week effective September 5, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year: Jeanette Haynes, Nikki Mount, Dianna Butzke, Chris Shaw and Shari Collins.

All in favor—Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular School Board Meeting - Monday, October 2, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. - Board Room (204)

Adjournment: Moved by Director Baudhuin seconded by Director Gross to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk