

Official Minutes
Monthly Business Meeting
September 13, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 227, Olmsted, Fillmore, and Winona Counties was held on Wednesday September 13, 2023. Vice Chair Keefe called the meeting order at 7:06 pm.

Clerk's Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Sovinski, Harstad, Johnsrud, Keefe, Priebe.

Absent: Thompson

All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Add

8. Consent Items (approval)

- c. Homecoming DJ Contract (Ottomatic Karaoke & DJ Services)
- d. Approve 2023-2024 Seniority List
- e. Approve HS/ES Student Handbook
- f. Approve High School/Elementary School Discipline Matrix
- g. New Hires
 - iii. Cheri Stageberg (Math League Advisor)
 - iv. Samantha Baker (Valleyland Childcare Assistant)
 - v. Danielle Anderson (Valleyland Teacher)
- h. Resignations
 - ii. Adam Hurley (Fitness/Strength Coach)
- i. Job Postings
 - ii. Fitness/Strength Coach

11. Action Items (approval)

- b. Certify Maximum 2023 payable 2024 Levy
- c. Approve FY24 Business Manager Employment Agreement (Trista O'Connor)
- d. Approve FY24 Head Engineer Employment Agreement (Steve Irish)
- e. Approve Employee Handbook

Motion by Harstad, second by Keefe to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Claims and Accounts

Treasurer Harstad indicated that the claims and accounts appeared to be in order. Johnsrud asked about property insurance policy. Mr. Harris answered with minimal discussion. Motion to approve claims and accounts made by Harstad, seconded by Sovinski. Motion carried 5-0.

District Patron Time

None

Reports

Student Senate Kiera Kobs & Mary Halverson

School is off to a good start. Good vibes from everyone. Senior Breakfast and senior sunrise were both great. Fun to have everyone together. Spoke about all the fun activities coming up for Homecoming week. Both are excited for a great senior year.

Tom Keefe (SB)

Member Keefe spoke about Hiawatha education District (HVED). Concerned about the future of this as there are a couple of districts still waiting to approve proposed facility.

Josh Thompson (SB)

Absent

Jill Harstad (SB)

Still working on teacher negotiations.

Katie Priebe (SB Chair)

Shane McBroom (K-6 Principal)

Conferences went well. Very close to 100% attendance. First few days have been very exciting. Students and staff are very energetic. ALICE drill went very well. Little discussion on the scenarios practiced. Gave a brief update on enrollment for this year. MCA test results are in. We continue to score above the State average, but there is always room for improvement.

Eric Nelson (7-12 Principal)

Presented submitted report. Return to school going well. Mr. Nelson has been meeting with each class separately to go over handbook. Very pleased with the trophy cases and cafeteria photos have been organized and cleaned. Mr. Nelson spoke on the MCA test results. Believes there is room for improvement

Ed Harris (Superintendent)

Mr. Harris thanked everyone for a smooth start to school. Mr. Harris also thanked Trista O'Connor for her hard work on the updated school logo. Mr. Harris thanked Trista O'Connor and Lisa Kohlmeyer for their hard work on the employee handbook. Mr. Harris thanked everyone who came to the facility meeting and briefly discussed the financial side of things. Mr. Harris spoke briefly on Hiwatha education district and where things are at on this. He also called attention to the budget information in his written report indicating that this year's enrollment has dropped significantly and is expected to continue doing so. This will profoundly impact revenue this year and in future years. The administration will formulate a budget reduction plan for the 24-25 school year.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Harstad, second by Johnsrud to approve the consent agenda as amended.
Motion carried 5-0.

1st Reading of District Policies

Chair Priebe advised that the following district policies are before the board for their first reading. The Board should direct any questions that they may have to Mr. Harris.

- a. 710 Extracurricular Transportation
- b. 711 Video Recording on Bus
- c. 712 Video Surveillance
- d. 504 Student Appearance (substantially revised)

2nd Reading of District Policies

Motion by Keefe, second by Harstad to approve the following policies:

- a. 102 Equal Educational Opportunity
- b. 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
- c. 419 Tobacco-Free Environment
- d. 424 License Status
- e. 425 Staff Development
- f. 506 Student Discipline
- g. 507 Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint
- h. 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students
- i. 513 Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design
- j. 514 Bullying Prohibition Policy
- k. 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
- l. 532 Use of Peace Office and Crisis Teams
- m. 534 School Meal Policy
- n. 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
- o. 602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day
- p. 603 Curriculum Development
- q. 604 Instructional Curriculum
- r. 613 Graduation Requirements
- s. 616 School District System Accountability
- t. 617 School District Ensurance of Standards

- u. 618 Assessment of Student Achievement
- v. 621 Literacy and the READ Act (New)
- w. 708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students
- x. 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy
- y. 806 Crisis Management Policy

Motion carried 5-0.

Action Items

- a. Motion by Sovinski, second by Johnsrud to Certify Maximum 2023 payable 2024 levy. Some discussion regarding dollar amount. No dollar amount specified at this time. Needs to be approved by September 30th. Motion carried 5-0
- b. Motion by Keefe, second by Sovinski to approve Business Manager Employment Agreement. Motion carried 5-0
- c. Motion by Sovinski, second by Keefe to approve FY24 Head Engineer Employment Agreement. Motion carried 5-0
- d. Motion by Sovinski, second by Keefe to approve Employee Handbook. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Harstad, second by Keefe to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

/s/

Board Clerk

