

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278
HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2023

Present: Sarah Borchers, Kristine Flesher, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe, Todd Madson, Wendy Lundsgaard

Absent: Mike Bash

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, October 23, 2023 and called to order by Board Vice Chair, Sarah Borchers at 7:00 PM.

3. Consideration of the Agenda

4. Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Todd Madson, the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on October 9, 2023
- Approved the appointment of Amy Marka Neitzell, as part-time Homebound Teacher at Orono Public Schools, effective October 9, 2023
- Approved the appointment of Madeline Moon, as part-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Intermediate School, effective October 23, 2023
- Approved the change of assignment of Brandon Scott, full-time Class II Custodian at Orono Elementary Center to full-time Class III Custodian at Orono Elementary Center, effective October 9, 2023
- Approved the Treasurer's Report for May of 2023
- Approved Electronic Wire Transfers for May, June, July, August and September of 2023
- Accepted Donations Totaling: \$2,150.00
- Approved Bill Vouchers: 316886-317076, EP Register: 902090-902107 and Capital One: 52529-52560

5. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report with a fall athletics update. Orono Girls Swimming & Diving won the True Team State Championship for the first time in school history. They defeated Visitation—the 17-time defending champion—along with 10 other highly ranked programs, to earn this honor. Graycin Andreen set multiple school records, including the 100 Butterfly and 200 Freestyle. Congratulations to the girls and to Head Coach Mark Seguin, Assistant Coach Barb Scouler, and Diving Coach Bret Beecher on this amazing achievement.

Next, Dr. Flesher offered congratulations to Orono Boys Soccer who won the 6AA Section Championship last week in their game against Monticello. They have also been named the #1 seed in the Class AA Boys Soccer State Tournament. The boys will face Northfield in the quarterfinal round tomorrow, October 24, vs. Northfield at Eden Prairie High School. We wish them all the best!

In football, the boys ended their regular season with a 7-1 record. They received the #1 seed in the 6AAAA Section Tournament. The Spartans have an opening-round bye before hosting a Section Semifinal game at home this Saturday, October 28, at 1:00 p.m. Orono will take on the winner of the quarterfinal matchup between #4 Zimmerman and #5 Providence.

Next, Dr. Flesher shared that Orono Girls Volleyball also ended their regular season and received the #6 seed in the 6AAA Section Tournament. They will play at #3 seed Holy Angels on Wednesday in the first round. In the Boys and Girls Cross Country Metro West Conference meet, the Boys team placed 2nd with Gabe Hallen in 4th and Owen Hirt in 6th place and the Girls team finished 6th with Delaney Stephens a top

finisher in 14th place. The top 7 runners will now compete this Thursday, October 26, at the Section 6AA meet at Collinwood Park

Dr. Flesher concluded her report by sharing that the district will be sharing a fall performing arts schedule through the district's website and Peachjar this week. The first concert on the schedule is the Orono High School choir concert at Wayzata Community Church on October 30 at 7 p.m. Tickets are also available for the fall musical Bright Star.

6. – Board Members Questions and Comments

Policy Committee Meeting Update: Sarah Borchers shared with the board that all of the work from the most recent meeting of the policy committee will be shared in detail later in the meeting.

Todd Madson offered gratitude Laura Smith, member of the Orono Foundation for Education board for her years of service and noted that there will now be an opening on the OFE board.

Wendy Lundsgaard had nothing to report.

Ali Howe had nothing to report.

Laura Wallander had nothing to report.

7. – Old Business

7. A – Policy Review

The following revised policies were presented to the board for a second reading and approval.

- Policy 516.5: Overdose Medication
- Policy 534: School Meals Policy
- Policy 724: Public Data Requests
- Policy 806: Crisis Management

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, and seconded by Ali Howe, the board approved the recommended revisions to policies 516.5, 534, 724 and 806.

Motion Approved Unanimously.

7. B – Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

8. – New Business

8. A – Policy Review

Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Executive Director of Learning and Accountability brought the following policies to the board for a first reading and shared proposed revisions.

- Policy 701: Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget
- Policy 702: Accounting
- Policy 703: Annual Audit
- Policy 704: Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System
- Policy 705: Investments
- Policy 706: Acceptance of Gifts

8. B – Contract Award for the Middle School IAQ Improvements

Jim Westrum, Executive Director of Business Services, shared information with the board surrounding bids that the district received for the indoor air quality improvements planned for Orono Middle School and asked the board to approve the low base bid from Ebert, Inc.

UPON MOTION by Wendy Lundsgaard and seconded by Ali Howe, the board accepted the bid from Ebert, Inc. as presented.

Motion Approved Unanimously.

8. C – Demographic Study Presentation

Mr. Jim Sheehan and Mr. Bob Porter of J&B Data Services presented to the board the results of the demographic study conducted on behalf of the district.

8. D – Other New Business as Necessary

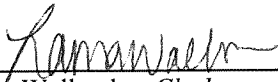
No other New Business was brought forward.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Wendy Lundsgaard, the meeting was adjourned to a work session for the purpose of a report on updated crisis and school safety procedures at 7:41 PM.



Michael Bash, *Chair*



Laura Wallander, *Clerk*