



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
January 8, 2024
Regular Meeting**

At the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the reorganization of the School Board was facilitated. See the Board membership and executive committee listings [here](#).

At the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were presented and discussed:

1. **Overview of Welcome to White Bear and Update on Registration Information for 2024-25.** Director of Communications and Community Relations Marisa Vette was joined by elementary, middle school and high school principals to present information about January's Welcome to White Bear activities. The schedule of events will be covered, along with elements of the enrollment process that allow us to serve each family.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Student Recognition.** The School Board recognized Bowling Team members who represented the district in the State Tournament.

See the recognition video [here](#).

At the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Action on Bids for Sunrise Park Conversion and Renovation Project.** The School Board accepted the overall bid for the Sunrise Park Conversion and Renovation Project as presented in the amount of \$24,836,263.00.
2. **Action on School Board Operating Procedures for 2024.** The School Board accepted the Rules of Order and Board Agenda format for 2024.
3. **Action on School Board Members' Compensation for 2024.** The School Board acted on keeping the same compensation levels for 2024: Chair \$5,450, Vice-Chair \$5,250, Clerk \$5,450, Treasurer \$5,250, Members \$5,050.
4. **Action on Appointment of Intermediate School District 916 Representative for 2024.** The School Board appointed Kathleen Daniels as White Bear Lake Area School's representative to Intermediate School District 916 Board for 2024.
5. **Action on Regular and Work Session Meeting Schedule for 2024-25.** The School Board approved the Regular and Work Session Meeting Schedule for January 2024 to August 2025.

6. **Action on Official Publication for the School District for 2024.** The School Board approved the White Bear Press as the legal publication for White Bear Lake Area Schools for 2024.
7. **Action on Appointment of Compliance Officers.** The School Board approved the appointment of Matthew Mons, Director of Human Resources and General Counsel, as the District Human Rights Officer; Dr. Alison Gillespie, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, as the Title IX Coordinator; and Lisa Ouren, Director of Student Support Services, as the District ADA/504 Coordinator in conformance with School Board policies.
8. **Action on Local Education Agency Authorization.** The School Board authorized Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak, Superintendent, as the Local Education Agency (LEA) representative for the purpose of reviewing and approving documents required for compliance to federal programs included in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for 2024.
9. **Action on Designation of Legal Counsel.** The School Board approved Knutson, Flynn and Deans, P.A.; Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney, P.A.; Squires, Waldsperger and Mace, P.A.; and others as needed as our legal counsel for the calendar year 2024. The School Board approves authorized personnel to contact legal counsel, including: School Board Chair, School Board Vice-Chair, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Director of Human Resources, Director of Student Support Services, Director of Community Services and Recreation, Director of Communications and Community Relations, and Director of Technology and Innovation.
10. **Action on Official Depositories for the School District Funds and Authorized Bank Accounts and Signatures.** The School Board approved the list of official depositories for School District funds and authorized bank accounts and signatures for 2024.
11. **Action on Annual Authorization Allowing Administration to Contract for Budgeted Items.** The School Board confirmed the School Board's understanding that the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations have been duly authorized to lease, purchase, and contract for goods and services within the budget as approved by the Board in amounts up to \$175,000 and restatement of authorization for the same pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 123B.52, subdivision 2.
12. **Action on Annual Resolution to Increase Micro Purchase Threshold.** The School Board approved the Annual Resolution to Increase Micro Purchase Threshold.
13. **Action on School Board Policies.** The School Board acted upon the following policies, as recommended by the Policy Committee and Cabinet:
 - a. 401, Equal Employment Opportunity,
 - b. 407, Employee Right to Know - Exposure to Hazardous Substances,
 - c. 413, Harassment and Violence,
 - d. 416, Drug and Alcohol Testing,
 - e. 499, Student Teaching,

- f. 503, Student Attendance,
- g. 506, Student Discipline,
- h. 507, Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint,
- i. 510, School Activities,
- j. 515, Protection and Privacy of Student Records,
- k. 516, Student Medication,
- l. 529, Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students,
- m. 607, Organization of Grade Levels, and
- n. 613, Graduation Requirements.

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