

January 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on January 17, 2024, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Gabardi, Egan, Polcher, Chair Berklich and Student Representatives Addyson Anderson and Christian Karakash.

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the agenda Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting and the following for the month of November and December 2023: Consideration of Claims \$1,263,865.54 and \$1,173,591.22, Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$1,810,825.40 and \$818,992.01. Treasurer's and Investment Report and payrolls in the amount of \$2,467,640.01 and \$2,582,969.12. Approve the hiring of Lauren Huju as a 9th grade girls' basketball coach, effective November 15, 2023. Approve the hiring of Timothy S. Carruth as a 7th grade boys' basketball coach, effective November 20, 2023. Approve the hiring of Matthias Norenberg to Job #41 grounds person, districtwide, effective January 18, 2024. Approve the transfer of Jennifer Toewe from a 1.0 FTE speech language pathologist to a 1.0 FTE dean of students, districtwide, effective January 22, 2024 for the remaining 2023-24 school year. Accept the resignation of Greta Kolstad as a Jr. high softball co-coach, effective January 9, 2024. Accept the resignation of Emily Freeman as co-head golf coach, effective January 31, 2024.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director Gabardi, Recap on the workshops from the MSBA Conference she attended with Superintendent, Aldrich and Chair Berklich.

Administrators and Staff:

Mrs. Ranae Seykora, HHS Principal updated on the following: 7th and 8th grade discipline reports, Realignment planning and reorganized floor plans for 8th grade wing and separate lunch. Motivational speaker Terrance Tall for students grades 7-12. Registration for next year at the HS. VFW teacher of the year was awarded to Sue Schwartz. Pilot online courses for next year. 7-9 grade students had a fun night on January 12th.

Mr. Derek Gabardi, Lincoln Elementary Principal, updated on the following: Suspensions, realignment planning, looking forward to Jen Toewe starting as dean of students next week. Second semester will begin next week. Deck the Halls will plan to do this every other year. Lincoln PTO has raised close to \$30,000 for the playground project. Grades 3-4 choir concert and grades 5-6 spelling bee. Fastbridge testing.

Committee Report:

Administrative Business:

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the resolution to accept donations. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF POLICY #606 TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, AND LIBRARY MATERIALS

Superintendent Aldrich presented the Second Reading of Policy #606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials, and Library Materials.

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION DECLARING A SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY BECAUSE OF BOARD MEMBER DEATH

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the resolution declaring a school board vacancy because of board member death. Being a Resolution a roll call vote was taken:

FOR: Directors Polcher, Egan, Gabardi, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

The hereby Resolution is adopted this 17th day of January, 2024.

Discussion Items:

Appointment of school board director. Will call for a special meeting next week.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JEFF POLCHER, CLERK