

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 5, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on February 5, 2024 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Amanda Gross, Walt Hautala, Pam LaFrenier, Kathy Undeland, Superintendent Jeff Burgess

Absent: Directors Justin Adams, Chris Baudhuin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director Undeland seconded by Director Gross to approve the agenda as amended by adding 9.11.

All in favor---Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$3,595,554.66; Re-Organizational Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024 and the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024; Tuition Agreement with ISD 709 Duluth Public Schools for 1 student with a start date of 10/23/23; ISD 318 Grand Rapids for 1 student with a start date of 1/2/24 and Minnesota Connections Academy for 1 student with a start date of 9/14/23.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Resolution to Examine Programs and Positions for Possible Reduction: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the resolution as presented:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION  
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS  
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE,

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2711, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions as a result of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of programs.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Director Gross, Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland

Nays: None ---- Motion passed.

Technology Administrator Agreement: Moved by Director Hautala seconded by Director Gross to approve the Technology Administrator Agreement for 2023-2025 as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

JH Volleyball Coach Resignation: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the resignation of Morgan Hirsch as JH Volleyball Coach effective immediately with appreciation

All in favor---Motion passed.

JH Volleyball Coach Resignation: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the resignation of Shannon Hill as JH Volleyball Coach effective immediately with appreciation.

All in favor---Motion passed.

JH Track Coach Resignation: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Pete Klabecek as JH Track Coach effective immediately with appreciation.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to accept the resignation of Andrea Conklin as Paraprofessional effective January 26, 2024 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Gym Floor Proposal: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the proposal in the amount of \$ 47,780 from H2I Group to sand and refinish the gym floor with red lane color, white lettering color, and logo facing benches.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Business Manager Hire: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to assign Janel Leete to the position of Business Manager, step 3 effective March 18, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Spring Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the 2023-2024 spring coaching recommendations: Chad Sahr / Head Baseball Coach; Austin Mount / Asst. Baseball Coach; Steve Peterson / JH Baseball Coach; Tyler Laugen / Volunteer Baseball Coach; Alex Marifiot / Volunteer Baseball Coach; Jed Olmstead / Volunteer Baseball Coach; Hayden Soular / Volunteer Baseball Coach; Jim James / Head Golf Coach; Steve Grams / Assistant Golf Coach; JR Kopp / JH Golf Coach; Pat McBride / Volunteer Golf Coach; Dave Hillman / Volunteer Golf Coach; Matt Zimmer / Head Softball Coach; Carli Haynes / Asst. Softball Coach; Nick Shermer / JH Softball Coach; Ryan Butzke / Volunteer Softball Coach; Nate Skelton / Volunteer Softball Coach; Steph Zimmer / Volunteer Softball Coach; Nick Shermmer / Volunteer Softball Coach; Steve Ekman / Head Boys Track Coach; Kari Hunt / Head Girls Track

Coach; Sue Bennett / Assistant Track Coach; Jon Wagner / Assistant Track Coach; OPEN / JH B/G Track Coach; Jess Forsline / JH B/G Track Coach; Neal Thornbloom / Volunteer Track Coach; Hope Howell / Volunteer Track Coach; Nikki Swanson / Volunteer Track Coach; Rose Antilla / Volunteer Track Coach; Gregg Allen / Volunteer Track Coach; John Miklausich / Volunteer Track Coach; Sam Hunt / Volunteer Track Coach; Dean Forsline / Volunteer Track Coach.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the following donations: Monetary donation of \$250 earmarked for I Love to Read; Monetary donation of \$500 earmarked for Mr. Lang's Classroom Project; Monetary donation of \$1,100 earmarked to purchase items needed by students (boots, snow pants, gym shoes, shorts, pants); Monetary donation of \$4,200 earmarked for I Love to Read (\$1,000) and ME3C (\$3,200); Monetary donation of \$1,500 earmarked for I Love to Read; Monetary donation of \$100 earmarked for I Love to Read; Donation of an egg incubator in the amount of \$1,500 to be used for STEAM/Agriculture egg incubation; Food Boxes and Quilts earmarked for Project Elf; Monetary donations in the amount of \$11,467 earmarked for Project Elf.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Superintendent Evaluation Overview: Informational only. No action necessary.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular Board Meeting – Monday, March 4, 2024 - 5:30 p.m. – Board Room (204)

Adjournment: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Chair

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Clerk