

March 20, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on March 20, 2024, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Gabardi, Martin, Chair Berklich and Student Representative Cristian Karakash.

Members Absent: Director Egan and Polcher

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Martin, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the agenda Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Gabardi and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting and the following for the month of January, 2024. Consideration of Claims in the amount of \$2,374,938.31. Electronic Funds Transfers in the amount of \$1,170,716.76. Treasurer's and Investment Reports and Payrolls in the amount of \$2,238,603.25. Approve the hiring of Elizabeth Brownlee as an assistant girls' track co-coach, effective March 11, 2024. Approve the hiring of Eric Eskeli as an assistant girls' track co-coach, effective March 11, 2024. Approve the hiring of Darrell Ziekse as an Jr. high golf coach, effective March 18, 2024. Approve the hiring of Derek Gabardi as an assistant golf coach, effective March 18, 2024. Approve the request for a 3-year leave of absence by Michael Christie effective with the 2024-2025 school year. The leave of absence is pursuant to M.S. 122A.46.

Public Comment:

Nick Arola, City of Hibbing Services Director, presented on parks and trails master plan.

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director McLaughlin, music in the schools was amazing. Commended Mrs. Seykora on her communication on what is going on at the High School. Washington PTO fill the shelves had an amazing output from the community. Recognize Charles Wagner on a recent field trip with students.

Student Director Cristian Karakash, joined Mr. Snider on a BlueJacket virtual meeting for the online pilot classes coming in the fall. BSU Concert at 7:30 p.m. March 20, 2024. Music in our schools March 21, 2024.

Administrators and Staff:

Mr. Robert Bestul, Greenhaven Elementary Principal, Mr. Berg and Mr. Bestul thanked the community for the filling of the shelves at the Washington and Greenhaven. A next year new staff meeting was held today at the Washington and Greenhaven.

Mrs. Carrie McDonald, Director of Teaching and Learning, updated on the 5 academies. Presented at Chamber Meeting this week. Attended an impact training along with Carrie Fawkes. Discussed updated information on the Read Act.

Committee Report: None

Administrative Business:

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

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

AWARD THE BID TO NELSON ROOFING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,786.00 FOR THE LINCOLN ELEMENTARY REROOF PROJECT

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Chair Berklich to approve the bid to Nelson Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$265,786.00 for the Lincoln Elementary Reroof Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Superintendent's Evaluation

ADJOURN

Chair Berklich adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JEFF POLCHER, CLERK