

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2168
NRHEG PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEW RICHLAND, MN
SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 Secondary Media Center**

MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairman Rick Schultz at 5:30PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Karen Flatness, Rich Mueller, Luke Routh, Travis Routh, Neil Schlaak, Dan Schmidt, Rick Schultz, and Superintendent Dale Carlson. Also present: Karla Christopherson, Doug Anderson, Dave Bunn. Guests attending from ISG included Rod Schumacher, Katelyn Sonnee, Laura Johnson.
4. **Approve Agenda: Motion made by Neil Schlaak and seconded by Rich Mueller to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**
5. **2018-2019 School year Calendar Modification Regarding Flexible Learning Days:** Administration recommended to modify the 2018-2019 school year calendar to reflect the addition of two (2) flexible learning days effective February 5, 2019, to be used in the event school is cancelled for students as determined by the Superintendent. The 2 additional days brings the total number of potential days for the year to be designated as flexible learning days to five (5). As of February 4, three (3) days had already been designated/used as flexible learning days (January 22, 28 & 29). The State of Minnesota allows up to 5 days to be designated as flexible learning days.

Motion made by Neil Schlaak and seconded by Rich Mueller to approve designating two additional days as Flexible Learning Days in the 2018-2019 school calendar for a total of five Flexible Learning Days to be declared by the Superintendent in the event of school closure. Motion carried.
6. **Intermediate District #288 Potential Membership:** Administration presented the Board with an update on its ongoing work in addressing the high needs of some of our students. Since July, the Board has had two presentations by Special Education Director Heather Harms and Assistant Director Deanna Gronseth on options the District was studying in collaboration with three other school districts (Waseca, J-W-P, and W-E-M) that would provide students with more appropriate educational placements and opportunities. All four districts have identified needs in servicing singleton students who we serve but who could benefit from a full spectrum of services. Controlling costs has also been an important objective.

The four districts have been working closely with the Intermediate #288 administrative staff to learn what it would mean if we were to join. It is not automatic as the Intermediate #288 board of directors would need to approve the application. The Board may be asked to consider approving our school district to join the other three districts in making application to the Intermediate #288 at the February 19 School Board meeting.
7. **April 9, 2019, Referendum Planning:** Consultants from ISG presented an update to the Board on progress being made in the communication planning for the April 9 special election. ISG reviewed drafts of a brochure to be mailed to every household in the school district, a potential flyer to be made available throughout our communities, and additional tools to be used in communicating information about the special election. A timeline of events was reviewed including a calendar of informational sessions in all four communities to various governmental, civic and other organizations. Board members were asked to sign up to be present at informational sessions.
8. **Adjournment: Motion made by Neil Schlaak and seconded by Dan Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.**