

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

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

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Justin Adams, Amanda Gross, Chris Baudhuin, Walt Hautala, Pamela LaFrenier, Kathy Undeland, Superintendent Burgess

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the agenda as amended by adding 9.18, 9.19 and 9.20

All in favor---Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director LaFreniere to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,270,210.50; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2024; Tuition Agreement with ISD 318 for one student with a start date of 12/1/23.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Resolution Relating to General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the Resolution Relating to General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2024B.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Director Adams, Director Gross, Director Baudhuin, Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland, Director Adams.

Nayes: None – Motion passed.

Post Secondary Enrollment Options Contract: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Contract with Minnesota North College for the 2024-2025 School Year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Fall Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the 2024-2025 Fall Coaching recommendations as presented: Steve Grams / Head Football Coach, Keith

Maki / Assistant Football Coach, Will Thammavongsa / Head B-Team Football Coach, Austin Mount / JH Football Coach, Cassidy Cook / JH Football Coach; Kaden Maki / Volunteer Football Coach; Josh LaFreniere / Volunteer Football Coach; Travis Westlund / Volunteer Football Coach; Sara Baribeau / Head Volleyball Coach; Kathy Undeland / Assistant Volleyball Coach; Andrea Turner / JH Volleyball Coach -8th; Emily House / JH Volleyball Coach – 7th; Autumn Gregorich / Volunteer Volleyball Coach; Tasha Starkovich / Volunteer Volleyball Coach; Steve Ekman / Head CC Running Coach; Connor Matschiner / Assistant CC Running Coach; Rose Antilla / Volunteer CC Running Coach; Kari Hunt / Volunteer CC Running Coach; Jon Isaacson / Head Girls Swimming Coach; Terry Layman / Assistant Girls Swimming Coach; Issac Lange / JH Swimming Coach; Carl Layman / Volunteer Swimming Coach; Jenna Dickenson / Volunteer Swimming Coach; Judd Anderson / Volunteer Swimming Coach; Eric Njimegni / Head Boys Soccer Coach; OPEN / Assistant Boys Soccer Coach; Sue Bennett / Head Girls Soccer Coach; James Bennett / Assistant Girls Soccer Coach; Jen Hull / Fall Cheerleading Advisor; Nikki Swanson / Assistant Cheerleading Advisor

Director Undeland abstained from voting.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Bread Bids: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to accept the proposal submitted by Pan O' Gold to furnish the school lunch program 2024-2025 bakery product as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Milk Bids: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to accept the bid inclusive of an escalator clause as submitted by Johnson Milk Company to furnish the school district with 1/2 pints of milk for the 2024-2025 school year in paper containers as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Industrial Tech Teacher Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to approve Jacob Bjork as 1.0 FTE Industrial Tech Teacher, BA, Step 2 effective the 2024-2025 school year with wages and benefits pursuant to the Master Agreement with Minnesota Local #1255. This is contingent on obtaining the appropriate license from PELSB.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Ojibwe Language Teacher Hire: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve Keiza Besemann as .17 FTE Ojibwe Language Teacher, BA, Step 2 effective the 2024-2025 school year with wages and benefits pursuant to the Master Agreement with Minnesota Local #1255.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Early Education Care Para Assignment: Moved by Director LaFrenier seconded by Director Adams to assign Jen Flom as Early Education Care Paraprofessional, 31 3/4 hours per week the 2024-2025 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Cafeteria Worker Resignation: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to accept the resignation of Jean Stark as Cafeteria Worker effective July 23, 2024 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to approve a salary lane change for Lindsey Sova from BA + 24 to MA effective the 2024-2025 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Gross to approve a salary lane change for Neal Thornbloom from BA to BA + 24 effective the 2024-2025 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Adams to approve a salary lane change for Paul Carland from BA to BA + 24 effective the 2024-2025 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Art Club Proposal: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the Art Club Proposal as presented not to exceed 30 hours for the 2024-2025 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Early Childhood Sliding Fee Scale: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the Early Childhood Sliding Fee Scale as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

2024-2025 Meal Prices: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Gross to approve the 2024-2025 meal prices as follows: Adult Breakfast - \$2.65, Adult Lunch - \$5.00, milk – 32 cents.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Audit Proposal: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve Wipfli LLP to perform an annual audit for the year ending June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$27,300.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Donations Accepted: Donation forms are available in the district office for review.

Bus Routes: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the bus routes for 2024-2025 as presented.

Bus Lease: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the bus lease with Santander Bank in the amount of \$53,643 to purchase a 2021 IC CE 77 Passenger School Bus.

All in favor---Motion passed.

AEOA Rental Agreement: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve the Rental Agreement with AEOA Head Start in the amount of \$2,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular Board Meeting – Monday, September 9, 2024 - 5:30 p.m. – Board Room (204)

Adjournment: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Undeland to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk