

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 278
HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2024

Present: Kristine Flesher, Laura Wallander, Sarah Borchers, Todd Madson, Wendy Lundsgaard, Mike Bash, Ali Howe

Absent: none

Community Members Questions and Comments

No members of the community addressed the board.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, October 14, 2024 and called to order by Board Chair, Mike Bash at 7:00 PM

4. Consideration of the Agenda

5. Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION by Wendy Lundsgaard, seconded by Laura Wallander, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on September 23, 2024
- Approved the appointment of Kathryn Crofutt as full-time Long-Term Substitute Sixth Grade Science Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective November 1, 2024 through March 21, 2024
- Approved the resignation of Debra Underwood, part-time Cook at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective October 25, 2024
- Approved the appointment of Corey Davis, part-time Building Security and Event Monitor at Orono High School, effective October 7, 2024
- Approved the appointment of Addie Greene, part-time Activities Center Monitor at Orono Activities Center, effective October 7, 2024
- Accepted donations totaling \$32,167.20
- Approved the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination
- Approved Bill Vouchers: 319752-319946, EP Register: 902569-902581, EFT Vouchers: 280-28, and Capital One: 52955-52984

6. - Superintendent's Report on Excellence

Dr. Flesher began her report by honoring today as Indigenous Peoples Day. She added that Wednesday is Unity Day. All students are encouraged to wear orange or their BE KIND shirts to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

Dr Flesher shared a Performing Arts update. Our OHS band entertained the audience at a fun Pops Concert last weekend, led by directors Jennifer Runck and Tim Arnold. The OHS choir will perform Monday night, October 28 at Wayzata Community Church. The choir is under the direction of Nichole Brenna.

The OHS fall musical is Anastasia, which will open November 15. Tickets are on sale now.

There were many Sports Updates shared.

Mountain Biking had a great weekend at the Red Head Championship with two third-place finishes and a lot of top-10 finishes. **Will Beck** made history by winning first place in the Jail Trail Race in St. Cloud-the Orono team's first-ever Varsity win! He finished 12th of 80 racers at state. **Cameron Cole** had a season of incredible growth, finishing 4th at state out of 90 racers. Thank you to Head Coach Mike McKeand, Team Director Kelly Jeremiason, and the assistant coaches for an outstanding year.

Dr Flesher congratulated the following teams that are currently ranked in the Top 10 in the state: Boys Cross Country - Ranked 6th. Football - Ranked 3rd. Boys Soccer - Ranked 5th. Girls Soccer - Ranked 7th

and Girls Swim & Dive - Ranked 2nd.

She went on to congratulate the Orono Girls Tennis on completing an undefeated conference season and being named the 2024 Metro West Conference Champions. Along with the Orono Girls Swim & Dive, who won the True Team Section 3A Championship. The Spartans will now compete in the True Team State Meet this Saturday at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.

This week the Orono Girls Soccer team is playing in the Section 5AA Semifinal game tomorrow night against Benilde St. Margarets at Benilde and the Boys Soccer team is playing in the Section 6AA Championship game tomorrow night against Delano at Rockford High School.

She wished good luck to the boys and girls Cross Country teams in tomorrow's Metro West Conference Championship Meet at Hyland Greens Golf Course.

Dr Flesher concluded her report by thanking Orono Community Education for planning engaging programming for students who will be on campus over the MEA Fall Break this weekend, and wished all of our students and staff a safe and restful weekend.

7. - Board Members Questions and Comments

Facilities and Finance Committee Meeting Update: Todd Madson shared that the Facilities and Finance Committee met. The group discussed the operating levy, enrollment and the proposed improvements to the softball and baseball fields.

Policy Committee Meeting Update: Sarah Borchers shared that the Policy Committee met to discuss the policies that are being presented tonight.

Todd Madson - had nothing more to report.

Ali Howe - shared that she attended the Community Education Advisory meeting.

Sarah Borchers - had nothing more to report.

Laura Wallander - shared that she attended the Orono Action Committee meeting and that she and Wendy Lundsgaard attended the Discovery Center Parent Meeting recently as well.

Wendy Lundsgaard - shared that she, Laura Wallander and Kristi Flesher presented about the Orono Action Committee to the AMSD meeting last week.

Mike Bash - recognized that Mayor Marvin Johnson was in attendance and honored his service as Mayor of the City of Independence and all that he has done for the Orono School District.

8. - Old Business

8. A - Policy Review

The following revised policy was presented to the board for a second reading and approval.

- Policy 506: Student Discipline
- Policy 722: Public Data and Data Subject Requests
- Policy 806: Crisis Management

UPON MOTION by Ali Howe, seconded by Sarah Borchers, the board approved the proposed changes to Policy 506, Policy 722, and Policy 806.

Motion was approved unanimously.

8. B - Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

9. - New Business

9. A - Kindergarten Character Strong Implementation

Schumann Elementary Kindergarten teachers Jennifer Drake and Hannah Stolhammer participated in a Character Strong Conference this summer, thanks to the Orono Educator Excellence Fund and the Orono Foundation for Excellence. They shared their experiences from the conference and classroom implementation of the program so far this year.

9. B - Policy Review

Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Executive Director of Learning and Accountability presented to the board the following revised or reviewed policies for first reading and review by board members. Dr. Ruhland offered brief descriptions of the proposed revisions for each policy.

- Policy 101 Legal Status of the School District
- Policy 101.1 Name of the School District
- Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity
- Policy 103 Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons
- Policy 104 School District Mission Statement
- Policy 522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure, and Process

9. C - Teaching and Learning Framework - Pilot Rubrics


Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Executive Director of Learning and Accountability, and the District Peer Evaluators, Teresa Widen, Jessica Hovland, shared pilot rubrics in the new Teacher Evaluation in the Teaching and Learning Framework.

9. D - Other New Business as Necessary


10. A - Informational Items - October Enrollment

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

UPON MOTION by Laura Wallander, seconded by Todd Madson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.



Michael Bash, *Chair*



Laura Wallander, *Clerk*