

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 6:05 p.m. on September 9, 2024 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Director Baudhuin, Director Gross, Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier,

Absent: Director Adams, Director Undeland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the agenda as presented.

All in favor ---Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,283,181.68; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2024 and Special Board Meeting of August 22, 2024; Tuition Agreement with ISD #0286 Brooklyn Center Community Schools for one student with a start date of 9/6/23.

All in favor---Motion passed

Railroad and 3rd Avenue: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve option #1 Two-Way Stop Re-alignment.

Ayes: Director Gross, Director Baudhuin, Director Hautala

Nays: Director LaFrenier ----Motion passed

CSAH 100 Railroad Crossing: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve a letter of support for funding for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Truth in Taxation Hearing Date: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the Truth in Taxation Hearing date as December 2, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room (204) at Mesabi East School District.

All in favor---Motion passed.

2024 Payable 2025 Levy Certification: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the Levy Limitation Certification 2024 Payable 2025 as presented at maximum level.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Resolution Relating to Ratifying the Award of Sale, Prescribing the Form and Details and Providing for the Payment of \$484,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds Series 2024B: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Bauduin to approve the Resolution as presented.

Ayes: Director Gross, Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Baudhuin

Nays: None – Motion passed

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve a salary lane change for Megan Pelarske from MA + 12 to MA + 24 effective the 2024-2025 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Lafrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve a salary lane change for Ryan Denzer-Johnson from MA to MA + 12 effective the 2024-2025 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

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

All in favor---Motion passed.

Elementary Teacher Resignation: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the resignation of Paul Carland as Elementary Teacher effective September 13, 2024 with appreciation for his years of dedication to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Indian Education Advisor Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Keiza Besemann as Indian Education Advisor effective September 19, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Bus Driver Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to accept the resignation of Lonnie Urban as Bus Driver effective September 3, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Maintenance/Grounds/Bus Driver Resignation: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Lynn Mershon as Grounds/Bus Driver effective September 6, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

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Janitor Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to accept the resignation of Franciane LaPrairie effective September 20, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Student Meal Prices: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve student extra meal prices as presented: K-6 Lunch \$2.45; 7-12 Lunch \$2.70, K-12 Breakfast \$1.75 and milk .32.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Fireman I Hire: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve Erick Hakala as Fireman I effective September 4, 2024 with pay starting at Step 0, Maintenance until he receives a First Class C Boiler Engineer's License. After each boiler certification, he will receive a pay increment until he is fully qualified at which time he will receive the Fireman I salary.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Bus Para Assignments: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to assign the following Bus Paras for the 2024-2025 school year: Jeanette Haynes, Shari Collins and Chris Shaw.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Fall Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the following 2024-2025 fall coaching recommendations: Jon Peterson, Volunteer Football Coach; Cole Meyer, Volunteer Football Coach, Alexis Erickson, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach; Gutenbeng Adjboung, Volunteer Soccer Coach.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Bus Driver Sub Rates of Pay: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the following Bus Driver Sub Rates of Pay effective the 2024-2025 school year as follows: Retired Bus Drivers that return to sub bus drive will be paid at the step rate of pay of when they retired.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director LaFrenier seconded by Director Baudhuin to accept the following donations: Monetary donation of \$500 earmarked for I Love to Read - In Memory of Josephine Meyer; Monetary donation of \$150 earmarked for the Tailgate Event; Monetary donation of \$500 earmarked for Pep Club.

All in favor---Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular Board Meeting – Monday, October 7, 2024 - 5:30 p.m. – Board Room (204)

Adjournment: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

All in favor----Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Chair

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Clerk