

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 12, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on November 12, 2024 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Chris Baudhuin, Walt Hautala, Pamela LaFrenier, Kathy Undeland

Absent: Directors Justin Adams, Amanda Gross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the agenda as amended by adding 9.23 and 9.24.

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 \$1,670,040.12; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024; Tuition Agreements with East Range Academy for 4 students with a start date of 9/3/24; ISD 709 Duluth for 1 student with a start date of 9/3/24 and Minnesota Connections Academy for 1 student with a start date of 9/3/24.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Spanish Trip Approval: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the Spanish Trip to Costa Rica in the spring of 2026.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Washington Trip Approval: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the Washington Trip for June 19 to June 22, 2026.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Canvass Returns of Votes of School District General Election November 5, 2024: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election November 5, 2024.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Director Baudhuin, Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland

Nays: None --- Motion passed.

Emergency Approval - Policy 413 Harassment and Violence: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to adopt MSBA Policy 413 Harassment and Violence for emergency approval.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Policy 524 Internet, Technology and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to accept Policy 524 Internet, Technology and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety for the 1st reading.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Policy 704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept Policy 704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System for the 1st reading.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Winter Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the Winter Coaching Recommendations as presented: Erik Skelton-Head Boys Basketball Coach; Austin Mount-Assistant Boys Basketball Coach; OPEN-JH Boys Basketball Coach; Chris Whiting-Head Girls Basketball Coach; Jerod Routsalainen-Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Gus Layman-JH Girls Basketball Coach; OPEN-JH Girls Basketball Coach; Allyson Cundy-Volunteer Girls Basketball; Tasha Starkovich- Volunteer Girls Basketball; Karly Kostich-Volunteer Girls Basketball; Terry Layman-Head Boys Swimming Coach; Jon Isaacson-Assistant Boys Swimming Coach; Carl Layman-Volunteer Boys Swimming Coach; Mike Layman-Volunteer Boys Swimming Coach; Jon Wagner-Head CC Ski Coach; Chris Hagberg- ½ Stipend Assistant CC Ski Coach; Connor Matschiner-½ Stipend Assistant CC Ski Coach; Don Galloway-JH CC Ski Coach; Tom Gustafson-Volunteer CC Ski Coach; Jack Jeffery-Volunteer CC Ski Coach; Jack Greenlee-Volunteer CC Ski Coach; Brenda Skelton-Volunteer CC Ski Coach; Chad Skelton-Volunteer CC Ski Coach; Chad Baribeau-Volunteer CC Ski Coach; Parker Lalonde-Volunteer Nordic Ski Coach; Rob Rapplinger-Volunteer CC Ski Coach; Deanne Hart-Volunteer CC Ski Coach; Jen Hull-Basketball Cheer Advisor; Nikki Swanson-Assistant Basketball Cheer Advisor.

All in favor---Motion passed.

MSHSL Form A Grant Resolution: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the MSHSL Foundation Resolution application for Form A grant to offset student activity fees.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland, Director Baudhuin

Nays: None --- Motion passed.

Assurance of Compliance: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the Assurance of Compliance Report as presented for 2024-2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

School Nurse Retirement: Tabled.

Indian Education Advisor Assignment: Moved by Director Undeland seconded by Director Baudhuin to assign Maria Maninga to Indian Education Advisor, Step 3 up to 31 hours per week effective October 28, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Lead Janitor Assignment: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Baudhuin to assign Deb Depew as Lead Janitor, Step 3 effective October 16, 2024.

All in favor ---Motion passed.

Special Education Para Assignment: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Baudhuin to assign Kristina Peyla as Special Education Paraprofessional, Step 2 up to 29 hours effective October 24, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Special Education Para Assignment: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to assign Jeannie Little as Special Education Paraprofessional, Step 3 up to 31.25 hours effective October 9, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Special Education Para Hire: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Hautala to approve Lisa Vandervort as Special Education Paraprofessional, Step 0 up to 29 hours per week effective October 28, 2024.

Director LaFrenier abstained from voting.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Special Education Para Hire: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve Julie Koski as Special Education Paraprofessional, Step 0 up to 29 hours per week effective October 28, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Special Education Para Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve John Henderson as Special Education Paraprofessional, Step 0 up to 29 hours per week effective October 29, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Janitor Assignment: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to approve April Mattson as Janitor, Step 1 up to 29 hours per week effective November 7, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Janitor Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Undeland to approve Deb LaValley as Janitor, Step 3 up to 20 hours per week effective October 28, 2024.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship: Moved by Director Hautala, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship for Girls Tennis effective the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

RAMS Board of Directors Nomination: Tabled.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director Baudhuin , seconded by Director Undeland to accept the following donations; Monetary donation of \$1,639.68 earmarked for the Youth in Action Program; Monetary donation of \$500 earmarked for the Drama Department; Monetary donation of \$2750 earmarked for PTO Bingo = \$500; Project Elf = \$1,000; FACS Magazine = \$250; Giant Pride = \$500; Woot Woot Wagon = \$500.

All in favor---Motion passed.

FMLA Request: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve an FMLA Request for an employee effective March 3, 2025 for up to 12 weeks.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Assistant Volleyball Coach Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to accept the resignation of Kathy Undeland as Assistant Volleyball Coach effective at the end of the 2024-2025 season with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

Director Undeland abstained from voting

All in favor---Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular Board Meeting – Monday, December 2, 2024 - 5:30 p.m. - Board Room (204) and Budget and Levy Meeting - December 2, 2024 - 6:15 p.m. - Board Room (204)

Adjournment: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk