

Minneota Public Schools – ISD #414

January 7, 2025 School Board Organizational Meeting Minutes

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #414, Minneota Public Schools, was called to order by Acting Chair Abby Thostenson on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.

Roll call was taken. Members present included Julie Mead, Jon Buysse, Martin Hennen, Abby Thostenson, Tom Skorczewski, Ryan Runia, and Emily Coequyt. Scott Monson, Heather Anderson, and Nicolle Johnston also attended.

Motion by Buysse, second by Runia, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Runia, second by Hennen, to elect Abby Thostenson as Chair. Motion carried, 6-0, with Thostenson abstaining.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, to elect Julie Mead as Vice Chair. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Buysse, second by Runia, to elect Martin Hannon as Clerk. Motion carried 6-0, with Hennen abstaining.

Motion by Hennen, second by Skorczewski, to elect Ryan Runia as Treasurer. Motion carried, 7-0.

After discussion, motion by Buysse, second by Runia, to approve committees and representatives for 2025 as discussed and reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Runia, seconded by Skorczewski, to keep the School Board's compensation the same as it was in 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Hennen, to move the starting time for the meeting on January 21, 2025 to 7:00 AM. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Runia, seconded by Thostenson, to approve a resolution combining the Clerk and Treasurer duties and designating the Business Manager to perform these duties. Motion passed, 6-0, with Skorczewski abstaining.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Buysse, to approve a resolution authorizing the payment of claims between School Board meetings. Motion carried by roll call vote, with all members voting yes.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, to approve a resolution appointing the Superintendent as a responsible contract authority. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Hennen, seconded by Runia, to authorize the use of facsimile signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Runia, second by Hennen, to authorize the Superintendent and/or Business Manager to make wire transfers. Motion passed, 6-0, with Skorczewski abstaining.

Motion by Buysse, second by Skorczewski, to designate Pemberton Law as the school district's legal counsel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, to authorize obtaining/contacting legal counsel as/when necessary. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Buysse, seconded by Runia, to authorize the Superintendent/designee to hire staff. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Runia, second by Hennen, to authorize the Superintendent/Business Manager to invest school funds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, approve the collateral from the financial institutions, and approve PMA Asset Management for investment purposes. Motion passed, 6-0, with Skorczewski abstaining.

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Motion by Skorczewski, second by Buysse, to designate the State Bank of Taunton and PMA Asset Management as official depositories. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hennen, second by Runia, to designate the Minneota Mascot as the District's official newspaper. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Buysse, second by Runia, to approve a resolution appointing Election Judges for the February 11, 2025 School District Special Election. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, with all members voting yes.

Superintendent Monson reviewed upcoming meetings and important dates.

Motion by Runia, second by Skorczewski, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.



Martin Hennen, Clerk