

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 6, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on January 6, 2025 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Justin Adams, Amanda Gross, Walt Hautala, Pamela LaFrenier, Superintendent Burgess

Absent: Directors Chris Baudhuin, Kathy Undeland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited at the Reorganizational Board Meeting

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the agenda as amended by adding 9.11.

All in favor---Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,447,301.30; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024; Tuition Agreement with MN Connections Academy for one student with a start date of 9/3/24.

All in favor---Motion passed.

IRS Mileage Rate: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the 2025 IRS Standard Mileage Rate as \$.0.70 per mile effective January 1, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Baseball Coach Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to accept the resignation of Chad Sahr as Head Baseball Coach effective the 2024-2025 season with appreciation for his dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

LPN Assignment: Removed from the agenda. No action.

Licensed School Nurse Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve Selina Layman as .20 FTE Licensed School Nurse, BA, Step 2, effective January 27, 2025 with wages and benefits pursuant to the Master Agreement with Ed Mn Local #1255.

All in favor---Motion passed.

FTE Reduction: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Adams to approve a reduction in FTE from .60 FTE to .20 FTE for Shelly Whiting effective February 1, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Line of Credit Resolution: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to approve the Resolution Authorizing the District to Enter into a Line of Credit Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None --- Motion passed.

Resolution of Support for the City of Aurora's Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program Grant Application:

Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Adams to approve the Resolution of Support for the City of Aurora's Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program Grant Application.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None --- Motion passed.

Revised 2024-2025 Budget: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the revised 2024-2025 budget as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

READ Act Memorandum of Understanding: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the READ Act Memorandum of Understanding between ISD 2711 and ED MN Local 1255.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the following donations: Monetary donation of \$1,000 earmarked for the YIA Student Club Pantry; Monetary donations for the year 2024 from local business in the amount of \$3,800 earmarked for Mesabi East Rec.

All in favor---Motion passed.

School Resource Officer Agreement: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement for 2025-2027 as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular School Board Meeting, February 3, 2024, Board Room 204, 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Adams adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk