

March 19, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on March 19, 2025, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Polcher, Gabardi, Galatz, Egan, Chair Berklich, Student Representatives Sara Cowles and Arianna Ellis.

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Superintendent Aldrich, Mr. Alex Kaczor, Business Manager and Mrs. Carrie McDonald, Director of Teaching and Learning presented an I.S.D. No. 701 Financial Update.

Mr. Paul Peltier, Executive Director of RAMS, provided an update on State Legislation and all Minnesota schools facing financial difficulties.

Public Comment:

The following presented to the school board regarding the music program being cut:

Ron Wirkkula
Megan Reynolds
Sam Hardy
Angela Schweiberger
Rich Puhek
Alexis Gibson
Katie Fredeen
Tawnya Gustafson

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director: None

Administrators and Staff: None

Committee Report: None

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the March 5, 2025 Regular Meeting and the following for the month of February, 2025: Consideration of Claims in the amount of \$1,800,632.96. Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of 2,316,719.78. Treasurer’s and Investment Reports and Payrolls in the amount of \$2,197,500.98. Accept the resignation from Brice Walli as the head alpine ski coach, effective March 4, 2025. Accept the resignation from Carli Turch, pupil support assistant, Washington ELC, effective March 6, 2025. Approve the hiring of Eric Eskeli as an assistant varsity boys’ track and field coach, effective March 10, 2025. Accept the resignation from Eric Eskeli as an assistant girls’ track co-coach, effective March 10, 2025. Accept the resignation from Rose Walburn, pupil support assistant, Lincoln Middle School, effective March 11, 2025.

Administrative Business:

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DONATIONS

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the resolution for donations. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to adopt the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions.

2.0 FTE	Behavior Interventionist
1.0 FTE	German
1.0 FTE	Science
0.5 FTE	English
0.5 FTE	Media Specialist
1.0 FTE	FACS
1.0 FTE	Math
1.0 FTE	Social Studies
2.0 FTE	Social Worker
4.0 FTE	Elementary Teacher
1.0 FTE	Music
1.2 FTE	Physical Education
1.0 FTE	Health
2.0 FTE	Special Education
0.6 FTE	Academic Interventionist

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: None

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JEFF POLCHER, CLERK