

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: February 20, 2025
TOPIC: 6.6-February 20, 2025 School Board Meeting Minutes
PRESENTER: Dayna Pottratz, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & School Board
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: Policy 204

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a. Review School Board Meeting Minutes.

B. RECOMMENDATION

- a. Approval

C. CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY

- a. Operations, Staffing, and Finance

February 20, 2025

- 1.0 **Call to Order: Roll Call:** Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 833, South Washington County, was held on Thursday, February 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chair Katie Schwartz, at 6:00pm at the District Service Center, 7362 East Point Douglas Road South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016. School Board Members present: Ryan Clarke, Melinda Dols, Simi Patnaik, Katie Schwartz, Eric Tessmer and Sharon Van Leer. Superintendent Julie Nielsen was present.
- 2.0 **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3.0 **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Sharon Van Leer, seconded by Simi Patnaik to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.



4.0 **Comments to the Board:**

Betsy Talbot's girls scouts shared information on walking safely to school.
Ellen Vander Linden shared concerns about the district's choir/music programs.

5.0 **Student District Ambassadors:** Saga Ibrahim and Jannat Haji-Munye shared highlights from the student district ambassadors' group and from their schools.

6.0 **Consent Items:** It was moved by Melinda Dols, seconded by Simi Patnaik to approve the consent agenda items. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

6.1 Retirements, Resignations and Terminations

6.2 Leaves of Absence

6.3 New Employees/Change of Status

6.4 Electronic Fund Transfers

6.5 Resolution to Accept Gifts

6.6 January 16, 2024 School Board Business Meeting Minutes

6.7 February 6, 2025 School Board Business Meeting Minutes

6.8 Cash Disbursements

6.9 Extended Field Trips

6.10 Student Teaching Agreement with Grand Canyon University

6.11 Proposal and Contract Award with IFD Foodservice Distributor

7.0 **Information Items:**

7.1 Indigenous Education Annual Update, introduced by Kelly Jansen, Assistant Superintendent. Stephanie Schroeder, Indigenous Education Community Coordinator and James Magee, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion shared their requirements and focus areas.

8.0 **Action Items:**

8.1 Resolution to Appoint School Board Member, presented by Katie Schwartz, School Board Chair. It was moved by Sharon Van Leer, seconded by Simi Patnaik to approve the resolution appointing Louise Hinz to fulfill Pat Driscoll's remaining term. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

8.2 Proposed Policy Changes presented by Julie Nielsen, Superintendent. It was moved by Sharon Van Leer, seconded by Simi Patnaik to approve the policies. Katie Schwartz, Simi



