

MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ISD #414

FEBRUARY 26, 2025 SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #414, Minneota Public Schools, was called to order by Chair Abby Thostenson on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 5:32 pm in the Conference Room.

Roll call was taken. Members present included Emily Coequyt, Jon Buysse, Martin Hennen, Abby Thostenson, Tom Skorczewski, Ryan Runia, and Julie Mead. Scott Monson, Heather Anderson, Nicolle Johnston, Brandon Castor, Kim Gades, Karen Dalager, Scott Josephson, and Marsha Danielson also attended.

Motion by Buysse, second by Mead, to approve the amended agenda with the addition of item #8.13 [2024-2025 Calendar Revision]. Motion passed unanimously.

School Board Members shared multiple examples and points of Viking Pride about students, staff, and the school district.

Scott Josephson addressed the Board to share his perspective about the proposed 2025-2026 school calendar.

Superintendent Monson presented the 2024-2025 Budget Revision to the School Board.

Superintendent Monson reviewed student enrollment, the Student Activity Fund/Account for January, and the monthly financial report.

Motion by Runia, second by Buysse, to approve the payment of bills and the check register as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Leadership reports were shared and reviewed.

Motion by Coequyt, second by Runia, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Buysse, second by Runia, to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Revision as previously presented. Motion passed unanimously, with Mead abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Mead, second by Hennen, to approve the 2nd reading of Policies #201, #202, #203, #203.1, #203.2, #203.5, #203.6, #204, #205, and #206, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The School Board and administration walked through a 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Scenario creation process, although no formal action was taken.

Motion by Buysse, second by Runia, to approve a Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations Regarding the Reduction and/or Discontinuation of Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with all Board Members voting yes.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Mead, to Approve a Resolution Non-Renewing a Probationary Teacher, Shelby Domeier. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with all Board Members voting yes.

Motion by Mead, second by Runia, to Approve a Resolution Non-Renewing a Probationary Teacher, Kendra Jerzak. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with all Board Members voting yes.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Buysse, to Approve a Resolution Non-Renewing a Probationary Teacher, Jay Knutson. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with all Board Members voting yes.

Motion by Mead, second by Skorczewski, to approve the 2025-2026 SWWC Service Cooperative Membership Agreements. Motion passed unanimously.

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Motion by Mead, second by Skorczewski, to accept an Erate Bid of \$56,955.76 from Tech Check. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Buysse, second by Mead, to approve Policy #522: Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedures, and Process as presented for immediate implementation. Motion passed unanimously.

The School Board reviewed – for the 1st of 2 times – Policies #101, #103, #207, #208, #209, #210, #211, #212, #407, #408, #409, and #610. No formal action was taken.

Motion by Skorczewski, second by Runia, to Approve a Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts/Donations/Grants. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with all Board Members voting yes.

Discussion was held regarding the potential to schedule a School Board Work Session for some time this spring. No formal action was taken.

Discussion took place regarding the communication and technology that the School Board has available to them for School Board Meetings. No formal action was taken.

Superintendent Monson reviewed upcoming important dates and meetings.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Martin Hennen, Clerk