

May 7, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on May 7, 2025, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Gabardi, Galatz, Chair Berklich.

Members Absent: Directors Egan, Polcher, Student Representatives Arianna Ellis and Sara Cowles.

Chair Berklich appointed Director McLaughlin to serve as Clerk Pro-Tem

Chair Berklich removed Administrative Items B & C to rescind the tentative last day of school for students and the Greenhaven Elementary on May 30, 2025 and approve the last day of school for all E-12 students on June 2, 2025.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Diane Lorenz, Physical and mental abuse prevention and treatment for students.

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director McLaughlin, thanked teachers and nurses in recognition of appreciation day. Minnesota graduation rate is a high record of 84.2% for 2024. Thanks to all those that helped with prom, play and Crescendo Youth Orchestra they were all amazing.

Administrators and Staff:

Mr. Tyler Glad, Building and Grounds Supervisor gave an update.

Ms. Mandy Huusko, Assistant Principal, Washington Early Learning Cener, ELC report and slideshow presented.

Committee Report:

Director Gabardi, Scholarship night is May 12, 2025. Tickets are on sale for the All night grad party and always looking for volunteers.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Director Galatz and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the April 22, 2025 Regular Meeting and the following: Accept the resignation from Tony Carpenter as an assistant varsity girls' hockey coach, effective April 23, 2025. Approve the hiring of Lynda Larsen as a 2025 summer school teacher, 60 hours, grades 9-12 contingent upon summer school numbers. Accept the resignation from Lynda Larsen as a co-student council advisor, effective June 4, 2025. Accept the resignation from Lynda Larsen as an advisor for Youth in Action, effective June 4, 2025. Approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence by Ann Demoski-Roberts, effective August 25, 2025 – June 3, 2026. Posting and Transfers for the month of April, 2025: Approve posting Job #35 Custodian I Supervisor I, Lincoln Middle School, Monday – Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., effective April 22, 2025. Approve posting Job #46 Carpenter/Utility, District, effective April 23, 2025.

Administrative Business:

NOMINATE A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR THE RAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Gabardi to nominate Chairman Berklich for the RAMS Board of Directors Election for the remainder of term ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL, WASHINGTON AND WASHINGTON ELC ON JUNE 2, 2025 TO ACCOMMODATE STAFF RELOCATING CLASSROOMS AND BUILDINGS

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Galatz to approve the last day of school for students at the High School, Lincoln Middle School, Washington and Washington ELC on June 2, 2025 to accommodate staff relocating classrooms and buildings. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: Director McLaughlin clarified that we will still have a 6th grade band.

ADJOURN

Chair Berklich adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

KIM MCLAUGHLIN, PRO-TEM CLERK