

June 18, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on June 18, 2025, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Galatz, Gabardi and Chair Berklich

Members Absent: Directors Egan and Polcher

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director McLaughlin thanked Carrie Fawkes and the speakers at graduation it was beautiful. Acknowledged Tony Kuznik for his service as a school board member.

Administrators and Staff:

Mr. Robert Bestul, Principal, Greenhaven Elementary, thanked the school board for allowing the additional day without students for staff to clean out their rooms. Gave an update on construction progress at the Greenhaven Elementary.

Mrs. Carrie McDonald, Director of Teaching and Learning, Teaching and Learning update 2024-2025 school year and intro on 2025-2026 school year.

Committee Report: None

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Director McLaughlin and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the June 4, 2025 Regular Meeting and the following for the month of May, 2025: Consideration of Claims in the amount of \$1,798,306.05. Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$430,927.35. Treasurer's and Investment Reports and Payrolls in the amount of \$2,138,227.26. Accept the resignation from Alexander Roen as a junior varsity boys' basketball coach, effective May 27, 2025. Accept the resignation from Will Seykora as an 8th grade football coach, effective June 4, 2025. Approve the termination of Erik Schmid, Fireman Custodian, Greenhaven Elementary, effective June 9, 2025. Accept the resignation from Dan Merfeld as an assistant boys' swim coach, effective June 12, 2025. Accept the resignation from Gage Fischer, technology technician, Districtwide, effective June 16, 2025. Approve the hiring of Stephanie Wesley as a summer school teacher, grades 9-12, 60 hours Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., effective June 16-July 3, 2025, contingent upon summer school numbers. Approve the hiring of Brittany Lindstrom as a head girls' soccer coach, effective August 11, 2025. Accept the resignation from Brittany Lindstrom as a JV girls' soccer coach, effective June 13, 2025. Accept the resignation from Erica Hinton, special education teacher, Greenhaven Elementary, effective August 15, 2025. Accept the resignation from Leah Kemp, special Education teacher, Washington Elementary, effective August 24, 2025.

Administrative Business:

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DONATIONS

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

APPROVE OPTION 2 FOR PROPERTY, LIABILITY, AUTO, WORKERS COMPENSATION, AND CYBER INSURANCE RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026 AS PRESENTED

Moved by Director Galatz, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve option 2 for property, liability, auto, workers compensation, and cyber insurance renewal effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AND POLICY SERVICES RENEWAL FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PAY DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,995.00

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Galatz to approve membership in the Minnesota School Boards Association and Policy Services renewal for the period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 and to authorize the Superintendent to pay dues in the amount of \$7,995.00. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701 AND SOLIANT HEALTH FOR DEAF HARD OF HEARING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the agreement between I.S.D. No. 701 and Soliant Health for Deaf and Hard of Hearing teacher for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701 AND NORTH HOMES, INC. FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED

Moved by Director Galatz, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the Professional Services Agreement between I.S.D. No. 701 and North Homes, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN I.S.D. No. 701 AND GAYLE ROZELL FOR VISION IMPAIRED SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Chair Berklich to approve the Purchase of Services Agreement between I.S.D. No. 701 and Gayle Rozell for Vision Impaired Services for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE REGION 3 LOW INCIDENCE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701 AND I.S.D. NO. 6070 FOR EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST SERVICES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED.

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Galatz to approve the Region 3 Low Incidence Services Agreement between I.S.D. No. 701 and I.S.D. No. 6070 for Educational Audiologist Services for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Superintendent Aldrich gave an update on the upcoming Referendum.

Superintendent Aldrich and the school board discussed collaboration with the Chisholm Public Schools.

ADJOURN

Chair Berklich to adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

KIM MCLAUGHLIN, PRO-TEM CLERK