

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2711
MESABI EAST SCHOOLS
AURORA, MN 55705**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 2, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on June 2, 2025 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Director Adams, Director Baudhuin, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland

Absent: Director Gross, Director Hautala

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to approve the agenda as amended.

All in favor---Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,893,293.38; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025; Tuition Agreements with Minnesota Connections Academy for two students with a start date of 7/7/25.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Minnesota State High School League Resolution: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to approve the Resolution for Membership win the Minnesota State High School League for the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

School Bus Purchases: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the purchase of two school buses: 1 2017 International School Bus in the amount of \$34,249.76 and 1 2017 International School Bus in the amount of \$35,088.04. for a total amount of \$69,337.80.

All in favor---Motion passed

Policy 507.5 School Resource Officers - 2nd Reading: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept policy 507.5 School Resource Officers for the 2nd Reading.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Assistant Girls Basketball Coach Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to accept the resignation of Jarod Ruotsalainen as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach effective immediately with appreciation for his dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Payroll and Benefits Manager Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve Kari Hunt as Payroll and Benefits Manger, Step 0 effective June 16, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Depositor: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to approve First National Bank of Gilbert as a designated depositor for Mesabi East School District for the term commencing with the first day of June, 2025 and ending with the last day of December, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the following donations: Monetary donation in the amount of \$500 earmarked for the Speech Team; Monetary donation in the amount of \$2,000 earmarked for: Rec. Department - \$500; Cheer - \$500; Youth In Action - \$500; HS Hydration Station - \$500; Monetary donation in the amount of \$500 earmarked for activities to bring students and staff together; Monetary donation in the amount of \$450 earmarked for Pep Club; Monetary donation in the amount of \$100,000.

All in favor---Motion passed.

School Nurse Retirement: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to accept the retirement resignation of Shelly Whiting effective June 30, 2025 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Behavior Interventionist: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the Behavior Interventionist Contract with Michelle Metzger for the 2024-2026 school years as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

MSBA Membership and Policy Services Renewal: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the MSBA Association Dues and Policy Services Renewal for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$5,224.00.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Final Proposed FY 26 Budget: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the final proposed FY 26 Budget as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Leave of Absence: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Undeland to approve a leave of absence for an employee for the 2025-2026 school year.

Ayes: None

Nayes: Director Adams, Baudhuin, LaFrenier, Undeland ---- Motion failed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular School Board Meeting, July 7, 2025, Board Room 204, 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk