

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARCADIA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 19, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Arcadia was held in room 219 at the high school, in the City of Arcadia, County of Trempealeau, Wisconsin, on Monday, May 19, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Brian Steinlicht. Board members present were, Brian Steinlicht, Dana Conrad, Tonya Rebhahn, Vicente Moreno, Vickie Kreibich, Adam Schlessner, and Gary A. Pronschinske. Also present was Lori Frerk, Dana Hoesley, Kristie Rugotzke, Stacy Boberg, Stacey Giemza, Hannah Evenson, Bruce Cornish, Mackenzie Halvorsen, and Sue Glenzinski.

President Brian Steinlicht announced the verification and compliance with the open meeting law.

Motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Tonya Rebhahn to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

President Brian Steinlicht led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No citizens comments were given.

Lori Frerk requested nominations for board president. Adam Schlessner nominated Tonya Rebhahn. Dana Conrad nominated Brian Steinlicht. Lori called a vote for Tonya with 3 members voting for her. Lori called a vote for Brian Steinlicht with 4 board members voting for him. Lori confirmed that Brian Steinlicht is again the board president, 4-3. Brian Steinlicht took back running the meeting.

Brian Steinlicht requested nominations for vice president. Vickie Kreibich nominated Tonya Rebhahn. Vicente Moreno nominated Dana Conrad. Brian called for a vote with 4 members voting for Tonya Rebhahn and 3 board members voting for Dana Conrad. Brian confirmed that Tonya Rebhahn is now the vice president, 4-3.

Brian Steinlicht requested nominations for board clerk. Adam nominated Dana Conrad. Dana declined. Tonya nominated Vickie Kreibich. All accepted Vickie Kreibich for board clerk, 7-0.

Brian Steinlicht requested nominations for board treasurer. Brian nominated Vicente Moreno. All accepted Vicente Moreno for board treasurer, 7-0.

The board set board committees as follows:

- Negotiations - Rebhahn, Pronschinske, Schlessner
- Finance Committee – Moreno, Steinlicht, Rebhahn
- CESA 4 Delegate - Rebhahn
- WASB Delegate – Rebhahn, and Pronschinske as alternate
- Trempealeau Valley Coop 2.0 – Steinlicht, Conrad

Lori Frerk and the Board recognized and congratulated the State Qualifiers to the State Forensics meet.

Wanek Center Director Kristine Rugotzke gave a Wanek Center update including membership numbers and expenses.

Hannah Evenson and Kristy Rugotzke left at 7:02 p.m.

Lori and the board discussed and agreed to increase our starting salary for new employees with a bachelors, no experience and no credits to \$43,000 and new employees with a masters, with no experience and no credits to \$52,500.00.

Lori Frerk updated the board on the teacher salary increase and longevity supplemental pay discussion with WEA.

Mackenzie Halvorsen and Emily Instenes left at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Gary Pronschinske to approve the Resolution authorizing the defeasance of a portion of the School District of Arcadia \$8,995,000 General Obligation School Improvement and Refunding Bonds. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad to thank Paul Halverson for his years with the District and wish him well, along with approving his resignation request for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2025. Tonya Rebhahn seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Adam Schlessler and seconded by Vicente Moreno to approve the hire of Matison Matz as the high school science teacher for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Item G of the consent agenda, "Approve copy paper bids" was removed and added to "Matters reserved for board action".

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Brian Steinlicht to approve O'Brien Agency's bid of \$33.95/case for copy paper for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Tonya Rebhahn and seconded by Gary Pronschinske to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Minutes of April 14, 2025, regular meeting (open and closed sessions) and the minutes of the April 29, 2025 special meeting (open and closed sessions)
- B. Approve Second Reading of Neola Policies: 2266-Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, NEW 2464-Advanced Learning Instruction ("Gifted and Talented"), DELETE 2264-Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.
- C. Approve Second Reading of Special Update -UGG-Edgar-Oct 2024: 4440-Job-Related Expenses, 6325-Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds, 7310-Disposition of Personal Property
- D. Approve Second Reading of Feb. 2025 Special Update - Act 20 - NEW: 5411-Third Grade Promotion and Retention
- E. Approve 2025-26 Open Enrollment Applications
- F. Approve Fire Drill Summaries for Elementary, Middle and High Schools
- ~~G. Approve Copy Paper Bid – moved above~~
- H. Approve and file the treasurer's report and payment of vouchers totaling \$1,892,609.70, including computer check numbers 11314-11430..

Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Vicente Moreno to move in to closed session at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried: Moreno-yes, Schlessler-yes, Pronschinske-yes, Steinlicht-yes, Kreibich-yes, Rebhahn-yes, Conrad-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Open session reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Gary A. Pronschinske and seconded by Adam Schlesser to deny elementary teacher Peggy Halverson's early retirement request. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Dana Conrad and seconded by Gary A. Pronschinske to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vickie Kreibich", written over a horizontal line.

Vickie Kreibich, Clerk

