

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 7, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on July 7, 2025 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Directors Justin Adams, Amanda Gross, Chris Baudhuin, Walt Hautala, Pamela LaFrenier, Kathy Undeland, Superintendent Burgess

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Gross to approve the agenda as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: Opportunity was given for comments on the Student Support Personnel Aid. No comments received.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,619,415.45; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

2025-2026 District Insurance Renewal: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to approve the insurance premium with Range Reliable effective July 1, 2025 in the amount of \$233,299.21 for property, liability, fleet insurance and worker's compensation.

Director Undeland Abstained

All in favor---Motion passed.

Teacher Resignation: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the resignation of Megan Pelarske as Special Education Teacher effective May 29, 2025 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Teacher Resignation: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to accept the resignation of Breanna Olson as Special Education Teacher effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Teacher Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to accept the resignation of Alexis Erickson as Health/Physical Education Teacher effective June 5, 2025 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Bus Driver Resignation: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the resignation of Sue Almquist as Bus Driver effective June 30, 2025 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Education Identity and Access Management Board Resolution: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the Education Identity and Access Management Board Resolution as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Director Gross, Director Baudhuin, Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland, Director Adams

Nayes: None --- Motion passed.

Website Proposal: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to approve the transition from Finals site to Northwoods Professional Group as the Mesabi East School District website hosting and support services provider.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ARCC Specific Services Contract: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the ARCC Specific Services Contract for 2025-2026.

All in favor---Motion passed.

MREA Membership: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve the Minnesota Rural Education Association Membership effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

All in favor---Motion passed.

NESC Letter of Intent: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Gross to approve the Northeast Service Cooperative Contracted District Literacy Lead Letter of Intent for 2025-2026.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Administrative Secretary Assignment: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Undeland to assign Stephanie Engstrom as Administrative Secretary, 40 hours per week, seasonal, Step 0 effective August 11, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Student Support Personnel Aid Resolution: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the Student Support Personnel Aide Resolution as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Director Baudhuin, Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland, Director Adams, Director Gross

Nayes: None --- Motion passed.

Athletic Fees: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve Athletic Fees for 2025-2026 as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Technology Fees: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve Technology Fees for 2025-2026 as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Youth Recreation Fees: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve Youth Recreation Fees for 2025-2026 as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Childcare Fees: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Adams to approve Childcare fees for 2025-2026 as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Policy 507.5: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to accept Policy 507.5 School Resource Officers for Third Reading and final approval.

All in favor---Motion passed.

2025-2026 Fall Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the 2025-2026 Fall Coaching recommendations as follows: Steve Grams / Head Football Coach; Keith Maki / Assistant Football Coach; Will Thammavongsa / Head B-Team Football Coach; Austin Mount / JH Football Coach; Cassidy Cook / JH Football Coach; Kaden Maki / Volunteer Football Coach; Josh LaFreniere / Volunteer Football Coach; Travis Westlund / Volunteer Football Coach; Jon Peterson / Volunteer Football Coach; Cole Meyer / Volunteer Football Coach; Cheryl Hinderman / Head Volleyball Coach; Emily House / Assistant Volleyball Coach; Andrea Turner / JH Volleyball Coach; OPEN / JH Volleyball Coach; Steve Ekman / Head CC Running Coach; OPEN / Assistant CC Running Coach; Rose Antilla / Volunteer CC Running Coach; Kari Hunt / Volunteer CC Running Coach; Jon Isaacson / Head Girls Swimming Coach; Terry Layman / Assistant Girls Swimming Coach; Carl Layman / JH Swimming Coach; Jenna Dickenson / Volunteer Swimming Coach; Judd Anderson / Volunteer Swimming Coach; John Tegg / Volunteer Swimming Coach; Eric Njimegni / Head Boys Soccer Coach; OPEN / Assistant Boys Soccer Coach; Gutenbeng (Henery) Adjiboug / Volunteer Soccer Coach; Sue Bennett / Head Girls Soccer Coach; James Bennett / Assistant Girls Soccer Coach; Jen Hull / Fall Cheerleading Advisor; Nikki Swanson / Assistant Cheerleading Advisor.

All in favor---Motion passed.

LTFM Plan Approval Resolution: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the Fiscal Year FY 27 Long Term Facility Maintenance Ten Year Plan Resolution.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland, Director Adams, Director Gross, Director Baudhuin

Nays: None --- Motion passed.

Gym Speaker Approval: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to approve the purchase of a Daktronics Sound System from AIM Electronics for the Memorial Gym in the amount of \$29,724.00.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Adams to accept the following donations: Monetary donation in the amount of \$1,000 earmarked for YIA Service Trip; Monetary donation in

the amount of \$1,550 earmarked for the following: Cheer = \$200; Youth Summer B-Ball = \$350; Youth in Action = \$500; Band = \$500; Monetary donation in the amount of \$1,000 earmarked for Daycare snack and crafts; Monetary donation in the amount of \$165 earmarked for Mesabi East Student Pantry.

All in favor---Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Regular School Board Meeting, August 4, 2025, Board Room 204, 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to adjourn at 6:21 p.m.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk