

August 27, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on August 27, 2025, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Polcher, Gabardi, Egan, Galatz and Chair Berklich

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director: None

Administrators and Staff: None

Committee Report: None

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the August 6, 2025 Regular Meeting and the following for the month of July, 2025: Consideration of Claims in the amount of \$1,847,17.09. Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$46,065.59. Treasurer's and Investment Reports and Payrolls in the amount of \$461,222.02. Accept the resignation from Amanda Delich, elementary teacher, Lincoln Middle School, effective August 11, 2025. Approve the hiring of Paula Kangas as an assistant varsity girls' soccer coach, effective August 11, 2025. Approve the hiring of Joanne Max as 7th/8th grade JV soccer coach, effective August 11, 2025. Approve the hiring of Jessica Cimermanic as a 1.0 FTE Title I teacher, Washington Elementary, effective August 25, 2025. Approve the hiring of Samantha Wohlsdorf as a 1.0 FTE long-term Form "A" substitute special education teacher, Washington Elementary, effective August 25, 2025 contingent upon receiving an OFP licensure from MN PESLB. Approve the request for a 1-year leave of absence by Lisa Smith, effective August 28, 2025, the leave will be pursuant to M.S. 122A.46. Approve the hiring of Jacob Baker to Job #38 Custodian I, 16 hours per week, Districtwide, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday – Sunday during the school year, 3 p.m. – 11 p.m. Thursday – Friday summer months June-August, effective September 6, 2025.

Administrative Business:

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DONATIONS

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

APPROVE PAYMENT #3 TO MAX GRAY CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650,415.63 FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE GREENHAVEN RENOVATION PROJECT

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve payment #3 to Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$650,415.63 for work completed on the Greenhaven Renovation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE HIBBING TEACHER DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION MODEL 2025

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Polcher to approve the Hibbing Teacher Development and Evaluation Model 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR TARGETED SERVICES BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701 AND THE CLOQUET PUBLIC SCHOOLS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

Moved by Director Galatz, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the Agreement for Targeted Services between I.S.D. No. 701 and the Cloquet Public Schools effective October 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Polcher to approve the Early Learning Center Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE GREENHAVEN ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Galatz to approve the Greenhaven Elementary Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Polcher to approve the Washington Elementary Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT / PARENT HANDBOOK FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the Lincoln Middle School Student / Parent Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE HIBBING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT / PARENT HANDBOOK FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director Galatz, supported by Director Polcher to approve the Hibbing High School Student / Parent Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE BLUEJACKET VIRTUAL SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Galatz to approve the Bluejacket Virtual School Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Director Egan expressed his thoughts and prayers to the private school in Minneapolis, thanked all the custodians the schools look great and would like a future discussion regarding collaboration with Chisholm Schools.

Business Manager Alex Kaczor gave an update on the upcoming Referendum.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JEFF POLCHER, CLERK