

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 4, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on August 4, 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, Superintendent Burgess

Absent: Director Kathy Undeland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to approve the agenda as amended.

All in favor---Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,066.090.79; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

High School Handbook Approval: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the High School Handbook for 2025-2026 as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Teacher Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to accept the resignation of Maggie Lange as Elementary Teacher effective the 2025-2026 school year with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Teacher Resignation: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the resignation of Amanda Sand as Elementary Teacher effective July 29, 2025 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to accept the resignation of Arlene Nyman as Paraprofessional effective the 2025-2026 school year with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Resignation: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Tiffany Clemenson as Paraprofessional effective July 10, 2025 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to accept the resignation of Dennis Warner as Paraprofessional effective the 2025-2026 school year with appreciation for his dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Special Education Teacher Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve Greta Kokal as 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher, MA, Step 8 effective the 2025-2026 school year with wages and benefits pursuant to the Master Agreement with Education Minnesota - Mesabi East Local #1255.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Special Education Teacher Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to approve Christine Ranta as 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher, MA, Step 8 effective the 2025-2026 school year with wages and benefits pursuant to the Master Agreement with Education Minnesota - Mesabi East Local #1255.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Special Education Teacher Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve Gina Anderson as 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher, BA + 12, Step 8 effective the 2025-2026 school year with wages and benefits pursuant to the Master Agreement with Education Minnesota - Mesabi East Local #1255.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Health/Physical Education Teacher Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to approve Alexandra Negen as 1.0 FTE Health/Physical Education Teacher, BA, Step 2 effective the 2025-2026 school year with wages and benefits pursuant to the Master Agreement with Education Minnesota - Mesabi East Local #1255.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Bread Bids: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Gross to accept the proposal submitted by Pan'O Gold to furnish the school lunch program 2025-2026 bakery product as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Milk Bids: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to accept the bid inclusive of an escalator clause as submitted by Johnson Milk Company to furnish the school district with 1/2 pints of milk for the 2025-2026 school year in paper containers as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Signatories: Moved by Director Adams, supported by Director Baudhuin, to approve the following as signatories:
Retiree Account: To authorize Kari Hunt, Payroll and Benefits Manager to make transfers to and from the Retiree Insurance Account with Park State Bank, and serve as signatory; Health Insurance Pool Account: To authorize Kari Hunt, Payroll and Benefits Manager to make transfers to and from MN Trust checking account and serve as signatory.

All in favor---Motion passed.

PSEO Enrollment Option Contract: Moved by Director Gross, supported by Director Baudhuin, to approve the PSEO Contract with Minnesota North College for the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Adams, supported by Director Baudhuin, to approve the Salary Lane Change for Neal Thornbloom from BA + 24 to MA effective the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Baudhuin, supported by Director Gross, to approve the Salary Lane Change for Bridget Rahja from BA + 24 to MA effective the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Adams, supported by Director LaFrenier, to approve the Salary Lane Change for Zoe Zoretich from BA + 24 to MA effective the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Adams, supported by Director Baudhuin, to approve the Salary Lane Change for Kayla Owens from BA to BA + 12 effective the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Proposed Bus Routes for 2025-2026: Moved by Director Adams, supported by Director Baudhuin, to approve the proposed bus routes for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the following donations: Monetary donation of \$500 earmarked for Cheer Concussion Helmets.

2025-2026 Fall Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve the following 2025-2026 Fall coaching recommendations: Steve Ekman-Head CC Running Coach; Dan Pullar-Assistant CC Running Coach; Connor Matschiner - Volunteer CC Running Coach; Jakob Undeland-Assistant Boys Soccer Coach.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Janitor Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to accept the resignation of Shannon Alaspa as Janitor effective August 4, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Special School Board Meeting, August 18, 2025, Board Room 204, 5:30 p.m.
Regular School Board Meeting, September 8, 2025, Board Room 204, 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

All in favor ---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk