

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

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 18, 2025
Board Room (204) 5:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The Special Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on August 18, 2025 in the Board Room (204), with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Director Amanda Gross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

All in favor---Motion passed.

Transportation Coordinator/Bus Driver Resignation: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the resignation of Jackie Spaulding as Transportation Coordinator/Bus Driver effective August 19, 2025 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Mechanic/Bus Driver Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to accept the resignation of Eric Spaulding as Mechanic/Bus Driver effective August 19, 2025 with appreciation for his dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Teacher Resignation: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director LaFrenier to accept the resignation of Ryan Denzer-Johnson effective the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Elementary Teacher Hire: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Baudhuin, to approve Elyssa Birchem as Elementary Teacher, BA, Step 6 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.

Elementary Teacher Hire: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to approve Crystal Nucech-Duesler as Elementary Teacher, BA, 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.

ADJORNMENT: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to adjourn at 5:35 a.m.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk