

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on September 8, 2025 in the Board Room (204) with the following in answer to roll call.

ROLL CALL: Director Adams, Director Gross, Director Baudhuin, Director Hautala, Superintendent Burgess, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland

Present: Directors Justin Adams, Amanda Gross, Walt Hautala, Pamela LaFrenier, Kathy Undeland

Absent: Director Chris Baudhuin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

All in favor---Motion passed.

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Adams to approve the consent agenda as Presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$983,772.16; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2025 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025; Tuition Agreements with Brooklyn Center Community Schools for 2 students with start dates of 9/9/25.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Transportation Coordinator/Bus Driver Assignment: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to assign Tabatha Larson to the position of Transportation Coordinator/Bus Driver, full-time, 8 hours per day, 12 month service year effective August 20, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Teacher Hire: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Gross to approve Lauryn Devich as 1.0 FTE Elementary 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.

Bus Driver Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve Michelle Kivi as Bus Driver, Step 2 effective the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Cafeteria Worker Hire: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve Sharon Turk as Cafeteria Worker up to 25 hours per week, Step 0 effective September 2, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Administrative Secretary Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to accept the resignation of Yvonne Matsson as Administrative Secretary effective September 2, 2025 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Resignation: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Gross to accept the resignation of Nikki Mount as Paraprofessional effective August 20, 2025 with appreciation for her dedicated service to the district.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Fall Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the 2025-2026 Fall Coaching recommendations as presented: Alexandra Negan JH Volleyball Coach; Hunter Soular-Volunteer Football Coach; Jakob Undeland-Assistant Boys Soccer Coach; Dave Setniker- Volunteer Girls Swim Coach.

Director Undeland abstained.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to approve the salary lane change for Robert Saumer from BA to BA + 18 effective the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Salary Lane Change: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the salary lane change for Ally Cundy from BA to BA + 12 effective the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Application for Cooperative Sponsorship: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Gross to approve the Cooperative Sponsorship for Dance/Highkick/Jazz with Rock Ridge for the 2025-2026 school year.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Truth in Taxation Hearing Date: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Gross to approve the Truth in Taxation Hearing date as December 1, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room (204) at Mesabi East School District.

All in favor---Motion passed.

2025 Payable 2026 Levy Certification: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the Levy Limitation Certification 2025 Payable 2026 as presented at maximum level.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Local #1255 Memorandum of Understanding: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Undeland to approve the Local #1255 Memorandum of Understanding regarding the amount of duty days and minutes per day.

All in favor---Motion passed.

AEOA Rental Agreement: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Adams to approve the Rental Agreement with AEOA for one Early Head Start Home-Base Educator in the amount of \$2,000 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Agreement for Installation, Maintenance and Use of a Test Hole or Water Level Observation Well on Private or Public Land: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Adams to approve the agreement for Installation, Maintenance and Use of a Test Hole or Water Level Observation Well on Private or Public Land.

Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Adams to table until the next meeting.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to accept the following donations: Monetary donation of \$1,000 earmarked for STEAM; Monetary donation of \$250 earmarked for Pep Club; Monetary donation of \$1,000 earmarked for JH Volleyball; Monetary donation of \$325 earmarked for the Staff Lunch; Monetary donation of \$2,050 earmarked for: \$1,500 for Monster Back; \$250 Tailgate Event; 4300 Homecoming Party.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Hire: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Undeland, to approve Shaina Peyla as Special Education Paraprofessional, up to 29 hours per week, step 0 effective September 12, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Hire: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director Adams, to approve William Sims as Special Education Paraprofessional, up to 29 hours per week, step 0 effective September 15, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Paraprofessional Hire: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Gross to approve Jessica Hoescht General Education Paraprofessional, up to 29 hours per week, step 0 effective September 10, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

JV Boys Basketball Coach Resignation: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Austin Mount as JV Boys Basketball Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year with appreciation for his dedicated service.

All in favor---Motion passed.

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular School Board Meeting, October 6, 2025, Board Room 204, 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Moved by Director Gross, seconded by Director LaFrenier to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Chair

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Clerk