

October 8, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on October 8, 2025, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Polcher, Gabardi, Egan, and Chair Berklich.

Members Absent: Director Galatz and Student Representative Sam Hardy

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director McLaughlin met with Angie Craig, U.S. Representative at the high school this past weekend.

Administrators and Staff:

Mr. BJ Berg, Washinton Elementary Principal, presented Washington Elementary priorities with Melinda Ruzich, Angela Reibel, Jessica Hoberg and Danielle Zubich.

Ms. Mandy Huusko, Early Learning Center, presented ELC priorities with Emily Rudolph.

Mr. Chad Snider, Lincoln Middle School Principal and Mandy Huusko Lincoln Middle School Principal, focus on bluejacket pride and October is "R" for respect presented with Christina MajerleWhiteside, Staci Hukka and Amy Kalisch. Recap and new to the year: Ability Brews, after school study club, tutoring homework help from NHS, Key Club and Upward Bound and the Lincoln student leadership club is in the works.

Committee Report: None

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Gabardi and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the September 24, 2025 Regular Meeting and the following: Approve the hiring of Kaitlyn Fosso as assistant cheerleading advisor-Fall, effective September 15, 2025. Accept the resignation from Carolina Maure, pupil support assistant, effective September 29, 2025. Approve the termination of April Viburg, pupil support assistant, effective October 1, 2025. Accept the resignation from Matthew Anderson as an assistant wrestling coach, effective October 1, 2025. Accept the resignation from Matthias Norenberg, Grounds Person, Districtwide, effective October 3, 2025. Accept the resignation from Shawn Blight, District Plumber, effective October 17, 2025. Approve the list of 2025-2026 winter coaches as presented. Postings and Transfers for the month of September, 2025: Approve posting Job #38 Custodian I, Monday-Friday, 5:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M., High School, effective September 15, 2025. Approve the transfer of Kyle Winchester to Job #38 Custodian I, Monday – Friday, 5:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M., High School, effective September 29, 2025. Approve posting Job #41 Grounds Person, Districtwide, effective September 25, 2025. Approve posting Job #50 District Plumber, effective September 29, 2025.

Administrative Business:

APPROVE PAYMENT #5 TO MAX GRAY CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,158.94 FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE GREENHAVEN RENOVATION PROJECT

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve payment #5 to Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$125,158.94 for work completed on the Greenhaven renovation project. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Director Egan to appoint election judges for the November 4, 2025 school district special election. Being a resolution a rollcall vote carried as follows:

For: Directors Polcher, Egan, Gabardi, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich

Against: None

Absent: Director Galatz

The hereby Resolution is adopted and passed this 8th day of October, 2025.

ACCEPT THE NOTICE OF TERMINATION FOR THE CONTRACT
BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701 AND CHOICE THERAPY FOR PHYSICAL
AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER
20, 2025

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to accept the notice of termination for the contract between I.S.D. NO. 701 and Choice Therapy for physical and occupational therapy services effective October 20, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND
FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AND TO DIRECT
THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT AS PROVIDED BY
MINNESOTA STATUTES AND RULES

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination and to direct the Superintendent to submit the report as provided by Minnesota Statutes and Rules. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Superintendent Aldrich gave an update on the upcoming Referendum.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JEFF POLCHER, CLERK