

October 22, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on October 22, 2025, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Polcher, Egan, Galatz, Chair Berklich and Student Director Sam Hardy

Members Absent: Director Gabardi

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director McLaughlin, commended Brett Lindstrom, JeriAnn Gabardi and student Payton for saving a child from choking at the Lincoln.

Student Director Sam Hardy, thanked Director McLaughlin for finding the information on the student representative convention. Will have survey forms for students to fill out. Spirit of Unity Parade, the Business Club will have a hot chocolate stand at City Hall. A concert will be held on October 29th and gave a recap of the Chemistry field trip.

Administrators and Staff:

Mr. Derek Gabardi, High School Principal and the Leadership Team represented by Mrs. Eskeli gave an update on District priorities and HHS action plan and a recap on the start of the 25-26 school year.

Mr. Robert Bestul, Greenhaven Principal and the Leadership Team represented by Mrs. Forer and Mrs. Gabrielson presented the focus on social, emotional learning at the start of the school year, Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 and a recap of the teacher development model.

Committee Report: None

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin 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 October 8, 2025 Regular Meeting and the following for the month of September, 2025: Consideration of Claims in the amount of \$2,817,983.65. Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$603,787.64. Treasurer's and Investment Reports and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,813,029.79. Accept the resignation from Sara Giorgi as a pupil support assistant, effective October 6, 2025. Accept the resignation from Hailee Elven, pupil support assistant, effective October 13, 2025. Accept the resignation from Cassie Berrini, pupil support assistant, effective October 13, 2025. Approve the revised list of 2025-2026 winter coaches as presented. Approve the recall of Kristen Sellman to Job #60 Pupil Support Assistant, 30 hours per week, Washington Early Learning Center, effective October 20, 2025. Approve the recall of Breanna Splett to Job #60 Pupil Support Assistant, 30 hours per week, Washington Elementary, effective October 20, 2025. Approve the recall of Kayla Trushenski to Job #60 Pupil Support Assistant, 30 hours per week, Washington Early Learning Center, effective October 27, 2025. Approve the hiring of Jared Bangs as a JV girls' hockey coach, effective October 27, 2025. Approve the hiring of Carl Boben as an assistant varsity girls' hockey coach, effective October 27, 2025. Approve the hiring of Ralland Hess as an alpine ski head coach, effective November 10, 2025. Approve the hiring of Jady Colbaugh as a 9th grade boys' basketball coach, effective November 17, 2025. Approve the hiring of Todd Bigelow as a JV boys' basketball coach, effective November 17, 2025.

Administrative Business:

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DONATIONS

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

APPROVE THE FINAL PAYMENT TO NELSON ROOFING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,289.30 FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to approve the final payment to Nelson Roofing in the amount of \$13,289.30 for work completed on the Lincoln Middle School roof project. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE GROUP MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT RATES WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 AS PRESENTED

Moved by Director Galatz, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the group Medicare Supplement rates with Blue Cross Blue Shield from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTION

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Polcher to approve the Certification of Minutes Relating to Special Election. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISTRICT APPLICATION TO MSHSL FOUNDATION FOR THE HS ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT TO USE THE MSHSL FORM A GRANT FUNDING TO OFFSET FINANCIAL REDUCTIONS THAT ARE PROVIDED FOR THE FREE & REDUCED LUNCH STUDENTS AT HHS

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Polcher to adopt the resolution supporting District Application to MSHSL Foundation for the HS Activities Department to use the MSHSL Form A Grand Funding to offset financial reductions that are provided for Free & Reduced Lunch Students at HHS. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPORT THE 2025 MSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Director Galatz, supported by Director McLaughlin to support the 2025 MSBA Delegate Assembly Proposed Legislative Resolutions:

1. District Authority of Eligibility for Supplemental Online Courses
 2. Reform Minnesota's Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Statutes
 3. PSEO Enrollment Requirements
 4. District Authority for Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Superintendent Aldrich gave an update on the Referendum

A quorum of the Hibbing School Board may be present at the informational session on the Referendum at MN North College in the Commons area October 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JEFF POLCHER, CLERK