

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 1, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair, Walt Hautala at 5:30 p.m. on December 1, 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 Amand Gross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

All in favor---Motion passed

DISTRICT PATRON AND VISITOR COMMENTS: Student Council updated the board on their current activities.

Consent Agenda: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the consent agenda as presented: Payrolls and Bills in the amount of \$1,2325,548.44; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2025; Tuition Agreements with Minnesota Transitions Charter School for 2 students with start dates of 8/25/25; Vermillion Country School for 2 students with start dates of 9/2/25 and 9/25/25.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Audit Presentation: Wipfli LLC presented the 2024-2025 audit.

2024-2025 Audit: Moved by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Adams to accept the financial audit conducted by Wipfli LLC for the year ending June 30, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Substitute Rates of Pay: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the substitute rates of pay as presented effective January 1, 2026.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Indian Education Advisor Hire: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Adams to hire Linda Sweno as Indian Education Advisor, up to 31 hours per week, Step 3 effective December 1, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Resolution Establishing Polling Places for 2026 School Board Elections: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director LaFrenier to approve the Resolution Establishing Polling Places for the 2026 School Board Elections.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Director Baudhuin, Director Hautala, Director LaFrenier, Director Undeland, Director Adams

NAYES: None --- Motion passed.

District Reserve Licensure: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Undeland to approve Neal Thornbloom to use District Reserve funds to pursue Licensure in Traffic Safety and Driver's Education.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Winter Coaching Recommendations: Moved by Director Undeland, seconded by Director Baudhuin to approve the following Winter coaching recommendations for 2025-2026: Olivia Forsline / Volunteer Girls Basketball; August Galloway / ½ Stipend JH CC Ski Coach; ack Greenlee / ½ Stipend JH CC Ski Coach; Connor Matschiner / Full Stipend Assistant CC Ski Coach; Chris Hagberg / Volunteer CC Ski Coach.

Donations Accepted: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the following donations: Monetary donation in the amount of \$2,000 earmarked for Girls JH Basketball Jerseys; Monetary donation in the amount of \$125 earmarked for Swim/Dive Boosters; Monetary donation in the amount of \$2,500 earmarked for Food Pantry (\$1,000) and Project Elf (\$1,500); Monetary donation in the amount of \$300 earmarked for Robotics Team; Monetary donation in the amount of \$50 earmarked for the Pantry; Monetary donation in the amount of \$50 earmarked for the Pantry.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Special Education Paraprofessional Resignation: Move by Director LaFrenier, seconded by Director Hautala to accept the resignation of Keith Gallus as Special Education Paraprofessional effective December 12, 2025.

All in favor---Motion passed.

REPORTS: Under Separate Cover.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Re-Organizational Board Meeting, Monday, January 5, 2026- 5:00 p.m. – Board Room
Regular Board Meeting – Monday, January 5, 2026 - 5:30 p.m. – Board Room.

Proposed Tax Levy: Informational only. No action required.

Public Comment: Opportunity given for public comment

2025 Payable 2026 Levy Certification: Moved by Director Baudhuin, seconded by Director Hautala to approve the certification of the 2025 Payable 2026 levy in the amount of \$2,657,012.74.

All in favor---Motion passed.

Adjournment: Moved by Director Adams, seconded by Director Hautala to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

All in favor---Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Chair

Clerk