

March 4, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on March 4, 2026, in the High School Auditorium. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Polcher, Galatz and Chair Berklich.

Members Absent: Directors Egan, Garbardi and Student Director Sam Hardy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Ashton Martin on the Greenhaven School closure.

Administrative Reports: None

Directors / Student Director: None

Administrators and Staff: None

Committee Report: None

#### APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the agenda with the following addendum item: Consent Agenda: Accept the resignation from Aleesha Yost, pupil support assistant, effective March 2, 2026. 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 February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting and the February 25, 2026 Special Meeting and the following: Accept the resignation from Mandy Huusko as a JV volleyball coach, effective February 20, 2026. Accept the resignation from Derek Gabardi as an assistant golf coach, effective February 23, 2026. Approve the hiring of Josh McDowell as a varsity assistant softball coach, effective March 9, 2026. Approve the hiring of Daniel Scally as a 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> grade boys assistant track and field coach, effective March 9, 2026. Accept the resignation from Stacey Johnson, Grounds Person, effective March 13, 2026. Accept the resignation for purposes of retirement from Stephanie Marturnao, special education teacher, high school, effective June 3, 2026. Accept the resignation from Aleesha Yost, pupil support assistant, effective March 2, 2026. Postings and Transfers for the month of February, 2026 – None.

**Administrative Business:**

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT FOR THE CTE CLASSROOM RENOVATION AT THE HIBBING HIGH SCHOOL

Move by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Galatz to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to execute on behalf of the District a Project Labor Agreement for the CTE Classroom Renovation at the Hibbing High School. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Galatz to Adopt the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SCHEDULE A DEDICATED PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE / SALE OF THE GREENHAVEN ELEMENTARY, TO BE HELD NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2026, ENSURING OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY INPUT, TESTIMONY, AND REVIEW OF THE REQUIRED CLOSURE REPORT AS OUTLINED IN M.S. 123B.51

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin authorize the Superintendent to schedule a dedicated public hearing regarding the proposed closure / sale of the Greenhaven Elementary, to be held no later than March 31, 2026, ensuring opportunity for community input, testimony, and review of the required closure report as outlined in M.S. 123B.51. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion Items:**

Acting Superintendent McDonald provided a negotiations update, public hearing dates for the closure of the Greenhaven Elementary and set a meeting for 6:00 p.m., March 26, 2026 at the Lincoln Auditorium and discussed reconfiguration of buildings for 26-27 school year.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher supported by Chair Berklich to adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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JEFF POLCHER, CLERK