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MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
January 15, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. Chairman, Charles Spoor called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Everyone joined in for the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT: Board of Directors, Charles Spoor, Charles Strozyk (arrived late, 6:40 pm), Wendy Manlow, Andrew Seaman and James Rose; Superintendent, Jon Tienhaara; Kresta Byington, Alyssa Olsen, Tracy Dickey and Bethany Barnard.

3. BOARD REORGANIZATION - James Rose motioned to keep all of the officers in the same roles. Wendy Manlow seconded. The motion was approved 4-0.

4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS - COMMENTS/QUESTIONS - Board Chair, Charles Spoor, introduced Bethany Barnard, the new mayor of the City of South Bend. Bethany attended to say hello, introduce herself and to express her appreciation for the Board's work.

5. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – No changes or additions to the agenda.

6. PRINCIPAL/STAFF REPORTS - Principal Kresta Byington and Assistant Principal Alyssa Olsen each reported on the elementary school. Tracy Dickey, Elementary Intervention Coordinator, gave a presentation on Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTTS).

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Superintendent Jon Tienhaara talked about the business report, budget summary, FTE report and County Treasurer report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA
   A., B. The Board reviewed and approved by signing December 2025 Payroll and November 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 AP vouchers

#119647 through #119775 in the amount of $4,275,208.84 for the General Fund, December 2025 and January 2026 vouchers #200625 through #200628 in the amount of $45,971.99 for the Capital Projects Fund, November and December 2025 vouchers #400464 through #400466 in the amount of $9,293.11 for the Associated Student Body Fund and December 2025 voucher #900021 in the amount of $158,112.81 for the Transportation Vehicle Fund.

C. Approved minutes of the November 2025 regular meeting.

D. Approved 2025-26 Highly Capable District Plan.

E. Approved 25-26 School Improvement Plans HS MME.

F. Approved 2026-27 Behav. Health SBSD R2R Match Stud. Asst. Prof. contract.

G. Approved 2026-27 Behav. Health SBSD Family Resource Navigator contract.

H. Approved computer surplus.

I. Approved bus surplus.

J. Approved Wild Roots Interlocal Agreement.

K. Approved 2025-26 Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program (TBIP).

L. Approved Key Club trip to Portland.

A motion was made by James Rose and seconded by Wendy Manlow to approve the consent agenda items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and L. The motion was approved 5-0.

9. PERSONNEL

A. HIRES – Wendy Manlow made a motion and James Rose seconded to hire Jerry Okeyo, JH Boys Basketball Coach. It was approved 5-0.

B. RESIGNATIONS – Charles Strozyk motioned and Wendy Manlow seconded to accept the resignations of Tom Sanchez - HS Football Assistant Coach, Jackie Sanchez - teacher retirement after 25-26 school year, Lori Dearmore - teacher librarian retirement after 25-26 school year, Sally Hammond-Kunke - food service retirement after 25-26 school year, Blakeli Jerles - ELC paraeducator resignation after 25-26 school year, Kelli Bates - teacher resignation after 25-26 school year and Alex Connor - ELC

paraeducator resignation after 25- 26 school year. The motion was approved 5-0.

10. OLD BUSINESS - No old business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wendy Manlow motioned and James Rose seconded to accept Advanced Building Systems bid for new CTE building package. It was approved 5-0.

B. Charles Strozyk motioned and Andrew Seaman seconded to authorize the superintendent to solicit bids for capital project: CTE facility and site improvements. It was approved 5-0.

C. Policies First Reading (WSSDA Policy Update)

a. 2108 Learning Assistance Program
b. 5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited
c. 6220 Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements
d. 1111 Oath of Office
e. 6955 Maintenance of Facilities Records
f. 6920 Construction Design
g. 6777 Artificial Intelligence

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No executive session.

13. ADJOURNMENT – James Rose motioned and Wendy Manlow seconded to adjourn the regular board meeting at 6:56 pm. It was approved 5-0.

Announcements – The next Regular Board of Directors Meeting will be **February 19, 2026** at 6:30 pm in the library.

Secretary to the Board

Chairman of the Board