

NRHEG PUBLIC SCHOOL ISD #2168
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 16, 2026, 6:30PM, Elementary Media Center

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair, Rick Schultz. The School Board of Ind. School District #2168 met in regular session on March 16 at 6:31PM.
3. Roll Call:
Members present: Rick Schultz, Kelly Delacruz, Terri Engel, Amy Ihrke, Pat Theuer, and Loren Schoenrock
Members absent: Aaron Phillips
4. **Approve Agenda:** Moved by Amy Ihrke, seconded by Pat Theuer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
9. **Approve Consent Agenda Items:** Moved by Loren Schoenrock, seconded by Kelly Delacruz to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

11. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of School Board Meeting February 17, 2026

b. Finance

1) Board Bills of \$724,942.45

2) Donations

MN Vikings Football LLC	Girls Flag Football	\$10,000.00
Anonymous	Choir Robes	\$100.00
Hemingway Photography	National Cheer	\$100.00
Accentra Credit Union	National Cheer	\$290.00
Total		\$10,490.00
Total to Date		\$83,503.94

c. Workforce

1) Resignation

- a) Marc Kruger, Secondary Physical Education Teacher
- b) Ashley Tolzman, Secondary Media Center Paraprofessional

2) Employment

- a) Mercedes Dettler, Secondary Art Teacher
- b) Jacob Weber, Driver Training Instructor

3) JH Baseball Coach Contracts

- a) John McGinnis
- b) Carter Martens

4) Title I Program LEA for 2026-2027 School Year

- a) Kimberly Meyer, Elementary Principal

- d. **Interquest Canine Contract 2026-2027:** The 2026-2027 contract will increase to \$360 per ½ day visit from last year at \$350 per ½ day visit. Mileage is a flat rate of \$40 per visit for Zone 1 which stays the same as last year.
- e. **Designation of Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) User Access Authorization System:** The Board is asked to renew the appointment of the

Superintendent, Michael Meihak, to serve as the IOwA that gives legal authority to authorize person to access MDE secured websites for NRHEG Public Schools.

f. **Statewide Enrollment Options:** No Enrollment Options for March 2026

11. Recommended Actions

- a. **2nd Reading of Policy 503 Student Attendance:** Moved by Pat Theuer, seconded by Amy Ihrke to approve the 2nd Reading of Policy 503 Student Attendance as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- b. **1st Reading of NEW Policy 625 Responsible Use if Artificial Intelligence:** Moved by Terri Engel, seconded by Kelly Delacruz to approve the 1st Reading of Policy 625 Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. **Staff Reductions Due to Enrollment:** Moved by Pat Theuer, seconded by Amy Ihrke to approve the reduction in (1) 5th grade section and addition of (1) 3rd grade section, a staff-neutral adjustment, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- d. **Non-renewal of Probationary Teacher:**

Member Amy Ihrke introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE NONRENEWAL OF TEACHING CONTRACT OF A PROBATIONARY TEACHER

WHEREAS, Brian Belcourt is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2168, New Richland, MN;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2168, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, subd. 5, the teaching contract of Brian Belcourt, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2168, is hereby non-renewed, and will thus be terminated at the close of the current 2025-2026 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the non-renewal of their contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF NON-RENEWAL

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Pat Theuer, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Roll call vote

Terri Engel, Amy Ihrke, Loren Schoenrock, Pat Theuer and Rick Schultz

and the following voted against the same: Kelly Delacruz

Members absent: Aaron Phillips

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. Motion carried 5-1.

- e. **Recommendation for Continuing Contract Rights & Probationary List:** Moved by Loren Schoenrock, seconded by Terri Engel to approve the Recommendation for Continuing Contract Rights & Probationary List as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

f. Paraprofessional Contract: Moved by Terri Engel, seconded by Pat Theuer to approve the Paraprofessional Contract as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

g. 2025-2026 Revised Budget: Moved by Amy Ihrke, seconded by Kelly Delacruz to approve the 2025-2026 Revised Budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

12. Adjournment: Moved by Loren Schoenrock, seconded by Amy Ihrke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Submitted by _____
Terri Engel, Clerk