MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 701 of Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota

June 17, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on June 17, 2026, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Egan, Galatz, Gabardi, and Chair Berklich.

Members Absent: Director Polcher

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: None

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director: None

Administrators and Staff:

Derek Gabardi gave an update on summer school, offices moving, construction.

Derek Gabardi and Shanna Eskeli requested the 2027 graduation be moved from Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m. due to a conflict with spring sports state tournaments.

Committee Report: None

Superintendent Report:

Carrie McDonald reminded the board and community of the joint meeting with Chisholm on July 8, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Valentini's. She gave a sample of a cooperative agreement and will bring the VCA cooperative agreement to the board at the July 8 board meeting. She gave an update on the Community Ed position and her recommendation. IRRR Mineral grant fund with the proposed projects.

APPROVE AGENDA WITH THE ADDED ADDENDUM TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE SALE PRICE OF GREENHAVEN UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS ITEM A.

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Galatz to approve the agenda with the added addendum. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Gabardi and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Minutes from the June 3, 2026 Regular Meeting, and the following for the month of May, 2026: Consideration of Claims in the amount of

$1,562,912.58. Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of $489,123.32. Treasurer's and Investment Reports and Payrolls in the amount of $1,904,216.81. Accept the resignation from Nick Seppala, JV Boys soccer coach, effective May 19, 2026. Accept the resignation from Samantha Rozinka, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, effective August 30, 2026. Accept the resignation for purposes of retirement from Elizabeth Scipioni, 4th grade teacher, Lincoln, effective September 19, 2026. Approve the hiring of Sara Paolo, Special Education Teacher, Lincoln, effective August 31, 2026.

Administrative Business:

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Chair Berklich to go into closed session at 4:06 p.m. to discuss the sale price of Greenhaven. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Chair Berklich to go into open session at 4:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DONATIONS

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

APPROVE THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM RENEWAL WITH THE NORTHEAST SERVICE COOPERATIVE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2027 AS PRESENTED.

Moved by Director Galatz, supported by Director Egan to approve the health insurance premium renewal with the Northeast Service Cooperative effective September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027 as presented. Motion carried with Chair Berklich abstaining.

APPROVE THE PROPERTY, LIABILITY AND WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027 AS PRESENTED.

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the property, liability and worker's comp insurance renewal effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE FY26 REVISED BUDGET AS PRESENTED

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Director Egan to approve the FY26 revised budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE ADOPTED FY27 BUDGET AS PRESENTED

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Egan to approve the adopted FY27 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOLIANT AND HIBBING PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR VIRTUAL PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.

Moved by Chair Berklich, supported by Director Egan to approve the purchase service agreement between Soliant and Hibbing Public Schools for virtual physical therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIBBING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SHEILA MERZER, AUTISM CONSULTANT, FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.

Moved by Director Gabardi supported by Director Galatz to approve the purchase of service agreement between Hibbing Public Schools and Sheila Merzer, Autism Consultant, for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT SERVICES BETWEEN OSTROM CONSULTING LLC AND I.S.D. NO. 701 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027.

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Galatz to approve the contract for Behavioral Support Services between Ostrom Consulting LLC and I.S.D. No. 701 for the period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE CLIENT CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN NOVA EDUCATION CONSULTANTS AND I.S.D. NO. 701 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027.

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the Client Consulting Services Agreement between NOVA Education Consultants and I.S.D. No. 701 for the period July1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE CLIENT CONSULTING WORK ORDER BETWEEN NOVA EDUCATION CONSULTANTS AND I.S.D. NO. 701 FOR DUE PROCESS SPECIALIST WITH CONSULTANT KELSEY KIEFER FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027.

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the Client Consulting work order between NOVA Education Consultants and I.S.D. No. 701 for Due Process Specialist with consultant Kelsey Keifer for the period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVE THE CLIENT CONSULTING WORK ORDER BETWEEN NOVA EDUCATION CONSULTANTS AND I.S.D. NO. 701 FOR DUE PROCESS SPECIALIST WITH CONSULTANT ARIELLA DEGNER FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027.

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the Client Consulting work order between NOVA Education Consultants and I.S.D. No. 701 for Due Process Specialist with consultant Ariella Degner for the period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVE THE CLIENT CONSULTING WORK ORDER BETWEEN NOVA EDUCATION CONSULTANTS AND I.S.D. NO. 701 FOR DUE PROCESS SPECIALIST WITH CONSULTANT ASHLEY EVANS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027.

Moved by Director Gabardi, supported by Director Galatz to approve the Client Consulting work order between NOVA Education Consultants and I.S.D. No. 701 for Due Process Specialist with consultant Ashley Evans for the period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVE THE CLIENT CONSULTING WORK ORDER BETWEEN NOVA EDUCATION CONSULTANTS AND I.S.D. NO. 701 FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST MENTORING WITH CONSULTANT EMILY BOUGHER FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027.

Moved by Director Galatz, supported by Chair Berklich to approve the Client Consulting work order between NOVA Education Consultants and I.S.D. No. 701 for Occupational Therapist Mentoring with consultant Emily Bougher for the period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701 AND PERRELLA AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE MARKETING AND SALE OF THE GREENHAVEN PROPERTY FOR $5 MILLION DOLLARS.

Moved by Director Egan, supported by Director Gabardi to approve the purchase of service agreement between I.S.D. No. 701 and Perrella and Associates for the marketing and sale of the Greenhaven property for $5 million dollars. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Egan supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JEFF POLCHER, CLERK