

**OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Independent School District No. 492

**Monday, October 28, 2024 4:00 pm**

District Administration Office Conference Room  
401 Third Avenue NW, Austin, MN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carolyn Dube  
Kathy Green  
Cece Kroc  
Carol McAlister  
Evan Sorenson  
Peggy Young  
Superintendent Dr. Joey Page

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Don Leathers

**MEETING CALLED  
TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Dube called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room at Austin High School.

**AGENDA APPROVED:** A motion was made by McAlister, seconded by Kroc and carried unanimously to approve agenda as printed.

**STUDENT ACTIVITY  
APPROVED:**

McAlister made a motion, seconded by Young and carried unanimously to approve the addition of a new student activity account for the Austin's African Student Association (AASA).

(A COPY OF SUPPORTING APPLICATION IS ATTACHED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK.)

**EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
APPROVED:**

A motion was made by Green, seconded by Young and carried unanimously to approve the AHS World Language Department's request for an extended field trip to Costa Rica and Panama in June 2026.

(A COPY OF THE REQUEST IS ATTACHED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK.)

**CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE  
ARTS EDUCATION:**

Culturally Responsive Arts Education (CRAE) cohort members Nikky Tolde, David Hovland, Katie Tharp, and Crystal Lennie outlined their upcoming work to address inequities in arts education curriculum, practices, and policies as identified through the Culturally Responsive Arts Education Arts Equity Audit. This cohort is in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Education and other music and art educators throughout the state. The goal is to begin to plan for implementation of the newly created resources and materials into the arts and music classrooms and curriculum in the spring and summer of 2025.

**REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE  
ACHIEVEMENT AND CIVIC  
READINESS WORK:**

Executive Director of Academics and Administrative Services Katie Baskin provided a review of the work of the Striving for Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Committee in developing a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan that addresses five specific goals. A draft copy of the plan was available for review and will be presented for approval at an upcoming meeting.

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- POLICIES REVIEWED:** Policies 101, 101.1, 103, 106, 201, 202, 203, 203.1, 203.2, 203.5, 203.6, 204, 205, 206, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, and 215 were reviewed and approved without changes. Policy 216 will be reviewed and brought back for a second reading.
- GREEN'S FAREWELL:** Kathy Green shared her well wishes as she signed off from her last school board meeting after 25 years of service. Her official last day is November 4, 2024.
- ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Green, seconded by Young and carried unanimously to adjourn at 5:12 pm.

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Peggy Young, Clerk