

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT 917

A School Board Meeting of the Intermediate School District 917 School Board was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in the Board Room at Dakota County Technical College.

Members Present: Kim Baker, Tom Bennett, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber, Mark Zuzek, and ex-officio member Superintendent Dr. Michael Favor.

Members Absent: Lisa Ehleringer, and Lesley Chester

Also Present: Linda Berg, Dr. Brooke Peterson, Kate Hulse, Nicole Flesner, Mark Johns, Dr. Melissa Schaller, Melissa Torres, and Tara Precht.

School Board Chair Tom Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in the prior work session.

1. Motion by Monica Weber, seconded by Kim Baker, to approve the agenda. Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber, and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none.
2. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Cindy Nordstrom, to approve the consent items, as presented. Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none.
 - **Minutes:** June 10, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting
 - **Personnel: New Hires:**

NEW HIRES:

Chelsey Arends, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Carolyn Arellano, Education Support professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Brian Casey, Health Associate, effective August 27, 2025.
Mari Antoinette Estillero, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Bridget Fonseca, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Kimberly Hanson, Health Associate, effective August 27, 2025.
Allison Inserra, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Mackenzie Irwin, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, effective July 1, 2025.
Ashley Martinson-Packer, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Kannon O'Brien, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Olivia Sarasio Meyer, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Heidi Sladek, Mental Health Professional, effective August 19, 2025.
Michelle Stromme, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, effective August 25, 2025.
Lacey Villavicencio, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.

RE-HIRES:

Melissa Armbrust, Teacher, effective August 25, 2025.
Alison Blanchard, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Rira Bullecer, Teacher, effective August 20, 2025.
Anna Corsello, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Andrea Duesing, Teacher, effective August 20, 2025.
Antanaya Ferguson, Teacher, effective August 20, 2025.
Megan Haroldson, Teacher, effective August 25, 2025.
Rebecca Hennessey, August 20, 2025.
Rebecca Hauge, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Lisa Mayer, Teacher, effective August 25, 2025.
Rushel Rejuso, Teacher, effective August 20, 2025.
Hawa Salad, Teacher, August 20, 2025.
Richard Tiempo, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.

Rechel Tupas, Teacher, effective August 20, 2025.
Lauren Weeks, Teacher, effective August 20, 2025.
Cassidy Williams, Mental Health Professional, effective August 19, 2025.

CHANGE IN STATUS:

Melissa Torres, Administrative Assistant SpEd to Executive Assistant to Superintendent, effective July 1, 2025.

Adam Ghormley, Teacher to Secondary Coordinator, effective July 1, 2025.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

RESIGNATION & TERMINATIONS:

Carmen Eaton, Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.
Redith Fancher-White, Education Support Professional, effective June 4, 2025.
Anne Jayasuriya, Education Support Professional, effective June 31, 2025.
Deb Strese, Education Support Professional, effective June 11, 2025.
Mallory Vaitkunas, Teacher, effective June 12, 2025.
Kim Wald, Teacher, effective July 25, 2025.
Alison McCusker, Teacher, effective July 31, 2025.

RETIREMENT:

- **Policies:** 205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings; 706 Acceptance of Gifts (Addendum A)

3. Board Member Kim Baker introduced the following Donation resolution and waived reading the full resolution. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Byron Schwab, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Roll call: Voting aye: Kim Baker, Tom Bennett, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Monica Weber, Hannah Simmons, Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion passed. (Addendum B.)
4. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Kim Baker, to approve the bills from June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, investment report, and wire transfers as presented by the Director of Finance. Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable Aging Report was reviewed in the Board Work Session.

5. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Hannah Simmons, to approve the following policies on a first and final reading: Policy 210 Conflict of Interest and Policy 212 School Board Member Development (Addendum C.) Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Kim Baker, seconded by Mark Zuzek, to approve the Lunch Prices for 2025-2026, as presented. (Addendum D.) Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Monica Weber, seconded by Hannah Simmons, to approve the annual membership renewals for Metro ECSU, AMSD, AESA, MASA, and MSBA (Addendum E.) Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Hannah Simmons, seconded by Mark Zuzek, to approve the IAQ Written Plan and all Health and Safety Plans for 2025-2026 as presented. (Addendum F.) Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Byron Schwab, to approve the Agreement with ISD 271 and ISD 917 for Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, as presented. (Addendum G.) Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Hannah Simmons, seconded by Byron Schwab, to approve Special Education Services in Bloomington, as presented. (Addendum H.) Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Cindy Nordstrom, to move into closed session to review the Superintendent's evaluation. Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 6:01 PM

12. Motion by Byron Schwab, seconded by Cindy Nordstrom, to move out of closed session. Voting aye: Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber and Mark Zuzek. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting resumed at 6:24 PM

Board meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

The next regular School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 5:15 PM in the Board Room of Dakota County Technical College.

Clerk