

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22
BECKER AND OTTERTAIL COUNTIES, DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA 56501**

**Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026, 7:00 AM
City Hall ~ 1025 Roosevelt Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN, 56501**

Present: John Steffl, Mary Rotter, Michelle Okeson, Sanford Nelson, Michael Walther, Julie Smith-Yliniemi

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at **7:00 AM** by Board Chair Steffl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by **Smith-Yliniemi**, seconded by **Walther**, to **approve** the agenda. Motion carried **unanimously**.

No **RECOGNITIONS** given this month.

Comments were heard from **eighteen members of the public**.

No **PROGRAM PRESENTATION** this month.

A motion was made by **Sandy Nelson**, seconded by **Mary Rotter**, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried **unanimously**.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the July 27, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting.
- B. Approve K-12 Computer Checks #712979-713666 for a total of \$914,662.17. Approve ACH/Wire Payments #18180-18189, #18191-18210, #18272-18279, and #18286-18328, in the amount of \$1,505,566.84. Approve Net Payroll Transfers on 7/15/26 and 7/30/26 in the amount of \$315,306.41 for a total of \$2,735,535.42.
- C. Approve Personnel Agenda Items
- D. Approve Second Reading of Handbooks
 - 1. Rossman
 - 2. Roosevelt
 - 3. Middle School
 - 4. High School
 - 5. School Readiness
 - 6. Activities
- E. Approval of Policies
 - 1. 611 - HOME SCHOOLING
 - 2. 612.1 - DEVELOPMENT OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICIES FOR TITLE I PROGRAMS
 - 3. 614 - SCHOOL DISTRICT TESTING PLAN AND PROCEDURE
- F. Approve 2026-27 Food Services Pricing
- G. Approve School Resource Officer Agreement between DLPS and City of DL

Discussion was had on the following items:

- A. First Reading of Policies
 - 1. 203.5 - SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
 - 2. 613 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A motion was made by **Smith-Yliniemi**, seconded by **Rotter**, to approve the resolution as drafted by the district's legal counsel, and postpone the July 27, 2026 motion regarding non-school sponsored items. **Motion failed to pass due to a tied 3 to 3 vote.** (Okeson, Smith-Yliniemi, Rotter voted YES; Walther, Nelson, Steffl voted NO).

Superintendent Jensen reported on happenings in the School District.

Board Chair Steffl gave an update on the Sports Arena Commission.

Board Treasurer Okeson gave an update on the Finance Committee.

Board Chair Steffl announced upcoming meetings and events.

A motion was made by **Rotter**, seconded by **Smith-Yliniemi**, to adjourn the meeting at **9:23 AM**. Motion carried **unanimously**.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith-Yliniemi, Clerk

PERSONNEL AGENDA

August 24, 2026

1) **Resignations:**

Tatiana Chase - Rossman ADSIS Education Assistant, effective August 21, 2026.
Brianna Ehnert - HS Special Education Paraprofessional, effective August 10, 2026.
Candi Goodrich - HS Special Education Paraprofessional effective August 31, 2026.
Teri Holehouse - Rossman Teacher, effective July 28, 2026.
Heather Pepek - Rossman Paraprofessional, effective August 11, 2026.
Salone Scallon - Rossman Special Education Paraprofessional, effective August 18, 2026.
Sean St. Claire - MS Soccer Coach, effective August 19, 2026.
Jeff Tessman - HS Custodian, effective August 25, 2026.

2) **Retirements:**

Wendy Jacobson - HS Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2026.

4) **Appointments:**

Sam Bergren - HS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, at the rate of \$3,312.68/season, effective August 17, 2026
Courtney Chezik - Rossman Registered Behavior Technician, at the rate of \$24.80/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026.
Michelle DePauw - Laker Transitions Project LIFE Skills Trainer, at the rate of \$18.38/hr, working 29.75 hours per week, Effective August 25, 2026.
Shaunita Flath - Rossman Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$17.52/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026. *Pending HQ Status
Emily Kain - Rossman Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$17.88/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026. *Pending HQ Status
Kait Kellerhuis - High School Unified Club Advisor, at the rate of \$1,859.92 for the 2026-27 school year.
Heath Lambert - Roosevelt Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$17.52/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026.
Beth Larson - MS Girls Basketball Coach, at the rate of \$2,463.70/season, effective October 26, 2026
Greta Lindstrom - Middle School ESY Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$17.52/hr, working 18 hours per week, effective July 28, 2026.
Lisa Lindstrom - Middle School ESY Teacher, at the rate of \$30.00/hr, working up to 30 hours per week, effective July 28, 2026.
Annette Lundberg - HS Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$17.88/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 26, 2026. *Pending HQ Status
Brenna Maijala - Roosevelt Education Assistant, at the rate of \$18.38/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026.
Kira McCawley - Roosevelt Educational Assistant, at the rate of \$17.52/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 26, 2026.
Andrea McIntosh - MS Special Education, at the rate of \$18.38/hr, working up to 37.5 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026. *Pending HQ Status
Mary Ann Nelmark - Roosevelt Educational Assistant, at the rate of \$17.52/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 26, 2026

Alissa Oneill - Rossman ECSE Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$17.88/hr, working 20 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026. ***Pending HQ Status**

Brent Pearson - Roosevelt Custodian, at the rate of \$19.16/hr +\$1/hr differential, working 29.75 hours per week, effective July 30, 2026.

Trey Peterson - HS Custodian, at the rate of \$21.42/hr +\$1/hr differential, working 40 hours per week, effective August 26, 2026.

Jordyn Rairdon - Rossman Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$17.52/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026.

Dorothy Satrom - MS Long Term Substitute Reading 6/Title, rate of pay is per sub policy, effective August 25, 2026 through November 6, 2026.

Vern Schnathorst - High School 9th Grade Assistant Football Coach, at the rate of \$3,734.50/season, effective August 17, 2026.

Julie Smith - Roosevelt Educational Assistant, at the rate of \$17.52/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 26, 2026.

Kristina Smith - Rossman Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$17.88, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026.

Tori Thompson - HS Special Education Paraprofessional, at the rate of \$18.38/hr, working 37.5 hours per week, effective August 26, 2026.

5) Sixth Period Pay:

Lisa Eischens - A High School Teacher is requesting 6th period pay for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Shad Nunn - A High School Teacher is requesting 6th period pay for the 2026-2027 School Year.

6) Leave of Absence:

7) Terminations:

8) Amended Assignments:

Ruby Finch - is amending their assignment from 29.75 hours per week as Rossman ADSIS/Noon Duty to 37.5 hours per week as Rossman Special Education Paraprofessional, effective August 25, 2026.

Natasha Haverkamp - is amending their assignment from Rossman Paraprofessional to DLMS Paraprofessional, effective 2026-2027 school year.

Branson Lachowitzer - is amending their assignment from Production Assistant to Food Service Worker, effective August 16, 2026.

Kristina Steffl - ECSE Para Professional is amending their assignment from 29.75 hours per week to 37.5 hours per week, effective August 25, 2026.