

Board Agenda Information

Monday, April 21st, 2025

Item C. Adoption of the Agenda -

Item D. Consent Agenda - See the Consent Agenda Information sheet.

In Item D.4. The Administration, after an extensive selection process, is recommending the hire of Spencer Carpenter as Head Football Coach. We also extend our thanks to Janis Fearing (HS Secretary), Mark Reidel (Custodian), who have tendered their retirement notices to the District. We thank both Janis and Mark for their many years of service to the District. And then finally, we also thank Michael Eberle (Asst. Basketball) for his service to the basketball program over the years.

In Item D.5. the Board should recognize the receipt of the Request to Negotiate from the Local 70 Custodial Union.

Item D.6. should have the Board (annually) approve the Lease Agreement with the Long Prairie Sportsmen's Club. The facility as you know, is used to support the Trap Shooting team(s) that are a part of the activities program within the Long Prairie Grey Eagle High School. Due to the season starting in late March, I signed the Agreement on behalf of the District so something was in place. It would be good to have the School Board approve this document for this current year and make it an annual action of the Board. **Administration recommends approval of the Lease Agreement with the Long Prairie Sportsman's Club.**

As a follow up to last month's visit from Mitch Johnson from the Long Prairie Baseball Association, Item D.7 includes the Agreement that speaks to the relationship between the District and the Baseball Association. As you will recall from last month's meeting, Mr. Johnson indicated an interest from the Baseball Association to sell alcohol at their games. As you can see from the Agreement, the Baseball Association has included those applicable requirements grounded in state statute where the distribution of alcohol is concerned, particularly on school property. The language adequately addresses the needs of the Association where the sale of alcohol is concerned. This Agreement too, should be addressed annually by the School Board. **Administration recommends approval of the Lease Agreement with the Long Prairie Baseball Association.**

Item G: Unfinished Business - Approval of the 2025-2026 school year calendar. Attached in the Board packet is a recommended calendar for the Board's approval for the 2025-2026 school year. The philosophy behind this particular calendar is minimal change from this current 2024-2025 notwithstanding the professional development days brought on by the READ Act which won't necessarily have a presence during the 2025-2026 school year. We may attempt to change the Parent Teacher Conference format but that might come at a later date. **Administration recommends approval of the 2025-2026 school year calendar as presented.**

Item H: New Business - Item H.1. calls for the Board to recognize the various donations the District receives over the course of the month. As the Board can see from the enclosure in the Board packet (book), the District received \$ 26,392.60 in donations to support in large part the the Color Run and Post Prom. The District also received \$6,000 donation in steel to support our CTE programming. We thank those listed in the donation resolution for their ongoing support of the District and our students.

Item H.2. Jodie Zesbaugh will be here to present the bids for the sale of the Certificates of Participation that will be used to finance the turf installation project scheduled for this summer. The low bidder was Robert W. Baird Co. out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin with an interest rate of 4.24% over the 10 year term. **The Board will be asked to approve the low bid from Robert W. Baird on these Certificates of Participation.**

Item H.3. is the list of equipment needs for the completion of the Track and Turf project. An internal committee of the district as well as the Board's Facilities Committee has worked on this list over the past few months and are ready to have the full board review the list on Monday evening. **This is for review purposes at this time. Administration is recommending this equipment list be acted on at a special meeting of the School Board tentatively set for Monday, April 28th at 6:00pm.**

Item H.4. is a request from the Freshwater Education Cooperative to access the District's levy portion of the LTFM revenue. Back in 2024, the Legislature granted Service Cooperatives the ability to access LTFM dollars to address facility needs of their own. Statute however, does not allow levy authority to Service Cooperatives. Hence, the Service Cooperatives seek the levy portion from its member districts to support the long term maintenance needs of the buildings they either own or lease. To that end, the Freshwater Service Cooperative is soliciting the levy portion of LTFM revenues from each of its member districts. As you can see, Freshwater is seeking \$8,276.44 to be placed on the Pay 2026 levy which the Board will see this coming Fall. Freshwater seeks passage of a Resolution to enable that amount to be placed on ISD 2753's Levy for Pay 2026. **Recommend passage of the Freshwater LTFM request.**

Item H.5. In the Board's continuing efforts to review and update policies, Policy Series 400 is (again) brought for the Board's attention. Because Policy Series is so large, we are bringing the remaining portion of it, for the Board's review. As such, policies 416 through 427 are brought for the Board's review. **Administration recommends reviewal, revision, and adoption of Board Policy Series 416 through 427.**

Adjournment - There will be a Special meeting of the Board on Monday, April 28th at 6:00pm to award the bids on the track resurface, the turf installation and the equipment needs of the facility.