



Independent School District 761  
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 5:30 PM

Owatonna Public Schools  
333 East School Street  
Owatonna, MN 55060-2816

- I. Call to Order  
Present: Elizabeth Hedlund, Timothy Jensen, Ron Kubicek, Jolayne Mohs, Mark Sebring, Andrea Van Gelder, Lori Weisenburger  
  
Also present were Superintendent Jeff Elstad and Student Representatives Erin Baker and Ayoub Farah.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda  
Motion by Mohs, second by Jensen that an amended agenda (adding item X. Closed Session and XI. Open Session and moving item VIII.D. Employee Agreement to XI. A.) be approved as presented.  
AYE Unanimous  
Motion carried.
- IV. Mission Moment  
Superintendent Elstad recognized the Unified PE program and the students who went to the capitol: Leah Leckner, Sophia Hunt, McKinley (Mack) Dickerson, Andren Rud, Ethan Perkinson, and Sophie Buhrow.
- V. Public Forum  
Tina Shafer and Sandee Hardy-Hagen spoke about gender in sports
- VI. Item(s): General Information  
VI.A. Enrollment Report
- VII. Item(s): For Discussion - No Action Required by the Board  
VII.A. Board Forum
  - VII.A.1. School Board Committee Meeting Reports
  - VII.A.2. School Board Work Session Report
  - VII.A.3. Policy Revisions (*First Reading*)  
VII.B. Administrative Report
- VIII. Consent Agenda: Board Action Requested  
Motion by Mohs, second by Van Gelder that the Board approve the consent agenda.  
Roll call vote: All voted in favor  
Motion carried.  
  
VIII.A. Minutes from April 28, 2025

- VIII.B. Disbursement Report
- VIII.C. Personnel Report
- IX. Item(s): Board Action Requested
- IX.A. New Student School Board Representative (*Equity*)  
Motion by Weisenburger, second by Van Gelder that Lowell Schultz be appointed as a student school board representative.  
AYE Unanimous  
Motion carried.
- IX.B. 2024-2025 School Calendar (*High Quality Teaching and Learning*)  
Motion by Hedlund, second by Mohs that the Board approve the final 2024-2025 school calendar as presented.  
AYE Unanimous  
Motion carried.
- IX.C. Policy Revisions (*Second Reading/Consideration for Approval*)  
Motion by Kubicek, second by Jensen that the Board approve the revision to policy 412 as presented.  
AYE Unanimous  
Motion carried.
- IX.D. Minnesota State High School League Membership  
Motion by Jensen, second by Mohs that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League.  
Roll call vote:  
AYE: 6 (Jensen, Kubicek, Mohs, Sebring, Van Gelder, Weisenburger)  
NAY: 1 (Hedlund)  
Motion carried.
- IX.E. Gifts to the District  
Motion by Weisenburger, second by Mohs that the Board approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts as presented.  
Roll call vote: All voted in favor  
Motion carried.
- X. Closed Session: Attorney-Client Privilege (*Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 3(b)*)  
Motion by Sebring, second by Mohs that the Board move to a closed session under the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) that authorizes the School Board to close a meeting to meet with its attorney in a confidential setting to obtain legal advice regarding pending or threatened litigation.  
AYE Unanimous  
Motion carried.
- The Board moved into closed session at 6:18 PM.
- XI. Open Session: Action Item  
Motion by Sebring, second by Mohs to end the closed session and reopen the meeting.  
AYE Unanimous  
Motion carried.

The meeting reopened at 6:46 PM.

XI.A. Employee Agreement

Motion by Sebring, second by Mohs that the Board approve the employee agreement as presented.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Sebring, second by Weisenburger that the school board meeting be adjourned.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

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Timothy Jensen, School Board Clerk

*Approval date: June 16, 2025*