

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

Board of Education Badger ISD 676

PO Box 68, 110 Carpenter Avenue East, Badger, Minnesota 56714

## Truth in Taxation Public Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023 7:00 PM in Business & Tech Room 29

People in Attendance: Same as list below for the 7:30 PM Meeting plus Matthew Rantapaa (virtual co-presenter)

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1. Call to Order at 7:51 p.m. (start delay due to Truth in Taxation Public Meeting extension)
  - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
  - 1.2. Roll Call (alphabetical order): Jodie Davy, Cari Dostal, Jamie Isane, Brent Olson, Jeramy Swenson and Jared VonEnde; 6 out of 6 in attendance.  
Student (non-voting) Representative: Open for SY2023-24
  - 1.3. Administration and Department Heads: Kevin Ricke, Leah Hasson and Stacey Warne in attendance
2. Visitor Comments – None  
Visitors Present in Attendance (alphabetical order): Becky Dostal, Sherri Kukowski, and Ashley Lambert
  - 2.1. Listening Session – None
3. Recommendation to add and/or to remove items to the agenda from Board Members or School Administrators – None
4. Approval of Agenda
  - 4.1. A motion was made by Member Dostal to approve the agenda for the Monday, December 11, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. The motion seconded by Member Davy. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; **U.C. = motion carried unanimously.**
5. Minutes
  - 5.1. A motion was made by Member Swenson to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on Monday, November 13, 2023 as presented. The motion seconded by Member VonEnde. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; **U.C.** Attachments: (2)
6. Consent Agenda
  - 6.1. Pay Bills: A motion was made by Member Swenson to approve the payment of bills check #63326 through check #63389 for a total of \$76,222.37 as listed as well as approve Purchasing Card electronic payments dated December 4, 2023 and Electronic Fund Transfers as submitted. The motion seconded by Member Olson. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; **U.C.** Attachments: (7)
  - 6.2. Unpaid Leave Request: A motion was made by Member Davy to accept notification of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) qualifying request from Toia Starren, for approximately March 11, 2024 to Friday, May 24, 2024 for minimum of 53 teacher contract days or up a maximum of twelve weeks if necessary; subject to change. The motion seconded by Member Dostal. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; **U.C.** Attachment: (1)
  - 6.3. Head of Buildings and Grounds Resignation: A motion was made by Member VonEnde to accept the resignation of Striker Hasson, Head of Maintenance and Grounds with last day of employment being Friday, January 5, 2024. The motion seconded by Member Swenson. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; **U.C.**  
Description: Sincere, thank you for 3 years 7 months of service. At this time, Striker Hasson is not resigning from the Head Football Coach position.  
Badger was one of only nineteen K-12 public schools statewide that had successful COVID mitigation strategies to be able to remain open for in-person learning the full entire 2020-2021 school year during the pandemic. Attachment: (1)
7. Communications
  - 7.1. Building and Grounds Report: ~~Striker Hasson~~ not in attendance Attachments: (3)
  - 7.2. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Annual Leadership Conference January 11-12, 2024 with Early Bird Sessions January 10. Attachment: (1)  
Description: Five intend to represent Badger ISD 676: 4 out of 6 Badger Board Members plan on attending at this time and the Superintendent plans to attend as well.
  - 7.3. Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) online voting instructions for Board of Director Elections to be completed by the December 31 deadline. Attachment: (1)
  - 7.4. Please complete Region 1 Joint Powers Board Election votes and ensure the Region 1 Office receives the ballots through the mail by December 29, 2023. Attachment: (1)

7.5. Schedule a Badger School Board Work Session inviting Baird Finance Team:

Topic: Financial talking points follow up; funding options to expedite Facilities Needs Improvement and Tax Impact Scenarios  
Strategies and/or Options for Annual Budget for Operational Expenses to address the downward deficit spending pattern and the shrinking fund balance reduction trend?  
When: First Choice: Wed., Dec. 20, 2023 as early as 5:45 p.m.  
Second Choice: Wed., Jan. 3, 2024 as early as 5:45 p.m.  
Who should be invited? Matthew Rantapaa of Baird Finance; possibly our LTFM Long-Term Facilities Management Plan consultant Jason Splett?

7.6. School Board *Organizational Meeting* scheduled for January 8, 2024

Description: Minnesota Statute requires the School Board to elect its officers for the new calendar year at its first regular meeting in January. The first regular meeting in January is sometimes referred to as an *Organizational Meeting*.  
M.S. 123B.14 states, "On the first Monday of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, (i.e., next Board meeting in January 2024) the board must meet and

7.7. Superintendent

7.7.a. Miscellaneous Items to Report by Superintendent Attachments: (4)

7.8. Dean of Students

7.8.a. Badger National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony Banquet held on Thurs., November 14  
New Inductees (listed in alphabetical order): Aidan Carpenter, Landon Christianson, Taylor Davy, Julia Dostal and Bethanie VonEnde

Current Returning Members (listed in alphabetical order): Jordan Davy, Arianna Grugal, Ada Lee, Jordan Lee, Macy Majer, Ashton Pickhartz and Amelia Wilt

7.8.b. Subsection 32 Instrumental and Vocal Solo Contests results from Thursday, November 16 which were held at Lake of the Woods-Baudette School:

Peyton Lee, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Freshman, Soprano, Excellent Rating

Adysen Gregerson, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Freshman, Mezzo Soprano, Superior Rating

Emily Burkel, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Sophomore, Soprano, Superior Rating and

Outstanding Performance Award

Tryg Olson, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Sophomore, Bass, Superior Rating

Aidan Carpenter, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior, Bass, Superior Rating. Aidan also performed on the trumpet and earned a Superior Rating

Jordan Davy, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Senior, performed on the clarinet, Superior Rating

Arianna Grugal, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Senior, Soprano, Superior Rating

7.8.c. Juniors Bethanie Vonende and Masen Swenson are the Badger nominees for the 2023-2024 ExCEL Award (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership).

7.8.d. Senior Jordan Lee is the Badger High School's AAA Award Winner (Academics, Arts, and Athletics)

7.8.e. Student Enrollment Report as of December 5; please see attachment Attachment: (1)

7.8.f. Winter Sports Participation Numbers thus far; please see attachment Attachment: (1)

7.8.g. Dates of Interest; please see attachment Attachment: (1)

8. Reports

8.1. Accept Cash Report: A motion was made by Member Swenson to accept the Cash Report through November 30, 2023, subject to audit. The motion seconded by Member Olson. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; U.C. Attachment: (1)

8.2. Accept November Donations (THANK YOU): A motion was made by Member VonEnde to accept the donations listed below. The motion seconded by Member Dostal. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; U.C.  
Donations: \$100 to National Honor Society (NHS) from Jeff & Bobbi Jenson Attachment: (1)

9. Proposed Resolutions

9.1. Approve Resolution to Designate Polling Place if any school election(s) necessary in 2024:

A motion was made by Member VonEnde, the motion seconded by Member Davy to approve the:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES FOR MULTIPLE PRECINCTS AND DESIGNATING HOURS DURING WHICH THE POLLING PLACES WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VOTING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.676, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. Each combined polling place must be a polling place that has been designated for use as a polling place by a county or municipality. The following

combined polling places are established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election in the calendar year following the adoption of this resolution: (Set forth each combined polling place explaining which precincts are being served, such as:)

Combined Polling Place: **Badger Community Center**  
**111 North Main St**  
**Badger, MN 56714**

This combined polling place serves all territories in Independent School District No. 676 located in the following Precincts:

• <b>Badger</b>	• <b>Barnett Township</b>	• <b>Dieter Township</b>
• <b>Huss Township</b>	• <b>Moose Township</b>	• <b>Nereson Township</b>
• <b>Pohlitz Township</b>	• <b>Poplar Grove Township</b>	• <b>Ross Township</b>
• <b>Skagen Township</b>	• <b>Stafford Township</b>	• <b>Stokes Township</b>

located in Roseau County, Minnesota.

Note: See Section 2.3.2 of the Election Manual regarding changing polling places in the case of an emergency or if the polling place is no longer available.

\*3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

Note: See Section 3.6 of the Election Manual regarding certain restrictions on voting hours.

3. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system.

Note - (If a combined polling place is changed, the change must be adopted at least ninety (90) days prior to the first election where it will be used unless that polling place has become unavailable for use.)

Note: This resolution must be adopted by December 31 of each year, and the combined polling places specified shall be the combined polling places for the following calendar year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of Independent School District No. 676 Badger, Minnesota

Adopted this eleventh (11) day of December, 2023.

Yes Roll Call Vote: Yes=Member Davy, Yes=Member Dostal, Yes=Member Isane,  
Yes=Member Olson, Yes=Member Swenson and Yes=Member VonEnde

No Roll Call Vote: No=None; Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; U.C.

- 9.2. 2023 Payable 2024 School Tax Levy: A motion was made by Member Dostal to approve the certification of the final amount to be levied in 2023 to be collected in 2024 is set at \$512,805.57 which is the maximum levy limitation amount. The motion seconded by Member Olson. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; U.C.  
Description: The amount of \$512,805.57 represents the overall school tax levy increasing by \$98,806.42 or +23.87% change compared to the previous year. Attachments: (2)
- 9.3. WBWF: A motion was made by Member Olson to adopt the 2022-2023 World's Best Workforce Report for submission to MDE. The motion seconded by Member Swenson. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; U.C.  
Attachment: (1)
- 9.4. Amendment to 2023-2024 e-Learning Plan: A motion was made by Member Swenson to approve the amended e-Learning Plan for 2023-2024 school year as presented. The motion seconded by Member VonEnde. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; U.C. Attachments: (3)  
Description: Please refer to the grey-highlighted text in the enclosed attachment. One teacher per grade level designated to streamline attendance procedures on e-Learning Days. Original 2023-2024 e-Learning Plan was approved at the Regular July 10, 2023 Badger School Board Meeting, agenda item #9.5
- 9.5. Advertise for Head of Buildings and Grounds Position: A motion was made by Member VonEnde to approve advertising for a Head of Buildings and Grounds position. The motion seconded by Member Olson. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; U.C. Attachment: (1)  
Description: Vacancy due to resignation. The School District may wish to explore restructuring roles, combining roles with other Department Heads or other schools while adverting for candidates and accepting applications.
- 9.6. Advertise for Long Term Substitute Teacher: A motion was made by Member Davy to approve advertising for a Long

Term Substitute for Special Education Teacher beginning during the week of March 4-8, 2024 and teaching through Friday, May 24, 2024 for approximately 58 teacher contract days (subject to change). The motion seconded by Member Olson. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; **U.C.**

- 9.7. Begin Advertising for next year's Special Education Teachers: A motion was made by Member Olson to approve advertising for SY2024-2025 Special Education Teachers. The motions seconded by Member Dostal. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; **U.C.**

Description: ISD 676 currently employs two Special Education Teachers for one-year contracts, which is the maximum duration allowed by PESLB of MDE with an 'Out-of-Field Permission' (OFP) previously known as variance or community expert.

Communications/Upcoming Meetings:	Wednesday, December 20, 2023	6:00 p.m. Board Work Session
	Wednesday, January 3, 2024	6:00 p.m. Board Work Session
	Monday, January 8, 2024	7:30 p.m. School Board Meeting ~ regular second-Monday pattern

10. Adjourn: Recommended motion: Member VonEnde moved to adjourn at 8:37 P.M. The motion seconded by Member Davy. Discussion (none); 6-Yes, 0-No vote; **U.C. = motion carried unanimously.**

Cari Dostal, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Jamie Isane, Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

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