

Regular School Board Meeting, March 24, 2025

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, March 24, 2025, in the Media Center and via Zoom. Chair Andy Lindow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ben Hass, Andy Lindow, Karrin Lindow, Dave McGee, Jennifer McNamee, Aimee Plumley and student representatives Annabelle Bolster and Grace McNamee.

Motion by Dave McGee, second by Aimee Plumley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dave McGee, second by Ben Hass to approve the financial reports as presented by Superintendent Parks with a cash balance at the end of February of \$1,760,700.11. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of \$179,719.62. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben Hass, second by Jen McNamee to approve the following consent agenda items: donations as follows -

2nd Grade

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| Itasca-Mantrap Operation Roundup | \$1,395.00 |
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Ag Club - FFA

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| EHCFD | 1,000.00 |
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Robotics

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| Barb Lester | 50.00 |
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| Lona Theede | 75.00 |
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| Milica Stanfel | 100.00 |
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Softball

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| Wilkening Fireplace, In Memory of Michael O'Rourke | 200.00 |
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for a total of \$2,820.00; minutes of the regular school board meeting held February 24, 2025; School Board Policies 501 - School Weapons Policy, 503 - Student Attendance, and 504 - Student Dress and Appearance; work agreement with Kathy Gorecki as a cook, effective March 24, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Aimee Plumley to approve an amendment to the master professional services agreement with Teleteachers (dba MIYO Health) reflecting an increase in the contract ceiling maximum from \$65,000.00 to \$105,000.00 to cover services rendered by both an occupational therapist and school psychologist effective March 18, 2025. On a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Karrin Lindow to approve a resolution to canvas the results of the referendum on April 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the superintendent's office. On a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Lindow presented the Review and Comment analysis statement on behalf of the Board, from the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education, reading the proposed project as follows: "The Nevis School District ISD 308 is proposing a

single referendum question that would authorize \$41.55 million in bonding authority to finance the following facility improvements: preferred maintenance building system upgrades that would include HVAC, electrical, and roofing, interior renovations remodeled would include updating and resizing to high school, special education, 6th grade, and choir classrooms. It would include district office improvements for space, special education and security, and repurposing the existing 1957 gymnasium for kitchen and cafeteria, theater, and custodial storage areas. Additions that would include career and tech ed classrooms, additional general purpose classrooms, learning commons, student break out areas, auxiliary gymnasium for physical education classes and a fitness center. Like projects, they would include bus pickup and drop off with a parking lot, playground equipment and moving an athletic sight complex with new baseball and softball fields, a football field and a track. Following the Minnesota Department of Education's analysis of the documentation provided in the Review and Comment, the Nevis School District received a positive Review and Comment from the MDE Commissioner of Education." No comments regarding this statement were received from those in attendance.

Student representatives Annabelle Bolster and Grace McNamee reported the Student Council sponsored blood drive held March 7 had 27 of the 36 appointments filled with 8 first time donors. The varsity boys basketball team place 4th at the State Basketball Tournament held March 20-22. The Robotics team competed at the Great Northern Regional in Grand Forks, North Dakota March 13-16 and will travel to Kenner, Louisiana for the Bayou Regional March 31-April 6. Varsity track and softball practices started March 10 with golf and baseball scheduled to start March 24. And, juniors will be taking the ACT test March 25.

Reports given by Board members included attendance at a recent AIPAC meeting with plans in progress for the spring banquet scheduled for May 7 at 6:00 p.m. A community dinner was held at Bethany Lutheran Church March 19 with ICS presenting proposed plans for the building project to those in attendance. The first track meet of the year will be held indoors at Bemidji State University March 25 with 30 athletes planning to participate. MSBA is spearheading the superintendent search. The five finalists selected will be interviewed April 2 and 3. Second interviews will be scheduled April 7. The final decision will be made by April 14.

Principal Michaelson's report included FCCLA members will be traveling to Minneapolis for the State Star Events competition April 28-29. The MSHSL Art Festival is scheduled for April 2 at Bemidji State University. MCA Science Test will be given to students in grades 5, 8 and 10 April 8. A 2-hour late start for staff development is April 9. The Nevis State

Knowledge Bowl team will compete April 10-11 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. The MCA Math test is scheduled for April 15-16 for students in grades 3-8 and 11. Large group vocal and instrumental music contest will be held at Bemidji State University April 16. There is no school April 18 and 21. Students in grade 3-8 and 10 will take the MCA Reading Test April 23-24. And, mid-quarter 4 is April 24.

Superintendent Parks gave credit to recent successes of the Nevis athletic and academic teams. The school and community are enjoying the success of the kids. Voting for the bond referendum is coming up April 8 with polls open from noon-8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Karrin Lindow to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Plumley, Clerk