

School Board Minutes  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 191  
October 22, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chair Alt at 6:30 p.m. The meeting took place in person at the Diamondhead Education Center, 200 West Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville, MN and via electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13.D.021.

Call to Order

Members present: Currier, Chester, Hume, Miller, Schatz, and Chair Alt. Others in attendance were Superintendent Battle, Student Representative Addisu, administrators, and staff.

Attendance

Alt welcomed the audience and asked Miller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moved by Schatz, seconded by Miller, to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (6,0 with Currier, Hume, Miller, Schatz Alt, and Chester voting in favor and none voting against).

Agenda

Received a report about the District Equity Plan from Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent, and Imina Oftedahl, director of curriculum, instruction and assessment.

Reports

Received an update from Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent about District 191's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), respectively.

Received committee reports from Chester on behalf of the Policy Review Committee, Hume on behalf of the Legislative Committee, and Alt on behalf of the Student Performance and Achievement Committee. Currier reported about AMSD, ISD 917 and the Burnsville Hall of Fame.

Received a report from Alt about the Board Self Evaluation.

Moved by Chester, seconded by Hume, to approve the consent agenda:

Consent Agenda

-Approve minutes of the regular board meeting on October 8, 2020.

Minutes

-Approve personnel recommendations for Hodan Ibrahim, Jessica Scott, Linda Hey, Angela Gislason, Astrid Sandoval Martinez, Brenda Becker, Hodan Ibrahim, Marcy Casler, Naoual Benzahra, and Michele Curtis.

Personnel

-Adopt a resolution to approve and accept donations as presented.

Donations

-Approve August payroll checks in the net amount of \$3,883,926.04, August claims to date, wire transfers and adjustments totaling \$7,093,877.49. Accept August receipts of \$16,327,131.13 and investments for the General Fund & 2015A School Building Bonds and OPEB of \$57,262,139.88 as of August 31, 2020.

Checks, Claims,  
Receipts and  
Investments

Budget Analysis

-Accept the Budget Analysis for the month ending August 31, 2020.  
-Approve non-substantive changes to Policy 602: *Organization of School Calendar and School Day*.  
-Approve scheduling a Board retreat on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for Board planning and development.  
-Approve appointing and/or assigning Scott Hume to the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA), Lesley Chester to the Legislative Committee, DeeDee Currier to the Negotiations Committee and Darcy Schatz to Neill Elementary.  
A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (6,0 with Hume, Miller, Schatz Alt, Chester and Currier voting in favor and none voting against).

Policies

Moved by Schatz, seconded by Hume, to adopt the following resolution establishing the procedure to fill a school board director vacancy by appointment.

Board  
Appointment  
Procedure

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Board of Education due to the resignation of Jen Holweger; and  
WHEREAS, a vacancy exists, in the office of school board director, with a term expiring the first Monday of January, 2023, and,  
WHEREAS, the vacancy occurs after the last day to file affidavits of candidacy for the next school district general election; and  
WHEREAS, more than two years remain in the unexpired term.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Independent School

District No. 191, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board will appoint an individual to serve in the vacant director's position until a successor is qualified at a special election.
2. The Board of Education will accept applications from individuals interested in filling the vacant director's position beginning on October 23, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. and ending on November 6, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
3. The appointment will be evidenced by a resolution adopted by the Board of Education and entered into the School Board minutes and will continue until a special election is held under Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09, Subd. 5.
4. The appointee will be sworn in as a director of the Independent School District No. 191 Board of Directors during a regular business meeting of the Board to be held on January 14, 2021.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously after discussion (6,0 with Miller, Schatz Alt, Chester, Currier, and Hume voting in favor and none voting against).

Moved by Hume, seconded by Miller, to adopt the formal resolution approving the Open Facilities Action Plan and Authorizing Administration to Proceed with Next Steps for Possible Sale/Lease of Open Facilities of ISD 191.

Open Facility  
Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District

#191, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District 191, intends to seek special legislation by the Minnesota Legislature to provide that notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.51, subdivisions 4 and 6, proceeds of the sale or lease of current school facilities or land may be transferred into the general undesignated fund to the full extent permitted under federal tax law and associated U.S. Treasury regulations. It is understood that no land and/or building sales or lease agreement shall be executed by the District before legislation authorizing such a transfer has been approved.
2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.51, Subdivisions 3 and 4, land and buildings will not be sold or leased to organizations that would compete with One91 for enrollment or funding, or that would operate in any way that would interfere with the educational programs taking place on such property.
3. The proposed open facilities action plan encompasses the following:
  - a) Marion W. Savage Elementary (MWS) and Sioux Trail Elementary (ST) will continue to be used as ISD 191 childcare facilities as long as COVID impacts our ability to group and transport ISD 191 students. Once COVID is no longer a consideration, we will actively work to find noncompetitive partners for a lease arrangement of these facilities.
  - b) River Ridge Education Center will continue to house BEST until a purchaser for the facility is found and a sales agreement is negotiated and executed, at which time BEST will move to Diamondhead Center (DEC).
  - c) Subject to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.51, subdivisions 3 and 4 and federal tax regulations, District administration may lease some or all space at Metcalf Middle School (MMS) to noncompetitive partner organizations with an understanding that such leases will terminate at such time as the School Board of Independent School District 191 agrees to sell the land and building of MMS.
  - d) Up to 4 acres of land at DEC may be sold after special legislation has been adopted as discussed in paragraph 1 above.
4. The Board hereby approves the open facilities action plan as presented to the Board. District staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the implementation of the open facilities action plan, including without limitation pursuing special legislation substantially as described in this resolution, subject to approval by the Board of any special laws approved by the State Legislature as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021, and further subject to approval by the Board of any contract for the sale or lease of any District facility or land contemplated in this resolution.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously with discussion (6, 0 with Miller, Schatz Alt, Chester, Currier, and Hume voting in favor and none voting against).

Moved by Schatz, seconded by Currier, to approve, on a first reading basis, changes to Policy 522: *Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance*

Policy 522

Procedure and Process. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (6, 0 with Miller, Schatz Alt, Chester, Currier, and Hume voting in favor and none voting against).

The meeting adjourned to a workshop at 7:32 p.m. The workshop started at 7:37 p.m. The purpose of the workshop was to review the draft of the Strategic Plan Dashboard, receive a report about PreK-12 Pathways Roll Out, and Board Vacancy Planning. The workshop adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Adjourn to a workshop

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DeeDee Currier, clerk

November 12, 2020

Date Approved

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