

Regular School Board Meeting, March 18, 2024

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, March 18, 2024, 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 Andy Lindow, Karrin Lindow, Dave McGee, Jennifer McNamee, Aimee Plumley, Tara Wolff, and student representatives Annabelle Bolster, Ethan Buckholtz, and Grace McNamee.

Motion by Jen McNamee, second by Aimee Plumley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Tara Wolff to approve the financial reports as presented by Superintendent Parks with a cash balance at the end of February of \$1,660,161.58. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of \$125,669.03. Motion carried unanimously. There was a difference of \$150.00 from what was reported due to the receipt of an insurance payment.

Motion by Aimee Plumley, second by Dave McGee to approve the following consent agenda items: donations as follows -

Baseball/Softball Scoreboard

NEI Bottling	\$ 8,000.00
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Meals

Elizabeth Terwee	\$ 100.00
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Robotics

Nevis Lions Club	\$ 1,000.00
Nevis Volunteer Firepersons	3,000.00
Donors Choose	887.00

Technology

Arvig Enterprise	\$ 1,413.00
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Yearbook

L&M Fleet Supply	\$ 50.00
TruStar Federal Credit Union	100.00
Rypkema Operations	100.00
Northwoods Bank	100.00
Nevis Lumber	100.00
Red River Event Center	50.00
Flour Chicks Bakery	100.00
Cathy Hahn	100.00

for a total of \$15,100.00; minutes of the regular school board meeting held February 26, 2024; 2024-2025 School Calendar; 2024-2025 Early Childhood School Calendar; resignation of Paul Schroeder as Head Girls Basketball Coach effective March 18, 2024; independent contract for Tom Haldeman as Bookkeeper for the District effective May 1, 2024; spring coaches as follows:

Olaf Netteberg	Head Golf
Jake Upton	Assistant Golf
Lindsay Johnson	Head Softball
Stacey Offerdahl	Assistant Softball

Scott Kramer	Junior High Softball
Mackenzzy King	Junior High Softball
Larry Franck	Head Baseball
Shawn Klimek	Assistant Baseball
Evan Benson	Junior High Baseball
Bill Dent	Junior High Baseball
Kevin Longtin	Head Track
Stacy Feder	Assistant Track
Madysen Nelson	Assistant Track;

and the final reading of School Board Policies:

102	Equal Educational Opportunity
201	Legal Status of the School Board
205	Open Meetings and Closed Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously. Chair Lindow and Superintendent Parks, on behalf of the Board, expressed thanks to Paul Schroeder for his dedication as the coach of the varsity girls basketball team and all he has done for the success of the program.

Student Representatives Annabelle Bolster, Ethan Buckholtz, and Grace McNamee updated the board regarding recent activities. Snow Days was held the week of February 26-March 1 with activities held throughout the week - dress up days, BINGO, scooterball, and a semi-formal dance. A blood drive was held March 1 with 27 donors (3 first time donors) and 29 blood products collected. Grace McNamee received the MSHSL State ExCEL Award at the girls basketball State tournament March 16. FFA will provide child care during parent-teacher conferences March 18-19 with a petting area to include puppies, cats, chickens and lambs. The varsity boys basketball team is the Section 5A champions and are headed to the State tournament March 21-23. Ten students will be traveling to Spain with Spanish instructor, Beth Durgin, March 23-April 6.

Board members reported attending the pre-meeting listening session, chaperoning the Snow Days dance, and treasurer training. ICS will be providing staff results from the long-term facilities assessment April 17 after students are dismissed for an early out at 1:15 p.m. and to community members later that evening at 7:00 p.m.

Principal Michaelson reported elementary students in grades K-5 reached their reading goal during Read Across America with a total of 106,198 minutes read. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held March 18-19. There will be no school March 23-31 for spring break. FFA will travel to Grand Rapids for a forestry competition March 26. The MCA Science test will be given to students in grades 5, 8, and 10 April 3. Robotics Team 3102 competes at the Granite City Regional in St. Cloud April 5-7. The ACT Test will be administered to juniors April 9. FCCLA competes at State April 7-8. Students in grade 3-8 and 11 will be taking the MCA Math test April 16-17 and the MCA Reading Test will be given to students in grades 3-8 and 10 April 23-24.

And, there will be an early out at 1:15 for students in grades PreK-12 April 17.

Certified staff, Olaf Netteberg reported the Robotics team competed at the Arkansas Regional finishing 4th overall. The team has the possibility of qualifying for State which will be held May 4 at the University of Minnesota Williams Arena. He also presented information from Mrs. Carrier regarding book club. She gave accolades to Beagle and Wolf Books and Bindery in Park Rapids for working with her to pick up the cost of books for the last month's session and consistently giving her discounts on purchases.

Superintendent Parks' report to the Board included working on strategies for communication with ICS to create branding and a Facebook page as a means of moving forward with information to the community. District secretary, Amanda Holte will also be instrumental in assisting with this. The district had no employees lose time on the job due to injuries this past year - no workman's compensation claims.

Motion by Dave McGee, second by Tara Wolff to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Plumley, Clerk