

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22
BECKER AND OTTERTAIL COUNTIES, DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA 56501**

**Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2026, 5:30 PM
City Hall ~ 1025 Roosevelt Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN, 56501**

Present: John Steffl, Mary Rotter, Michelle Okeson, Sanford Nelson, Michael Walther, Julie Smith-Yliniem

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board Chair Steffl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mary to amend the agenda and remove Consent Item B seconded by Walther, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Donations were made by the following:

- \$130 from Bell Bank Custom Card Program to Detroit Lakes Public Schools.
- \$250 from Stellher Human Services to Target group for guest speakers.

A presentation was given by Emily Sternberg.

A motion was made by Okeson, seconded by Rotter, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting.
- B. Approve K-12 Computer Checks #712054-712287 a total of \$851,061.28. Approve Wire Transfers #16822-16829, #16909-16914, #16923-16926, #17050-17097, #17107-17125, and #17130-17131, in the amount of \$1,892,724.81. Approve Net Payroll Transfers on 3/13/26 and 3/30/26 in the amount of \$1,466,348.82 for a total of \$4,210,141.91.
- C. Approve Personnel Agenda Items
- ~~D. Approve Professional Services Agreement between ISD #22 and ICS/Rapp Strategies~~
- E. Approve the Adult Education Lease Agreement with CC&I Engineering (Perham)
- F. Approve Spring Coaches

Discussion was had on the following:

- First Reading of Policies:
 - a. 602 - ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL DAY
 - b. 603 - CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
 - c. 604 - INSTRUCTIONAL CURRICULUM
 - d. 605 - ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 - e. 606 - TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
 - f. 607 - ORGANIZATION OF GRADE LEVELS
 - g. 609 - RELIGION
 - h. 610 - FIELD TRIPS

Superintendent Jenson reported on happenings in the School District.

Board Treasurer Okeson gave an update on the Finance Committee, Wellness Committee and SUP Coalition.

Board Director Nelson gave an update on the District Advisory Committee.

Board Vice Chair gave an update on the ECFE Advisory and BCCI.

Board Chair Steffl gave an update on the Transportation Committee and announced upcoming meetings and events.

A motion was made by Walther to adjourn the meeting at 6:10, seconded by Rotter. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith-Yliniemi, Clerk

PERSONNEL AGENDA

April 27, 2026

1) **Resignations:**

Brian Deitchler– Middle School Behavior Interventionist, effective June 30, 2026.

Caiden Edwards– Middle School Custodian, effective April 10, 2026.

Kenny Hemenway– Rossman Custodian, effective April 15, 2026.

Julie Smith– Rossman Para, effective April 27, 2026.

Jay Sorensen– ALC Independent Study Instructor, effective August 1, 2026.

Heidi Voz– 0.5 ALC Art Teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

2) **Retirements:**

Fran Rethwisch– ECFE/School Readiness Coordinator and Parent Educator, effective June 30, 2026.

4) **Appointments:**

Abby Becker– High School Administrative Assistant, at the rate of \$19.00 per hour working 40 hours per week, effective March 30, 2026.

Christina Bergeron– E-Laker Long Term Substitute, at the rate of \$30 per hour working 5 hours per week, effective April 13, 2026 through May 22, 2026.

Nelaina Daggett– Rossman Special Education Teacher, at the rate of BA+40 Step 2 or a contract amount of \$54,432 per year, effective August 25, 2026.

Jay DeCann– Activities Director, at the rate of \$112,000 per year, working 230 days per year, effective July 1, 2026.

Summer Dobratz– Rossman First Grade Teacher, at the rate of BA Step 7 or a contract amount of \$53,350 per year, effective August 25, 2026.

Kevin Drotts– Middle School Sci/Tech Teacher, at the rate of MA+30 Step 9 or a contract amount of \$71,487 per year, effective August 17, 2026.

Luca Engen– Middle School Custodian, working 40 hours per week, at the rate of \$20.70 per hour plus \$1.00 per hour differential, effective April 20, 2026.

Reilley Fawcett– Middle School Softball Coach, at the rate of \$2,056.41 per season, effective March 30, 2026.

Dannika George– Roosevelt ECFE/School Readiness Teacher, working 39.75 hours per week, at the rate of \$37.37 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

Noelle Gunderson– Roosevelt Music Teacher, at the rate of BA Step 1 or a contract amount of \$46,498 per year, effective August 17, 2026.

Kenny Hemenway– Rossman Custodian, at the rate of \$20.70 per hour plus \$1.00 per

hour differential, working 40 hours per week, effective April 14, 2026.

Rayna Jorgerson– Roosevelt 1st Grade Teacher, at the rate of BA Step 7 or a contract amount of \$53,350 per year, effective July 1, 2026.

William Kvebak– 9th Grade Track Coach, at the rate of \$3,145.98 per season, effective March 25, 2026.

Abby Nagel– Roosevelt 5th Grade Teacher, at the rate of BA Step 1 or a contract amount of \$46,498 per year, effective August 17, 2026.

Monika Nelson– Roosevelt Special Education Teacher, at the rate of MA+10 Step 12 or a contract amount of \$73,619, effective August 25, 2026.

Heidi Swenson– Roosevelt 0.8 Interventionist, at the rate of BA+30 Step 2 or a contract amount of \$52,644 per year, effective August 25, 2026.

Kayla Thorp– Rossman Special Education Teacher, at the rate of BA+10 Step 5 or a contract amount of \$52,457 per year, effective August 25, 2026

Kora Torkelson– Middle School Softball Coach, at the rate of \$2,056.41 per season, effective March 30, 2026.

5) **Sixth Period Pay:**

Lisa Ito– High School Chemistry Teacher is requesting sixth period pay for the second semester.

6) **Leave of Absence:**

Jean Alder– Rossman ECFE Para is requesting a leave of absence from April 2, 2026 through April 30, 2026.

7) **Terminations:**

Rachael Anderson– Rossman Para, effective April 2, 2026.

Sueann Lee– Rossman Custodian, effective April 9, 2026.

8.) **Amended Assignments:**

Natalie Neal: is amending her assignment from 9th grade Volleyball Coach to JV V volleyball Coach, effective April 13, 2026.

Fletcher Nelson– is amending his assignment from JV Volleyball Coach to Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective April 13, 2026.

Jennifer Olson– is amending her assignment from 1.0 5th Grade Teacher to 0.8 Interventionist, effective August 25, 2026.