

September 29, 2025

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 698 met in regular session on Monday, September 29, 2025 in the media center. Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A virtual Zoom option was available.

Board members present at roll call were: Leanaya Miller, Tanya Johnson, Kellee Young, Dave Rohde, and Tracy Hutchinson. Also present: Superintendent Sue Hoeft, Principal Amanda Fjeld, Business Manager Haley Walsh and Administrative Assistant Ashley Engh. One member of the public join via zoom and one in person.

Motion by Hutchinson, seconded by Rohde, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jen Chapman from Ehlers presented information on the Levy and Bond Timeline. December 8, 2025 working session will be changed to a Special Meeting to accommodate necessary action pertaining to the bonds.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rohde, to approve the Consent Agenda including the following agenda items: Minutes of the August 18, 2025 regular meeting, September 15, 2025 Special Meeting, September 22, 2025 Special Meeting, August 18, 2025 Facilities Committee Meeting, September 13, 2025 Activities Committee Meeting and donation from Clothing Etc for \$250.00 toward the PBIS fund. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Sue Johnson, Community Education, Frank Bartsch, Activities Director, Amanda Fjeld, Principal, Allyn Clark, Facilities Manager, and Sue Hoeft, Superintendent reports to the board were reviewed.

Motion by Hutchinson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the August monthly claims and accounts and Cash Flow report (payroll totalling \$137,883.29, AP totalling \$60,735.91 and Cash Flow dated August 31, 2025) all of which can be found in the official district minutes book. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The September 2025 Board Budget update was reviewed.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Young, to approve the updated fees to align with MDE minimums for meals. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Young, seconded by Rohde, to set the preliminary tax levy for taxes payable in 2026, certifying the preliminary level at maximum. Truth in Taxation Meeting is set for Monday, December 15th, 2025, 6:00pm, in the Floodwood School Media Center. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Hutchinson, seconded by Young, to deny the request from Local 70 to voluntarily allow the district Facilities Manager position duties that align with the custodian contract to move to the union contract under a Lead Custodian classification. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Rohde, seconded by Young, to approve the revised Business Manager/Payroll Clerk Job Description. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Rodhe, seconded by Johnson to postpone approval on At Will contract for Haley Walsh, Business Manager/Payroll Clerk for FY26. In favor: Miller, Young, Johnson, Rohde. Opposed: Hutchinson. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hutchinson, to approve the rehire of Sarah Phillips Educational Assistant, 1 FTE for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Rohde, seconded by Johnson, to accept the resignation of Dylan Eldridge, High School Math Teacher, effective December 15, 2025, or sooner if an acceptable replacement is hired. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Rohde, seconded by Young, to approve the Tier 1 License renewal for Joseph Skripsky, CTE/Industrial Arts Teacher for 2025-2026 school year, contingent upon ability to obtain Tier 1 Licensure renewal. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rohde, to approve the Schedule C assignment sheets Haley Richards and Alexa Ruzynski for the shared Student Council Advisor position for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Review took place of policies requiring every 3 year review without changes: Policies: 901, 902, 903 and 907.

Motion by Rohde, seconded by Hutchinson, to approve the non substantial local changes to Policy 213. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Recognition was given to Alexa Ruzynski for her successful efforts to institute the new technology insurance and distribution process for the 2025-2026 school year.

September is Minnesota School Board Recognition Month. Thank you for your continued work to provide leadership for the Floodwood School District.

Upcoming meetings were announced.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rohde, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair Miller declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41PM.

NOTE: Minutes unofficial subject to school board approval.