

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Deb Ulm on the **6th day of May 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in the District Center Board Room.

Roll Call: Members Present: Melissa Lynch, Deb Ulm, Dawn Bourdeaux, Jennifer Super, Scott Bowman, and Eric Strandberg. Members Absent: Eric Minks.

Others present: Superintendent Ben Barton, and Director of Business Services Michelle Czech.

Student Showcase: The K-12 art teachers invited students to present their artwork for display in the District Center.

Citizen Comments None

REPORTS

Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended.

Eric Strandberg Superintendent Interviews

Scott Bowman Superintendent Interviews; Negotiations; Community Task Force

Melissa Lynch Superintendent Interviews; Tiger Care Meeting; Tiger Community Connections Meeting; Finance Committee; Years of Service Lunch

Jennifer Super Superintendent Interviews; Community Task Force; Tiger Community Connections; Years of Service Lunch

Deb Ulm Superintendent Interviews; Tiger Care Meeting; Tiger Community Connection Meeting; Finance Committee; SAFF Executive Board Meeting; Agenda Planning

Student Council Report: None

Superintendent Report: Future Superintendent Pat Devine was in the district today. The legislative breakfast was an event to be proud of, and our students really represented our district well. The district is hosting a state of the district meeting with the Princeton Chamber group next week. Today was the first staff Years of Service

lunch, and tomorrow is the school board scholars banquet. We will discuss setting a meeting to have the community task force present their recommendation to the board. District has performed a special education audit to gather information with the intent of providing the best service to students, because the number of students with an IEP is higher than ever.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Scott Bowman, **to approve the agenda as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Jennifer Super, **to approve the April 15th regular meeting minutes, the April 16th closed meeting minutes, and the April 23rd closed meeting minutes as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Scott Bowman, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to approve the consent agenda as presented.** Motion passed unanimously. Personnel, bills, gifts, grants, and fundraisers were approved.

INFORMATION

The board started their information session at 6:40 p.m. The items discussed were:

- Set Special Meeting for Task Force Recommendation

ACTION

District Land Sale

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Jennifer Super, **to accept the Purchase Agreement for the sale of district vacant land as presented.** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Eric Strandberg, Scott Bowman, Dawn Bourdeaux, Melissa Lynch, Jennifer Super, and Deb Ulm. Against: none. Motion passed 6:0.

Rum River Revised Joint Powers Agreement

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Scott Bowman, **to accept the Resolution Relating to Adoptions of a Joint Powers Agreement for Construction and Maintenance of a Cooperative Facility and the Financing Thereof; Approving Parameters for the Award of a Lease Purchase Agreement and the Sale of Certificates of Participation Therein, as presented.** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Scott Bowman, Dawn Bourdeaux, Melissa Lynch, Jennifer Super, Deb Ulm, and

Eric Strandberg. Against: none. Motion passed 6:0.

Rum River Facilities JPA

Motion made by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Jennifer Super, ***to accept the Joint Powers Agreement for Construction and Maintenance of Cooperative Facilities as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

MS Parking Lot Bid

Motion made by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Dawn Bourdeaux, ***to accept the bid from OMG Midwest, Inc. dba Minnesota Paving & Materials for the middle school parking lot project as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

Milk Bid

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Scott Bowman, ***to accept the milk bid from Kemps as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent

Motion made by Scott Bowman, seconded by Jennifer Super, ***to accept the contract naming Patrick Devine as Superintendent of Princeton Public Schools as presented.*** Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Activities Advisory Committee - Apr 3, 2:00pm

Agenda Planning - Apr 10, 12:00pm

Legislative Breakfast - Apr 14, 9:00am

Finance Committee - Apr 15, 4:30pm

Work Session - Apr 15, 6:00pm

ADJOURN

Motion made by Dawn Bourdeaux, seconded by Eric Strandberg, ***to adjourn the meeting.*** Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Deb Ulm

Melissa Lynch

Recorder- Emily McKinnon