

Call to Order

The work session of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Board Chair Deb Ulm on the **18th day of February 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** in the District Center Board Room and virtual via zoom from alternative location.

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

Others present: Superintendent Ben Barton, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, and Student Council Representative Ellie Lynch.

STUDENT SHOWCASE: Calvin Schmock presented information about the American Indian Education program and recent events.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

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

Eric Strandberg None

Scott Bowman Task Force Meeting; Board Mentoring

Dawn Bourdeaux Task Force Meeting; Agenda Planning; Board Mentoring

Melissa Lynch Public Engagement Committee; Task Force Meeting; MSBA Officer’s Workshop

Jennifer Super Task Force Meeting; Public Engagement Committee

Eric Minks None

Deb Ulm SEE Membership Meeting; Chamber Meeting; Task Force Meeting; Agenda Planning; Public Engagement Committee

Student Council Report: The high school collected over 60 gallons of pop tabs. The prom committee has started their planning. Some students attended the recent task force meeting and thought it went well.

Superintendent Report:

There was no school today due to extreme cold weather, which affects student safety and operability of the buses. The task force completed their pre-schedule meetings, and the next step is to build awareness of the work the task force has done, and to plan next steps towards a recommendation to the board. The Public Engagement is planning a day at the capital to meet with legislators, and perhaps a breakfast for legislators and local governmental officials to come to Princeton.

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 Eric Strandberg, **to approve the February 4 board meeting minutes as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The board started their information session at 6:18 p.m. The items discussed were:

INFORMATION

- Student Services Update
- 2025-26 School Calendar
- American Indian Concurrence

ACTION

Revised Budget

Motion made by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Melissa Lynch, **to accept the revised 2024-25 budget as presented.** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Eric Minks, Eric Strandberg, Scott Bowman, Dawn Bourdeaux, Deb Ulm, Melissa Lynch, and Jennifer Super. Opposed: None. Motion passed 7:0.

Senior 62+ Admission

Motion made by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Eric Minks, **to set the cost of senior (aged 62 and up) admission with a valid ID to district athletic events, excluding**

hockey games, tournaments, and fine arts, to zero cost. Motion passed unanimously.

Second Reading of Policy

Motion made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Scott Bowman, **to accept the second reading of policy as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA- None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tiger Community Connections - Feb 27, 7:30am

Agenda Planning - Feb 27, 12:00pm

Finance Committee - Mar 4, 4:30pm

Regular Meeting - Mar 4, 6:00pm

ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Jennifer Super, **to adjourn the meeting.** Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Deb Ulm

Melissa Lynch

Recorder- Emily McKinnon