

**Board of Education  
Independent School District 200  
Hastings, Minnesota**

An Organizational Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 200, Hastings, Minnesota, was held on Monday, January 6th, 2025 at the Hastings Middle School Media Center.

The meeting was called to order by School Board Chairperson Carrie Tate at 6:00 pm.

The following board members were present: Matt Bruns, Jessica Dressely, Melissa Millner, Carrie Tate, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, and Mark Zuzek. Roll call attendance was taken by Melissa Millner. Superintendent Champa was also present. Philip Biermaier was absent.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Matt Bruns. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 18th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and the December 18th, 2024 Special Board Meeting was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Melissa Millner. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the election of officers to the School Board. The first office was Chairperson of the Board.

1st Nominee: Carrie Tate	Nominated by Jessica Dressely
2nd Nominee: Mark Zuzek	Nominated by Mark Zuzek

With no further nominations, the vote was as follows:

Voting for Carrie Tate:	4 - Jessica Dressely, Melissa Millner, Carrie Tate, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine
Voting for Mark Zuzek:	2 - Matt Bruns, Mark Zuzek

Having received the majority of votes, Carrie Tate was named as the Chairperson for the School Board of Independent School District No. 200 for 2025.

The next position open for election was the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

1st Nominee: Jessica Dressely	Nominated by Mark Zuzek
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With no further nominations, the vote was as follows:

Voting for Jessica Dressely:	6 - Matt Bruns, Jessica Dressely, Melissa Millner, Carrie Tate, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, Mark Zuzek
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Having received the majority of votes, Jessica Dressely was named as the Vice-Chairperson for the School Board of Independent School District No. 200 for 2025.

The next position open for election was the position of Clerk of the Board.

1st Nominee: Melissa Millner	Nominated by Jessica Dressely
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With no further nominations, the vote was as follows:

Voting for Melissa Millner: 6 - Matt Bruns, Jessica Dressely, Melissa Millner,  
Carrie Tate, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, Mark Zuzek

Having received the majority of the votes, Melissa Millner was named as the Clerk for the School Board of Independent School District No. 200 for 2025.

The next position open for election was the position of Treasurer.

1st Nominee: Mark Zuzek Nominated by: Jessica Dressely

With no further nominations the vote was as follows:

Voting for Mark Zuzek: 6 - Matt Bruns, Jessica Dressely, Melissa Millner,  
Carrie Tate, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, Mark Zuzek

Having received the majority of the votes, Mark Zuzek was named as the Treasurer for the School Board of Independent School District No. 200 for 2025.

Chairperson Tate recognized the visitors in the room and those viewing remotely.

The Board moved to items for discussion beginning with updates to the Board Handbook, Committee & Liaison Committees, including discussion about combining Facilities and Finance Committees with Joint Powers Committee, and discussing the standing practice of rescheduling meetings due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances to the next business day, same time, same location.

A motion to approve the 2025 School Board calendar as presented was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to establish the Hastings Journal as the official district publication was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Mark Zuzek. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the Combined Polling Places Resolution as written, waiving the reading was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Matt Bruns. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to authorize the Superintendent or designee to perform the official responsibilities of the Clerk and Treasurer was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Melissa Millner. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to establish the 2025 board member compensation as follows: Board Chair \$4,750/year and Board Directors \$4,250/year was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Jessica Dressely. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Melissa Millner to approve the official district depositories as indicated:

Merchants Bank	General Receipts
Vermillion State Bank, Hastings/Vermillion	Activity Accounts
Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund/PFM Asset Management	Payroll & Finance Accounts, Section 125 Flex Account
State Board of Investment	OPEB PERA Plan
US Bank	QSCB Escrow Account

With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to designate the Superintendent, Director of Finance and Operations, Finance Supervisor and Payroll/Benefits Supervisor to make electronic funds transfers was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Mark Zuzek. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Bruns and seconded by Melissa Millner to approve the Employee Recognition Dollar amounts for the 2024-2025 school year as indicated:

5 years	\$30
10 years	\$50
20 years	\$50
30 years	\$60
40 years	\$100
45 years	\$150

With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the designation of capital asset thresholds \$10,000 for individual items and \$50,000 for group purchases was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Jessica Dressely. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to delegate authority to the Superintendent and Director of Finance and Operations to sign contracts and enter into agreements in accordance with MN Statute 471.345 was made by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine and seconded by Jessica Dressely. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to delegate authority to the Superintendent and Director of Finance and Operations to enter into Joint Powers Purchasing Agreements was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Melissa Millner. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to designate the Superintendent to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) and the Director of Technology to act as the IOwA to add and remove names only for Hastings Public School District 0200-01 was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Jessica Dressely. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve Kennedy & Graven, P.A.; Ratwik, Roszak, & Maloney, P.A.; and Squires, & Waldspurger, & Mace, P.A. as district's designated legal counsel was made by Melissa Millner and seconded by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve LB Carlson as district's auditor was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve facsimile signatures from the Board Chair, Board Treasurer, and Board Clerk on school district checks was made by Matt Bruns and seconded by Jessica Dressely. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve committees as follows: Community Collaboration; Facilities, Finance and Joint Powers; Policy; and Student Board Member was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Melissa Millner. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place establishing details about these committees.

A motion to approve standing liaison positions was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to have no additional committees or liaisons was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Mark Zuzek. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the standing process of public comment during the board meeting and motion to not vote annually on this process was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Melissa Millner. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to designate Mark Zuzek as the Board Liaison with ISD917, noting it is a 3 year term, was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Jessica Dressely. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to designate Jenny Wiederholt-Pine as the Board representative with the Minnesota State High School League was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Melissa Millner. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to designate Matt Bruns as the Board Liaison with AMSD, and Mark Zuzek as backup was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to designate Jessica Dressely as the Board Liaison with BrightWorks was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Mark Zuzek. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to designate Matt Bruns as Board Liaison with NAPAC (Native American Parent Advisory Committee) and Jessica Dressely as backup was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the organizational meeting business, a work session was held with presentations about Bus Transportation, Solar for Schools, and the Superintendent Evaluation Summary.

Future meetings were presented and discussed by Chair Tate.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Melissa Millner. With 6 ayes, 0 nays, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.