



Independent School District 761
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 24, 2025 5:30 PM

Charles S Crandall Center
Chambers
540 West Hills Circle
Owatonna, MN 55060

- I. Call to Order
Present: Elizabeth Hedlund, Timothy Jensen, Ron Kubicek, Jolayne Mohs, Mark Sebring, Andrea Van Gelder, Lori Weisenburger

Also present were Superintendent Jeff Elstad and Student Representatives Ayoub Farah and Erin Baker (*arrived at 5:38 PM*).
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Jensen, second by Mohs that the agenda be approved as presented.
AYE Unanimous
Motion carried.
- IV. Mission Moment
Superintendent Elstad recognized Instructional Coaches Katie Demmer, Joanne Harmsen, Lori Pierret, and Sami Nelson for the ways they support learning and for inspiring excellence in every learner, every day.
- V. Public Forum
Roger Wacek spoke about learning opportunities.
- VI. Reports
 - VI.A. Bond Pre-Sale Report
Matt Hammer from Ehlers provided a bond pre-sale report.
- VII. Item(s): General Information
 - VII.A. Enrollment Report
- VIII. Item(s): For Discussion - No Action Required by the Board
 - VIII.A. Board Forum
 - VIII.A.1. School Board Committee Meeting Reports
 - VIII.A.2. School Board Work Session Report
 - VIII.A.3. Policy Revisions (*First Reading*)
 - VIII.B. Administrative Report

VIII.B.1. American Indian Education (*Equity/High Quality Teaching & Learning*)

Director of Teaching and Learning Julie Sullivan spoke about American Indian Education, the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee meeting, and the vote of concurrence.

IX. Consent Agenda: Board Action Requested

Motion by Mohs, second by Van Gelder that the Board approve the consent agenda.

Roll call vote: All voted in favor

Motion carried.

IX.A. Minutes from January 27, 2025

IX.B. Disbursement Report

IX.C. Personnel Report

X. Item(s): Board Action Requested

X.A. Policy Revisions (*Second Reading/Consideration for Approval*)

Motion by Mohs, second by Hedlund that the Board pull policies 601 and 606.5 for a separate approval process.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

Motion by Sebring, second by Jensen to approve policies 601 and 606.5.

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NAY 1 (Hedlund)

Motion carried.

Motion by Mohs, second by Weisenburger that the Board approve policies 418, 603, 604, 609, 613, 606, 619, and 707 as presented.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

X.B. Achievement and Integration Plan (*Equity*)

Motion by Mohs, second by Jensen that the Board approve the Achievement and Integration plan as presented.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

X.C. Resolution to Make Recommendations for Reductions (*High Quality Teaching & Learning*)

Motion by Jensen, second by Mohs that the Board approve the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

X.D. 2026-2027 School Calendar (*21st Century Learners*)

Motion by Weisenburger, second by Mohs that the Board approve the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

X.E. Gifts to the District

Motion by Mohs, second by Jensen that the Board approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts as presented.

Roll call vote: All voted in favor

Motion carried.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Sebring, second by Mohs that the School Board meeting be adjourned.

AYE Unanimous

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Timothy Jensen, School Board Clerk

Approval date: March 24, 2025