

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**St. Cloud Area School District 742**  
**St. Cloud, Minnesota**  
**November 20, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Education of St. Cloud Area School District 742 was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the District Administration Office, 1201 South 2nd Street, Waite Park, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Shannon Haws (following *Community Input*) with the following Board Members present: Scott Andreasen, Natalie Copeland (Ringsmuth), Al Dahlgren, Zach Dorholt, Shannon Haws, Monica Segura-Schwartz, Heather Weems.

**I. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Moved by Andreasen, seconded by Copeland to approve the Board Meeting agenda.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Haws, Segura-Schwartz, Weems. Motion carried.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Board member Copeland to remove Item D. Acceptance of Grant Awards/Donations from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Andreasen, seconded by Copeland to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C and E-J:

Approve the minutes from meetings on October 2, 2024, October 16, 2024, and November 13, 2024.

Approval of Bills and other Financial Transactions in the grand total amount of \$8,377,715.14.

Approve the following personnel changes pursuant to relevant laws and appropriate provisions of negotiated agreements between the Board of Education and exclusive representatives. For new hires, the indicated rates are consistent with current negotiated agreements and Board approved rates of pay. All rates/salaries listed do not include fringe benefits.

**LICENSED STAFF**

**New Hire**

Carrie Vossen, Tier 2 ESCE Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective November 15, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane BA+20, Pay Level 4 (128 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$40,286.79.

Ohnica Melenich, Tier 3 SPED DAPE Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective October 23, 2024 through December 6, 2024, Lane BA, Pay Level 2 (33.5 days of a .40 FTE contract) with a salary of \$3,559.40.

Angela Mixell, Tier 1 Hourly Tutor, Talahi Community School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly rate of \$40.00.

Joleen Koopman, Tier 4 PT ABE Instructor, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly rate of \$40.00.

### **Rehire**

Kristin Sowada, Tier 4 Grade 5 Teacher, Kennedy Community School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$90,362. Ms. Sowada is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Catherine Maland, Tier 4 Adult Basic Education Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 4 (.53 FTE of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$40,219.05. Ms. Maland is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Steven Kline, Tier 4 Media Specialist, South Junior High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$90,362. Mr. Kline is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Tara Kline, Tier 4 SPED LD Teacher, Cathedral High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$90,362. Ms. Kline is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

David Shelstad, Tier 4 Counselor, North Junior High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$90,362. Mr. Shelstad is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Doreen Bohm, Tier 4 SPED Vision Impaired Teacher, District Wide, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a .60 FTE contract) with a salary of \$54,217.20. Ms. Bohm is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Catherine Thompson, Tier 4 SPED DAPE Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective October 14, 2024 through January 21, 2025, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (62.5

days of a .50 FTE contract) with a salary of \$15,263.85. Ms. Thompson is returning for this assignment after retirement.

Julie Keller, Tier 4 Chinese EL Teacher, Madison Elementary School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a .60 FTE contract) with a salary of \$54,217.20. Ms. Keller is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Ellen Jahnke, Tier 4 Counselor, Discovery Community School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+30, Pay Level 8 (185 days of a .60 FTE of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$48,029.40. Ms. Jahnke is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Jean Motschke, Tier 4 Early Childhood Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective August 26, 2024 through November 26, 2024, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (65 days of a .20 FTE contract) with a salary of \$6,349.76. Ms. Motschke is returning for this assignment after retirement.

Laurel Schoborg, Tier 4 Student Services Coordinator, District Administration Office, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 8 (185 days of a .60 FTE of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$50,065.20. Ms. Schoborg is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Paul Bates, Tier 4 Physical Education Teacher, Oak Hill Community School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 11 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$90,362. Mr. Bates is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Steven Hansen, Tier 4 SPED LD Teacher, Apollo High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, Lane MA+40, Pay Level 8 (185 days of a full-time contract) with a salary of \$83,442. Mr. Hansen is returning for a one-year assignment after retirement.

Cathy Clem, Tier 4 Hourly Tutor, Talahi Community School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year, at an hourly rate of \$40.00. Ms. Clem is returning for this one-year assignment after retirement.

### **Extended Contract**

Theresa Kotsmith, SPED EBD Teacher, Kennedy Community School, effective November 4, 2024 through December 13, 2024, Lane BA+10, Pay Level 2 (.1 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Kotsmith's salary for this assignment will be \$824.87.

Scott Skaalerud, SPED LD Teacher, Kennedy Community School, effective November 4, 2024 through December 13, 2024, Lane MA, Pay Level 10 (.2 FTE of a full-time contract). Mr. Skaalerud's salary for this assignment will be \$2,313.76.

Hayley Erdman, SPED EBD Teacher, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective October 28, 2024 through the 2024-2025 school year, Lane BA+30, Pay Level 7 (.1 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Erdman's salary for this assignment will be \$5,057.95.

Pamela Waage, Nurse, Cathedral High School, effective October 15, 2024 through November 8, 2024, Lane MA, Pay Level 11 (.2 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Waage's salary for this assignment will be \$1,441.01.

Geri Daniel, SPED EBD Teacher, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective October 28, 2024 through the 2024-2025 school year, Lane BA, Pay Level 6 (.1 FTE of a full-time contract). Ms. Daniel's salary for this assignment will be \$4,229.71.

Chad Emery, SPED EBD Teacher, Kennedy Community School, effective November 4, 2024 through December 13, 2024, Lane MA+20, Pay Level 11 (.1 FTE of a full-time contract). Mr. Emery's salary for this assignment will be \$1,297.12.

### **Leave of Absence**

Jacque Reeves, SPED Learning Disability Teacher, Oak Hill Community School, effective December 2, 2024 through January 13, 2025.

Debra Jokela, Principal, Oak Hill Community School, effective December 3, 2024 through January 30, 2025.

### **Resignation**

Jennifer Antoine, ECSE Teacher, Quarryview Education Center, effective November 7, 2024.

### **Retirement**

Mary Schramel, Science Teacher, Newport Academy, effective December 20, 2024, after 4 years of service in District 742.

## **NON-LICENSED STAFF**

### **New Hire**

Sierra Villanueva, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Madison Elementary School, effective November 7, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Kai Milliamne, Bus Driver, District Services Building, effective November 11, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$20.43.

Alec Johns, Kitchen Helper, Madison Elementary School, effective November 12, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$16.49.

Mohamed Ali, Van Driver, District Services Building, effective November 11, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$17.37.

Ramla Abi, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Westwood Elementary School, effective November 11, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Fardosa Mohamed, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Westwood Elementary School, effective November 7, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Elizabeth Hennen, Visual Communications Specialist, District Administration Office, effective November 14, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$22.50.

Amina Shariff, Kitchen Helper, Tech High School, effective November 11, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$16.49.

Gena Troppman, Behavior Resource Specialist, Journey and Roosevelt Education Center, effective November 11, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$27.50.

Janine Renslow, Behavior Instruction Paraeducator, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective October 31, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$20.50.

Marisol Angulo Sanchez, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Lincoln Elementary School, effective November 11, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

Marissa Martins, Behavior Resource Specialist, Talahi Community School, effective November 7, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$26.00.

Jordanai Treuber, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Talahi Community School, effective October 3, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$18.50.

### **Rehire**

Lucinda Hudson, Kitchen Helper, Talahi Community School, effective September 2, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$16.49.

### **Leave of Absence**

Sarah Torelli, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Tech High School, effective October 7, 2024 through December 2, 2024.

Alta Jonessian, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Talahi Community School, effective October 21, 2024 through January 8, 2025.

Antionette Lee, Family Advocate Specialist, Lincoln and Madison Elementary Schools and Talahi Community School, effective April 1, 2025 through September 2025.

Asha Ali, Student Support Paraeducator, Discovery Community School, effective October 16, 2024 through January 2, 2025.

Asma Said, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Talahi Community School, effective October 20, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

### **Resignation**

Virginia Bloksberg, Kitchen Facilitator, Talahi Community School, effective November 12, 2024.

Sierra Villanueva, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Madison Elementary School, effective November 7, 2024.

Emma Sutton, Early Childhood SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Madison Elementary School, effective December 20, 2024.

Stacy Prendergast, Clerical Class III (12-Month), District Administration Office, effective September 3, 2024.

Helena McDaniel, SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Madison Elementary School, effective January 10, 2025.

Shannon Ludwig, Level IV Advanced SPED Instructional Paraeducator, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective October 30, 2024.

Hassan Omar, Literacy Accountability Assistant, Quarryview Education Center, effective October 1, 2024.

Natasha Sufka, Behavior Instruction Paraeducator, SCSU C02 Program, effective November 15, 2024.

### **Termination**

Janine Renslow, Behavior Instruction Paraeducator, Katherine Johnson Education Center, effective November 11, 2024.

Lucinda Hudson, Kitchen Helper, Talahi Community School, effective November 8, 2024.

Approve the Apollo LTFM Improvements Change Orders with MCI, Inc. in the amount of +\$1,462.50, El-Jay Plumbing & Heating in the amount of +\$47,974.00, and Floor to Ceiling in the amount of +\$6,270.00, for a grand total amount of +\$55,706.50.

Approve the McKinley Addition and Renovation Project Change Order with Precise Plumbing & Heating in the amount of +\$4,525.00.

Approve the Apollo Theater Improvements Change Orders with Design Electric in the amount of +\$5,259.37 and H21 Group in the amount of +\$1,164.00, for a grand total amount of +\$6,423.37.

Approve Board Policy 202 – School Board Officers (*with minor changes*).

Approve Board Policy 402 – Disability Nondiscrimination Policy (*with legal reference changes*).

Approve Board Policy 404 – Employment Background Checks (*with legal reference changes*).

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Haws, Segura-Schwartz, Weems. Motion carried.

Moved by Dahlgren, seconded by Andreasen to approve Consent Agenda Item D.

Board Member Copeland recused herself from Consent Agenda Item D, Acceptance of Grant Awards and Donations.

The Administration recommends acceptance of the following grant awards and donations:

1. Donations to Apollo High School:

- \$500 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund of Central MN Community Foundation for Orchestra Classrooms
- \$812 from Shamrock Leathers, Inc. for Chicago Music Trip
- \$1,200 from Apollo Connection for the Apollo Connection Scholarship
- \$1,775 from Central MN Community Foundation for the Wellness Center
- \$1,500 from Central MN Community Foundation for the Kimberly Ann Ritsche Memorial Scholarship
- \$2,000 from James and Kathleen Parsons for the Emmett and Agnes Thomas Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund of Central MN Community Foundation for the Bev Williams Memorial Scholarship

2. Donations to Clearview Elementary School:

- \$865.38 from Quanex Foundation for Back-to-School Drive
- \$3.00 from Casey’s General Store for Loyalty Rewards
- \$822.39 from Coborn’s for More Rewards

3. Donation to Katherine Johnson Education Center:

- \$705 from The Granite City Lumberjacks, Inc. for Student Activities

4. Donations to Kennedy Community School:
  - \$500 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund of Central MN Community Foundation for Orchestra Classrooms
  - \$244.67 from Henry ESP of Foley LLC for student needs
5. Donations to Madison Elementary School:
  - \$35 from Impacks, Inc for student needs
  - \$55.74 from Raising Cane's for Grade 5 Field Trip to Great Theater
6. Donation to North Junior High School:
  - \$500 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund of Central MN Community Foundation for Orchestra Classrooms
7. Donations to South Junior High School:
  - \$500 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund of Central MN Community Foundation for Orchestra Classrooms
  - \$500 from District 742 LEAF for Orchestra Supplies
  - Cannonball Tenor Saxophone from Denae Juntunen for student use in band
8. Donations to Talahi Community School:
  - \$472.75 from Coborn's for More Rewards
  - \$442.96 from Spiritwear Direct for staff or student use
  - \$50 from Impacks, Inc for staff or student use
9. Donations to Tech High School:
  - \$500 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund of Central MN Community Foundation for Orchestra Classrooms
  - \$3,000 from Shari Pretzer for the 2025 Wallace Pretzer Memorial Scholarships
  - \$2,000 from Tech Alumni Association for the Trap Team
  - \$1,000 from Eckblad Williams Community Fund of Central MN Community Foundation for the Tiffany Haugen Memorial Scholarship
10. Donations to Transitional Services Program:
  - Clothing, coats, boots, gloves, hats, mittens and jewelry from Stearns Bank
  - School supplies: notebooks, folders, markers, glue sticks, glue bottles, crayons, pencil sharpeners, binder and erasers from American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202
  - \$1,000 from Leighton Enterprises Inc

On roll call, the following voted "aye": Andreasen, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Haws, Segura-Schwartz, Weems. Abstained: Copeland. Motion carried 6-0.

### **III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **A. Tech High School Presentation**



Principal Molly Kensy provided an overview of Tech High School including the Continuous Improvement Plan objectives and four pillars of Sense of Belonging, Collaboration, Safety, and Excellence.

Sense of Belonging – Included an activity “I Wish My Teacher Knew” of student’s learning preferences, personal challenges, effort, hard work, and unique interests. Building relationships, implementing strategies, and conducting restorative circles. Goal setting for Trimester 1 included goals of academic excellence, class performance, timely completion of work, graduation and beyond. Celebrations, connections, and student voice.

Collaboration – Collective efficacy by learning together with one another. Professional learning opportunities with district leaders and community partners with student leadership team, teacher leader facilitation, student success time, Building Assets and Reducing Risks (BARR), Professional Learning Teams (PLT), and utilizing staff feedback to modify professional development.

Academic Safety – Tiger Time 30 minutes a day, 4 days a week can include credit recovery, retakes, reteaching, enrichment, student groups, and study hall.

Excellence: High Expectations and High Supports – Curriculum and advanced course offerings, future ready learners prepared for post-secondary, FAFSA and post-secondary plans, and career focused real world experiences.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. (ACTION ITEM) – Audit Report**

Nancy Schulzetenberg with the accounting firm of BerganKDV, Ltd. presented the 2023-2024 audit report.

Moved by Dahlgren, seconded by Andreasen to approve the 2023-2024 audit report.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Haws, Segura-Schwartz, Weems. Motion carried.

##### **B. (ACTION ITEM) – New High School Course Proposals**

Dr. Jason Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, and Hillary Johnson, Director of Secondary Education, reviewed the process for course proposals as well as updates on courses approved for the last two years. They also shared the courses that were approved and courses being sunsetted for 2025-26.

Moved by Copeland, seconded by Weems to approve the new courses for the 2025-26 school year.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Haws, Segura-Schwartz, Weems. Motion carried.

C. (ACTION ITEM) – Approve Resolution Relating to the Issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds and Calling a Special Election Thereon

Superintendent Laurie Putnam provided a summary outlining the Apollo High School Facilities Bond Referendum presented at the last business meeting on November 6, 2024 with Apollo High School Principal Justin Skaalerud.

Moved by Dahlgren, seconded by Andreasen to approve the Resolution Relating to the Issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds and Calling a Special Election Thereon.

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES RELATING TO RESOLUTION  
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION  
SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND CALLING  
A SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON**

Issuer: Independent School District No. 742 (St. Cloud Area Schools)

Minnesota Governing Body: School Board

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A regular meeting, held on November 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., held at the District Administration Office.

Members present:

Members absent:

Documents Attached: Minutes of said meeting (including):

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer this \_\_\_\_ day of November 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
School District Clerk

Member \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board (the “Board”) of Independent School District No. 742 (St. Cloud Area Schools), Minnesota (the “School District”) as follows:

1. The Board has investigated the facts and does hereby find, determine and declare that it is necessary and expedient to issue its general obligation school building bonds of the School District, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,000,000, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, the construction of a safe and secure controlled entrance, the construction of a storm shelter in accordance with new building codes, additional fire and life safety updates, expansion of the kitchen and serving area, and renovations to improve career and technical education, music, art, and science classrooms at Apollo High School.

The question on the approval of this issuance of bonds shall be School District Ballot Question 1 on the School District ballot at a special election to be held to approve said authorization.

2. The Board has investigated the facts and does hereby find, determine and declare that it is necessary and expedient to issue general obligation school building bonds of the School District, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, the construction of an indoor multipurpose athletic facility for district educational and community use at the Apollo High School site.

The question on the approval of this issuance of bonds shall be School District Ballot Question 2 on the School District ballot at a special election to be held to approve said authorization. The passage of School District Ballot Question 2 shall be contingent on the passage of School District Ballot Question 1.

3. The projects described in paragraph 1 and 2 hereof shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Education of the State of Minnesota for Review and Comment. The Board’s determination to hold the special election to authorize the issuance of the bonds is contingent upon receiving a favorable Review and Comment. When the Commissioner’s favorable Review and Comment is received, the Clerk is authorized and directed to publish this favorable Review and Comment in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District not less than forty-eight (48) nor more than seventy (70) days prior to the special election date.

The actions of the School District's administration in consulting with the Minnesota Department of Education, for the Commissioner's Review and Comment and taking such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended, are hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

The Board must hold a public meeting to discuss the Commissioner's Review and Comment before the referendum for bonds.

4. The ballot questions of issuing said bonds of the School District (subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph 3 above) shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, between the hours of 7 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m. This date is a uniform election date specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.05.
5. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the School District which have been established by the governing bodies located in whole or in part within the School District.
6. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to: (a) cause written notice of the special election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the School District is located, in whole or in part, at least eighty-four (84) days before the date of the special election; (b) cause written notice of the special election to be provided to the Commissioner of Education at least seventy-four (74) days prior to the date of the special election; (c) cause written notice of the special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least ten (10) days before the date of the special election; (d) cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted at the combined polling place on election day (note - the sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot); (e) if applicable, cause written notice of the special election to be sent by nonforwardable first class mail to every affected household in the District with at least one registered voter at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the special election; and (f) cause written notice of the special election to be published in the official newspaper of the School District once each week for at least two consecutive weeks, with the last publication being at least one week prior to the date of the special election.

The Notice of Special Election shall be prepared in substantially the following form, with such changes as may be approved by the Superintendent of the School District:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NO. 742 (ST. CLOUD AREA SCHOOLS) MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 742 (St. Cloud Area Schools), Minnesota (the “School District”), on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1  
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS**

Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 742 (St. Cloud Area Schools), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, the construction of a safe and secure controlled entrance, the construction of a storm shelter in accordance with new building codes, additional fire and life safety updates, expansion of the kitchen and serving area, and renovations to improve career and technical education, music, art, and science classrooms at Apollo High School?

**BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION,  
YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 2  
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS**

If School District Ballot Question 1 is approved, shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 742 (St. Cloud Area Schools), Minnesota be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, the construction of an indoor multipurpose athletic facility for district educational and community use at the Apollo High School site?

**BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION,  
YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Haws, Segura-Schwartz, Weems. Motion carried.

**D. (DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM) – Approve 2025 Board of Education Legislative Platform**

Board member Zach Dorholt presented an updated draft of the 2025 Board of Education Legislative Platform. Board member discussion included making some additional minor changes. Board members Weems and Segura-Schwartz will send suggested wording to Board member Dorholt to include in his final document.

Moved by Dahlgren, seconded by Weems to approve the 2025 Board of Education Legislative Platform with suggested word changes.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Haws, Segura-Schwartz, Weems. Motion carried.

Board member Dahlgren brought up the three Resolutions the School Board submitted to the MSBA Delegate Conference earlier this fall. While looking through the handbook of the resolutions, MSBA noted passage of the first two: #1 – Redesigning Education for the Age of AI and #2 – Legislative Action Increasing the Legislative Per Pupil Funding Limit. Board member Dahlgren was not able to find any information about #3 – Legislative Action Requiring the Legislature to Fund a Study into Charter Schools. It may still be in MSBA’s current book from last year.

E. (ACTION ITEM) – Set Date and Agenda for Board Retreat

Board member Scott Andreasen, Chair of the Board Development, Policy and Governance Committee, presented details of the Board Retreat on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at Tech High School from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with recommended agenda items: (1) South side schools enrollment and space, (2) MCA impact and alternatives, (3) Disproportionality, safety, and school climate, (4) Social media and cell phone education and district administrative procedure, and (5) Board committee assignments.

Moved by Dahlgren, seconded by Haws to approve the date and agenda for the Board Retreat on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at Tech High School.

On roll call, the following voted “aye”: Andreasen, Copeland, Dahlgren, Dorholt, Haws, Segura-Schwartz, Weems. Motion carried.

F. (DISCUSSION ITEM) - Proposed Revised Board Policy 606 – Textbooks and Instructional Materials (Second Reading)

Gary Ganje, Executive Director of Special Projects, reviewed Proposed Revised Board Policy 606 – Textbooks and Instructional Materials for a second reading. There were no suggested changes. This policy will be on the consent agenda at the December 4, 2024 Board of Education Meeting for a third and final reading with a request for approval.

G. Proposed New Board Policy 606.5 – Library Materials (Second Reading)

Gary Ganje, Executive Director of Special Projects, reviewed Proposed Revised Board Policy 606.5 - Library Materials for a second reading. There were no suggested changes. This policy will be on the consent agenda at the December 4, 2024 Board of Education Meeting for a third and final reading with a request for approval.

V. REPORTS

## A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Laurie Putnam provided an update on events around the district including recognizing the generosity of this community. The Wedum Foundation for a donation of \$30,000 to purchase Computer Science and Generative AI curriculum from the Center for Curriculum Redesign. Stearns Bank partnering with Aldi donated \$16,000 to St. Cloud Area School District's transitional services program to ensure that over 250 students experiencing home and food insecurity receive meals over the upcoming holiday. Jules Bistro is spearheading a community fundraiser in partnership with the Greater St. Cloud Safety Foundation, Shop with a Cop and Fund a Need. Finally, LEAF raised funds through the Leaf Learning Renaissance and Adopt a Classrooms.

## B. Board of Education Standing Committee Reports

1. Natalie Copeland, Chair of the Achievement, Integration and Equity Committee, noted the committee met today and discussed two topics: (1) Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness and the Achievement and Integration Plan and (2) Update on Literacy Efforts with LETRS and The Science of Reading. There is no meeting in December. The committee will reconvene in January.
2. Scott Andreasen, Chair of the Board Development, Policy and Governance Committee noted the committee met on November 13, 2024 and reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Board Retreat and the following policies: 202, 401, 402, 404, 405 with three of the policies 202, 402, and 404 on tonight's consent agenda.
3. Monica Segura-Schwartz, Chair of the Personnel Committee, noted the committee met yesterday on November 19, 2024, and reviewed three topics: (1) Progress report of Superintendent Putnam goals, (2) Information related to bargaining group representatives, and (3) Cancel the December committee meeting and reconvene in January.
4. Al Dahlgren, Chair of the Finance Committee noted the committee met last Friday November 15, 2024 and Nancy Schulzetenberg with the accounting firm of BerganKDV, Ltd. presented the 2023-2024 audit report on tonight's agenda.

## VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Haws noted the December 4, 2024 Board Meeting/Work Session topics will include:

- Summary Reports for 2023-24 World's Best Work Force and Achievement and Integration Plans
- Approve the Date, Time and Location for the 2025 Board Reorganization Meeting

- Approve the Date, Time and Location for the first Board Meeting of 2025
- Schools Update
- Policy Readings
- Input Channels for Board Members

**VII. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING**

Moved by Copeland, seconded by Andreasen to adjourn the Board meeting.

All Board members stated “aye”. The Board meeting concluded at 9:22 p.m.

Zach Dorholt, Clerk

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