

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 622  
NORTH ST. PAUL-MAPLEWOOD-OAKDALE SCHOOLS  
ISD 622 EDUCATION CENTER

Regular Meeting  
SCHOOL BOARD  
JANUARY 28, 2025

Chair Yang called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following present: Chair Yang, Clerk Livingston, Treasurer Martens, Directors Nitardy, Swor and Yener, and Superintendent Tucci Osorio. Arriving at Vice Chair C. Anderson 6:06pm

Others present were: Andrew Beaton, Assistant Superintendent; Tricia St. Michaels, Assistant Superintendent; Josh Anderson, Director of Finance & Technology; Sara Guyette, Director of Operations; Bethany DeCent, Tartan principal; Kevin Wolff, North principal, Stephanie Goeken, 622 Online Principal; and May Her, Executive Assistant.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swor moved and Livingston seconded the following motion, which carried on a 5 – 0 vote:  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

During the Public Comment portion, Middaugh addressed the Board to offer assistance with focus groups and Janecheck addressed the Board regarding the district's cell phone policy.

(C. Anderson arrived.)

Livingston moved and C. Anderson seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 6 – 0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 622 that the following Consent Agenda Items, V.A. through V.H., be approved as written, and a copy of the agenda items is attached to the minutes.

North High Student Representative Goracki reported on the following: Goracki shared that currently it's spirit week for the winter formal. Past events included attending a student leadership conference and the choir competing at all conference. Upcoming events at North include NHS kindness week, the Black History Month showcase, and Valentine's Day fundraisers. Winter sports are winding down and she looks forward to softball and spring sports. Goracki also shared that she was accepted into Purdue.

Tartan High Student Representative Rodrigues reported on the following: Rodrigues is filling in for Ekereke who is playing in a basketball game, where Tartan currently has an

undefeated record. Other news included sophomore sign-up for DECA and BPA and that she was accepted into the PSEO program at Bethel.

DeCent, Wolff, and Goeken gave a report on a high and online school updates. They reviewed plans on achieving academic goals, focusing on improving attendance and supporting equity and inclusion.

Tucci Osorio's report included reviewing budget and staffing timelines.

Nitardy moved and C. Anderson seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 6 – 0 vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 622 that the School Board accept with appreciation the following contributions and permit their use as designated by the donors.

DONOR	AMOUNT/ITEM	PURPOSE
Darya Gemmel	5 pairs of snowpants	Warm clothes for students at recess
NSP, Maplewood, Oakdale Rotary Club	\$500.00	NHS Northern Lights Show Choir Support
Renew by Grewe Restoration	\$275.00	Dinner for teachers at John Glenn during winter conferences
Patricia Svendsen	\$300.00	\$100 each to Community Bridges, Meals on Wheels, and the Castle ML team
Katherine Langness	\$500.00	Gladstone Meals on Wheels
David Westman	\$100.00	Gladstone Meals on Wheels
Michael Testa	\$50.00	Gladstone Meals on Wheels
Helen Johns	\$10.00	Gladstone Meals on Wheels
Kathleen Torning	\$20.00	Gladstone Meals on Wheels
The Cleaning Authority, Maplewood	30 Coats, 6 pairs of snowpants, hats and mittens	To give students at Weaver warm clothes for the winter

Total fiscal year 2024-2025 monetary contributions: \$28,861

Livingston moved and Swor seconded the following resolution, which carried on a 6 – 0 vote:

**Resolution: Allocation of Restricted Construction Funds for the Expansion and Renovation of Covern Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the school district received voter approval on May 14, 2019, to utilize \$275 million in general obligation school building bonds for the betterment of school facilities as defined in the Ready for Tomorrow building plan; and

WHEREAS, the school district will have completed all projects associated with the Ready for Tomorrow building plan in fall of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the school district will be completing the 2023 master plan update work, including Webster Education Center and Harmony Learning Center renovations, in Fall of 2026; and

WHEREAS, by way of low interest bond sale rates, project cost savings, periods of low inflationary costs, and bond investment strategies, the school district has estimated a final school building bond balance of \$24.6 million to be spent per the original ballot question on the betterment of school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the school district has successful dual language immersion programs at two elementary schools and Cowern Elementary School has been identified for expansion and renovation to assist with providing additional space to balance district enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the district has identified the need to expand Cowern Elementary School with the expansion and capital needs to be funded with the remaining \$24.6 million school building bond fund balance; and

WHEREAS, through the district's Facility Condition Assessment (FCA) data, district administration has identified the need to replace and renovate infrastructure at Cowern Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the renovation work at Cowern Elementary School would be funded with up to \$16.5 million in future general obligation facilities maintenance bonds to be approved as part of the district's annual 10-year Long Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) plan, approved by the School Board and Minnesota's Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, the district has identified the most cost effective method of expansion and renovation is to undertake both types of construction work at same time, commencing with design planning in 2025 and construction in 2026 and 2027.

THEREFORE, the Director of Operations recommends the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District 622 approves the allocation of up to \$24.6 million in unspent general obligation school building bonds and up to \$16.5 million in future general obligation facilities maintenance bonds for the expansion and renovation of Cowern Elementary School beginning in 2025.

Yang asked board members to set the time, agenda and location for the February 8, 2025 Board Retreat. C. Anderson moved and Nitardy seconded the following motion, which carried on a 6 – 0 vote:

THAT the February 8, 2025 Board Retreat begin at 9:00 AM in the media center of Carver Elementary with the following agenda items: 1)Teambuilding and 2)Superintendent Check-In.

During Board Communications, the following items were shared:

- Livingston recognized an audience member, who is a district alum who has an interest in potentially serving on the School Board. She also shared she attended MSBA.
- C. Anderson also attended the MSBA conference and is looking forward to the upcoming board retreat.
- Yener shared her appreciation for the district newsletter, especially reading about all the successes throughout the District.
- Nitardy attended the MSBA conference and is thankful for the unity of this school board.
- Swor also attended the MSBA conference, learned more about school finance, and enjoyed both of the guest speakers.
- Yang welcomed Swor to the board.

Nitardy moved and Swor seconded the following motion, which carried:  
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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Clerk

Public notice for solicitation of bids, requests for quotes and requests for proposals are located on the ISD 622 website, [www.isd622.org](http://www.isd622.org).