

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT 917

A School Board Meeting of the Intermediate School District 917 School Board was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount, MN, in the Board Room.

Members Present: Lesley Chester, Tom Bennett, Lisa Ehleringer, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Kim Baker, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber, Mark Zuzek, and ex officio Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Favor.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Melissa Schaller, Brooke Peterson, Kate Hulse, Nicole Flesner, Melissa Torres, Mark Johns, Dr. Kristine Wehrkamp Herman (Superintendent ISD 200), and Sharita Baker (intern).

School Board Chair Tom Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:49 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted in the prior Board work session.

Motion by Lesley Chester, seconded by Kim Baker, to approve the agenda. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber, Mark Zuzek. Voting naye: none. Motion passed.

1. Motion by Hannah Simmons, seconded by Lisa Ehleringer, to approve the consent items, as presented. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber, Mark Zuzek. Voting naye: none. Motion passed.
 - **Minutes:** August 5, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting
 - **Personnel:**

NEW HIRES:

Julie Al-Rai, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Carolyn Arellano, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Gabrielle Brown, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Amariae English, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
David Fritze, School Counselor, effective August 19, 2025.
Anghosom Ghebreselassie, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Caitlin Garagiola, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Sarah Hannan, Mental Health Professional, effective August 19, 2025.
Faiza Hassan, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Caleb Hershey, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Wanda Hoppe-Wright, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Abidirazak Hussein, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Nasjah Johnson, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Kaliah Kelly, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Emma Krech, Mental Health Professional, effective August 19, 2025.
Cecilia Kintopf, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Danielle LaFrance-Warnke, Teacher, 0.75 FTE, effective August 19, 2025.
Azure Lambert, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Allen Layvontae, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Alicia Linscheid, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Libby Lorrón, School Social Worker, effective August 19, 2025.

Aysia Meyers, Sign Language Interpreter, effective August 28, 2025.
Jazmin Moore, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Heather Morgen, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Monica Nordby, Sign Language Interpreter, effective August 28, 2025.
Annie O'Neill, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Bethany Rademacher, School Counselor, effective August 19, 2025.
Chasity Rodriguez, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Stacey Rossow, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Casey Terry, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Robert Jacobson, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Aaron Ruikka, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Athen Schooler, Education Support Professional, effective August 26, 2025.
Yuele Sium, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
James Smith, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Zoe Smith, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Amy Solinger, Mental Health Professional, effective August 19, 2025.
Delaney Tatarka, Speech Language Pathologist, effective August 19, 2025.
Kadra Wardere, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Eric Williams, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Kaho Yusuf, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Samiya Yusuf, Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Elizabeth Zabawa, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Amy Zinz, Administrative Assistant, effective July 9, 2025.

RE-HIRES:

Dillion Eddy, Special Education Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.

CHANGE IN STATUS:

Rachel Aster, Education Support Professional to Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Britney Greeley, Education Support Professional, to Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Isabella Kranz, Temporary Work Assignment to School Psychologist, effective August 19, 2025.
Amy Hart, Education Support Professional to Teacher, effective August 19, 2025.
Rebecca Hennessey, Teacher to Education Support Professional, effective August 25, 2025.
Erin Mahnke, Assistant Principal to Teacher, effective August 25, 2025.
Deric Thames, Teacher to Education Support Professional, effective August 27, 2025.
Anjali Rao, Education Support Professional to Brailist, effective July 1, 2025.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

RESIGNATION & TERMINATIONS:

Katie Irby, Education Support Professional, effective August 26, 2025.
Samantha Ophus, Education Support Professional, effective August 4, 2025.
Kenzie Richards, Education Support Professional, effective August 22, 2025.

RETIREMENT:

- **Policies:** 501 Weapons; 524 Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy; 516 Student Medications and Telehealth; 556 Student Use of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Electronic Devices; 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy; 806 Safety Crisis Management.
2. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Byron Schwab, to approve the bills from July 31, 2025, to August 26, 2025, wire transfers, and investment report as presented. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber, Mark Zuzek. Voting naye: none. Motion passed.

3. Motion by Cindy Nordstrom, seconded by Kim Baker, to approve Dr. Michael Favor's 2025-2026 Superintendent Goals as presented. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber, Mark Zuzek. Voting naye: none. Motion passed.

Policies 516.5 Overdose Medication and 534 Student Meal Charges were read on a first reading basis.

4. Motion by Mark Zuzek, seconded by Byron Schwab to move to a Closed Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations. Voting aye: Lesley Chester, Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber, Mark Zuzek. Voting naye: none. Motion passed.

Roll Call: Lesley Chester, Tom Bennett, Kim Baker, Lisa Ehleringer, Cindy Nordstrom, Byron Schwab, Hannah Simmons, Monica Weber, Mark Zuzek, Dr. Michael Favor, Melissa Schaller, Mark Johns, and Melissa Torres.

Closed Session began at 5:53 PM.

Closed Session ended at 6:43 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Clerk