

OFFICIAL MINUTES: AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD**STUDY SESSION**

Independent School District No. 492

Monday, April 28, 2025 4:00 pm

District Administration Office Conference Room

401 Third Avenue NW, Austin, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carolyn Dube
Robert Hartman
Cece Kroc
Don Leathers
Carol McAlister
Peggy Young
Dan Zielke
Superintendent Dr. Joey Page

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEETING CALLED

TO ORDER: Chairperson Dube called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room at Austin High School.

AGENDA APPROVED: A motion was made by Young, seconded by Hartman and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as printed.

HORMEL ASSURANCE

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE: Career Pathway Coordinator Jane Carlson and Riverland Program Coordinator Taylor Flugge provided an overview of the Hormel Assurance Scholarship including the statistics of students participating in the scholarship program.

BENCHMARK SURVEY

RESULTS: Peter Leatherman from the Morris Leatherman Company shared the results of the recent community benchmark survey completed by their company over the last several weeks. Results showed considerable support for several facility improvements. Additional information regarding a possible bond referendum later this year will be brought forward for additional discussion.

REVIEW OF BOARD

PROCESSES: Gary Lee from the Minnesota School Boards Association led discussion on school board roles, processes and procedures.

DISTRICT CLIMATE:

Board members took turns sharing their thoughts on recent concerns being raised on district climate. It was decided there would be another opportunity to touch base on this topic at the next study session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Young, seconded by Kroc and carried unanimously to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Cece Kroc, Clerk