

UNAPPROVED Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Education

Foley ISD 51

Date: 1/27/2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Independent District No. 51, Foley, Minnesota, was called to order by Chair Patric Lewandowski at 5:30 pm, Monday, **1/27/2025**, at the Foley Intermediate School Media Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present: Sharon Kipka, Patric Lewandowski, Wayne Wilson, Stephanie Rudnitski, Alyssa Schumacher and Pamela Vizenor.

Board member absent: Nathan Anderson

Others present: Dr. Trish Perry, Erin Noska and Kelly Gorecki

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD

No comments were brought forth.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Motion by **Pamela Vizenor** to approve the adoption of the agenda- including the two tabletop items under the consent agenda., seconded by **Stephanie Rudnitski** and the motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Approval of routine business items: Pam Vizenor motioned to have the Legal bill pulled from the agenda for discussion. Sharon Kipka second the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Pamela Vizenor, Alyssa Schumacher, Sharon Kipka and Wayne Wilson favored the motion. Patric Lewandowski and Stephanie Rudnitski were against motion.

Motion by **Pamela Vizenor** to approve the meeting minutes from **1/15/2025**, board bills, with the exception of the Legal bill and the consent agenda items, including the retirement of Darwin Fleck and the request for a leave of absence from Jane Kotsmith (Tabletop items). Seconded by **Stephanie Rudnitski** and the motion carries unanimously. 6-0

Chair Patric Lewandowski continued the discussion about the Legal bills. Pamela Vizenor questioned the amount we have been spending. Sharon Kipka requested some oversight for what we use our legal services for. Stephanie Rudnitski informed the board the situation that Dr. Perry stepped into and there were multiple situations that required the District to reach out for legal advice. Chair Patric Lewandowski suggested that we discuss a process moving forward at the work session scheduled for the coming Wednesday scheduled worksession (1/29/2025). Dr. Perry did remind the board that some of the information on the bills is confidential due to data privacy. Patric Lewandowski reminded the board that the current process is the Chair and the Superintendent to discuss the legal matters. Pamela Vizenor is concerned regarding the spending of the tax dollars. Wayne Wilson reminded the board that we have to trust the Chairperson and our Superintendent, let them do their jobs. Pamela Vizenor told the group that trust is earned.

Patric Lewandowski motioned to add the approval of the Legal bills back onto the agenda, **Wayne Wilson** seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously. 6-0

Consent Agenda

1. Retirements-Resignations

- a. Child Nutrition-Lisa Walcheski resigns from her position as of 1/13/2025
- b. FIS EA- Natasha Girtz resigns from her position as of 1/27/2025
- c. FHS Teacher-Carleen DeMenge retires from her position after the 2024-25 school year.
- d. Varsity Assistant Softball Coach- Amanda Wojciechowski resigns from her position for the 2024-25 school year.
- e. Director of Buildings and Grounds- Darwin Fleck retires as of 4/30/2025 from his position.

2. Contracts/Adjustments/Position Change

a.

Contracts- New or changed	Individual	Notes	Pay Level/ Amn't
FES EA	Robyn Robinson	increase hours by 10 minutes per day	
Child Nutrition	Brenda Jacobson	Change in hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays- increase snack shop= 45 minutes per day.	
Van Driver	Pamela Chmielewski	Increased hours per day by 1 hour and 5 minutes, as of 1/13/2025	
Teacher/Compensatory Services	Rachel Ilstrup		\$51.74 per hour
Off-Staff Extra Curricular	Individual	Notes	Pay Level/ Amn't
Girls Assistant Wrestling Coach	Brandon Marschik		\$2,000.00

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4. Request for a leave of absence

- a. FES Teacher- Jane Kotsmith is requesting a leave of Absence- Extended leave, starting 2025-26 school year for 3 years.

5. Board Bills

Resolution for Accepting Gifts (Action) **RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTING GIFTS (Action)** A motion by **Pamela Vizenor** to accept the resolution for accepting gifts, seconded by **Sharon Kipka**. The motion carries unanimously, Vote 6-0.

Read Act update (Discussion)

Audit Presentation (Discussion/Action) Motion by **Pamela Vizenor** to approve Audit Presentation, seconded by **Sharon Kipka**. The motion carries unanimously.6-0

RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$13,800,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS, SERIES 2025A; AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE, AWARDED SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF (Action) A motion by **Wayne Wilson** to accept the RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$13,800,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS, SERIES 2025A; AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE, AWARDED SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, seconded by **Stephanie Rudnitski**. The motion carries unanimously by Roll Call Vote 6-0. Nathan Anderson was absent.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE. (Discussion/Action) A motion by **Stephanie Rudnitski** to accept the RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE, seconded by **Wayne Wilson**. The motion carries unanimously by Roll Call Vote 6-0. Nathan Anderson was absent

Policies requiring review: (Discussion) First reading and call for public comment on the following policies:

- a. Policy 534- SCHOOL MEALS POLICY
- b. Policy 799- POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY

Policies requiring review: (Discussion) Second reading and call for public comment on the following policies:

- a. Policy 102- EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
- b. POLICY 103- COMPLAINTS – STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENTS, OTHER PERSONS
- c. POLICY 104- SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT
- d. POLICY 530- IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS
- e. POLICY 619- STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR STANDARDS
- f. Policy 704- DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF AN INVENTORY OF FIXED ASSETS AND A FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

Budget-Enrollment Report

Administrator Information and Reports

Meeting Event and Notices

Note: This list does not include schedule events. Please visit www.foley.k12.mn.us for a full calendar or visit the district office.

- a. 2/10/2025- Regular Board Meeting in the FIS Media Center starting at 5:30 PM.

Open forum for citizens to address the school board

FIS Teacher- Mary Bentley congratulated Carlene DeMenge on her announcement of retirement from the district as of the end of the school year.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members shared comments and thanked those who offer time, talents, and donations to our district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DACCS, Wellness, Athletic Booster, Benton Stearns, Building/Grounds, Finance, Foley Area Foundation, Health & Safety, Insurance, MSBA, MSHSL, Policy, Superintendent Eval., Tenure and Contracts/Negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Sharon Kipka** to adjourn the meeting at **6:58** pm. Seconded by **Wayne Wilson** and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Wilson, Clerk