

School Board Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 191
March 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chair Werb at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Diamondhead Education Center, 200 West Burnsville Parkway, Burnsville, MN, 55337.

Call to Order

Directors Alt, Anderson, Chester, Hume, Mikkelsen and Chair Werb were present. Superintendent Dr. Battle, Substitute Student Representative Mackinley Shannon, administrators, staff and members of the public were also present.

Attendance

Chair Werb welcomed the audience and asked Director Mikkelsen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of
Allegiance

Superintendent Dr. Battle made a statement announcing her retirement, effective June 30, 2025.

Statement

Moved by Hume, seconded by Chester, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously (6,0)

Agenda

Received school reports from Burnsville Alternative High School, Vista View Elementary School and Virtual Academy from Dr. Chris Bellmont, assistant superintendent, Dr. Angie Pohl, principal and school staff Pat Mosey, Amy Hill, Elizabeth Eiler, Larry Norton, Amy Kirchner and Angela Morris.

Reports

Received a report from Mackinley Shannon, substitute student board representative.

Received a report from Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent.

Received a report from Director Chester and Hume about the MSBA/MASA Day at the Capitol.

Moved by Alt, seconded by Hume, to approve the consent agenda. Chair Werb requested that Policy 634 be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item:

Consent Agenda
Minutes
Personnel
Recommendation
Listening Session
Policies

-Approve minutes of the regular board meeting on February 27, 2025 and the board retreat on February 7, 2025.

-Approve personnel recommendations for Karissa Nicholson, Rodney McGinnis, Hannah Garza, Michael Curley, Ashly Gagner, Michelle Dyrhaug, Roxanne Rudolph, Vincent Varpness, Steven McGee, Riley Armstrong, Nicole Kocur, Joshua Wastvedt, Hannah Coleman, Erika Sasseville, Adonya Gray, Maissee Meyega-Vue, Jessica Moryn, Safa Ahmed, Soada Abdirahman, Luis Molina Urgiles, Milaher Garcia, Delayne Poitra, Asher Giese, Rebecca Johnson, Kamilah Gobran, Nathan Strand,

Briseida Gonzalez, AnaLiisa Olson, Bronwyn Coddington, Keith French, Heidi Smith, Eric Otto, Emma Chapman, Emily Najjar-Field, and Jordyn Queen,

-Receive a report about the Listening Session on February 13, 2025.

-Approve, on a Second Reading Basis, Changes to Policy 504: *Student Dress and Appearance*

-Approve, on a Second Reading Basis, Changes to Policies 613: *Graduation Requirements*

-Approve *Scheduling Board Retreat for March 19, 2025*

The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Mikkelsen, to approve, on a second reading basis, changes to Policy 634: *Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use*. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Policy 634

Moved by Chester, seconded by Alt, to Adopt a Resolution to Accept Donations. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Resolution to
Accept Donations

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Chester, to approve an application for preliminary approval of an extended field trip for the national Middle School Chess Tournament in to Orlando, Florida. The motion carried unanimously after discussion (6,0).

Field Trips

Moved by Werb, seconded by Chester, to move to a recess at 8:20 p.m. before starting the board work session. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Recess

A work session was held to discuss the FY 26 Initial Budget Presentation, Vote of Non-concurrence Response Planning, and the Board and Superintendent Communication Practices.

Work session

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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March 27, 2025

Adjourn

Scott Hume, Clerk

Date Approved