

A motion was made by member \_\_\_\_\_ to introduce the following resolution:

Resolution Authorizing Superintendent to Explore Communication Consultant Opportunities with  
Strateligent/Aaron Hautala

WHEREAS the Crosby-Ironton School District, ISD 182 may be considering an operating referendum election to be held on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Crosby-Ironton School District has typically engaged a communications consultant to provide guidance, advice and recommendations regarding School District communications that provide School District voters and taxpayers with information regarding the operating referendum; and

WHEREAS Strateligent is a consulting firm owned and operated by Aaron Hautala which may provide the type of communications consulting services that the School District is seeking; and

WHEREAS Aaron Hautala is the spouse of Beth Hautala, a School Board member of the Crosby-Ironton School District, which requires extra procedural steps to avoid a conflict of interest situation.

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the School Board of Crosby-Ironton Public Schools does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to have conversations with Strateligent and/or Aaron Hautala regarding the services that Strateligent provides and to explore a potential communications consultant contract regarding the operating referendum. This resolution does not approve or guarantee that Strateligent shall receive approval of a communications consultant contract. This action is taken so that the Crosby-Ironton School District is providing transparency to the process of selecting a communications consultant, including a potential communications consultant who is related to a Crosby-Ironton School Board member.

A second to the motion was duly made by member \_\_\_\_\_, whereupon a roll call vote was taken, with the following Board members voting for same:

and the following Board members voting against same:

and the following Board members abstained from the vote on this matter:

Whereupon this Resolution was declared as adopted or defeated.

This resolution was considered on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023 at a duly called Regular School Board meeting of the School Board of Crosby-Ironton Public Schools, ISD 182.

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Laura Lee, Board Clerk