

Board Agenda Information
Monday, February 24th, 2025

Item C. Adoption of the Agenda -

Item D. Consent Agenda - See the Consent Agenda Information sheet.

In Item D.4. We thank Steve Rist for his service as the JV Softball Coach and wish him well. Activities Director Kelsey Paurus has provided the School Board with a recommended list of Spring Coaching assignments. **Administration recommends approval of Spring Coaching Assignments as presented.**

In Item D.5. Administration is asking the Board to approve an overload assignment for Emma Johnson who is a Special Education Teacher in the District who has a caseload that has exceeded the thresholds established by the Master Agreement with the Long Prairie Grey Eagle Education Association. **Administration recommends approval of the overload assignment for Emma Johnson retroactive to January 21, 2025.**

Item D.6. The District is a participating member of the Todd County Children's Collaborative. As the Collaborative is under new leadership, the Governance Agreement was updated. The Collaborative provides both financial and service supports to the school districts in Todd County. **Administration recommends approval of the Governance Agreement with the Todd County Governance Agreement.**

Item D.7. The Board's work on a couple of different cooperative sponsorships comes to a close with this action item as we are now prepared to recommend the High School combine with Upsala in the sport of Girls Tennis. **Administration recommends approval of the Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement with Upsala in Girls Tennis.**

Item E.2. Kyle Lamb and Chuck Spear would like to address the Board regarding a possible amendment to the Spring music trip.

Item G: Unfinished Business - In Item G.1. Administration is bringing forward per state statute the recommended Policy governing Student Cell Phone usage that would be incorporated into Policy 524.5 which was structured by MSBA. Feedback was gathered from parents, staff and students in this process and the recommendation that has been formulated would have a K-12 student policy where cell phones, watches and any other device would not be allowed on the student's person during the entire school day notwithstanding certain health and service related exceptions. **Administration recommends approval of Policy 524.5 which places a ban on cell phones and other SMART related devices during the school day.**

Item G.2. speaks to the 2025-2026 school year calendar. The District was enlightened by the work schedule for the HVAC project at the High School set for this summer which will have a significant impact on a calendar. This will be a discussion item only at this time with hopes we can get a recommendation to the School Board in March.

Item H: New Business - Item H.1. calls for the Board to recognize the various donations the District receives over the course of the month. As the Board can see from the enclosure in the Board packet (book), the District received \$ 6,530 in donations to support in large part the High School Activity Day and the Post Prom gathering this Spring. We thank those listed in the donation resolution for their ongoing support of the District and our students.

Item H.2. is the “Parking Lot Resurfacing Project Agreement” between the School District and the City of Long Prairie. The Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed the Agreement at a meeting last week and will discuss this with the Board. This Agreement deals with the parking lot at Harmony Park and an agreement that with the School District assuming the cost to resurface, it would no longer become a place to store snow from the winter months. At issue is the Agreement only deals with the project in isolation, but the City has been gracious enough to identify the purpose of the Agreement and associated discussions within the City Council’s meeting minutes from February 12th, 2025.

Item H.3. is another agreement with the City of Long Prairie that speaks to the partnership of the School and the City as it relates to the installation of intersection flashers as part of the Highway 287 resurfacing project. The agreement says that the City and the School would share evenly in the cost to install the flashers amounting to \$31,575. **The Buildings and Grounds Committee brings a “do pass” recommendation to the full Board for the approval of the Highway 287 Flasher Agreement with the City of Long Prairie.**

Item H.4. is asking the Board to rescind any action related to the passage of Policy 522 that may have taken place in 2024 and subsequently approve the Policy that was adopted in 2020 (with a possible revision in 2022). Included in the packet is an information sheet from MSBA that outlines that the Policy passed in 2024 is no longer in effect by way of an Executive Order recently signed by President Trump. Instead, the Policy passed in 2020 (with a revision in 2022) is now in effect. **Administration recommends rescinding any possible action of the Board regarding a 2024 passage of Policy 522 and replacing it with the Policy passed in 2020 (or the 2022 revision).**

Item H.5. Ehler and Associates will be present to walk the Board through a Resolution stating the Board’s Intent to Issue (sell) Certificates as the financing vehicle for the turf project at the Athletic complex. The materials are in your packet along with the accompanying Resolution as prepared by Bond Counsel. **Administration recommends passage of the Intent to Issue Certificates to finance the turf project.**

Item H.6. In the Board’s continuing efforts to review and update policies, Policy Series 300 is brought for the Board’s attention. **Administration recommends reviewal, revision, and adoption of Board Policy Series 300.**

Item I: Adjournment