

School Board Minutes
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 191
February 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, 5533.

Call to Order

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

Attendance

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda

Athletics and Activities Student Recognitions were presented by Bill Heim, activities director.

Received a Progress Report on the 2024 American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Recommendations from Isis Buchanan, director of educational equity.

Reports

Received a report about the School Name Change Design Team Process and Outcomes from Dr. Chris Bellmont, assistant superintendent, Isis Buchanan, director of educational equity and Madison McKinney, Indigenous cultural liaison.

Received school reports from Rahn Elementary School, Sky Oaks Elementary School, and William Byrne Elementary School from Dr. Chris Bellmont, assistant superintendent, Brad Robb, Dr. Jon Bonneville, and Dr. Renee Brandner, principals, and Megan Gauer-Kloos, student systems leadership specialist, Cara Slattery and Aran Hartl, teachers

Received a report from Director Alt about the Mid-Year Review for Superintendent Dr. Battle.

Received a report from Maryam Bradai, student board representative.

Received a report from Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent.

Moved by Hume, seconded by Chester, to approve the consent agenda:
-Approve minutes of the regular board meeting on January 23, 2025 and the special Vacancy Meeting on January 17, 2025.
-Approve personnel recommendations for Mikhail Bernstein, Jennifer McCarthy, Emily Burt, Steven McGee, Maria Cantu, Kevin Graham, Julia

Consent Agenda
Minutes
Personnel
Recommendation

Engel, Jay Lepper, Cheryl Drangstveit, Ernesto Alvarado, Trey Blanchard, Steven McGee, Sean Floersch, Saida Alonso Ramirez, Ragan Firnback, Monserrat Moreno, Baillie Nash, Abigail Adkins
-Receive a report about the Listening Session on January 23, 2025.
The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Listening Session

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Mikkelsen, to approve an application for preliminary approval of an Extended Robotics Team Field Trip on April 15-20, 2025 to Houston Texas. The motion carried unanimously after discussion (6,0).

Field Trips

Moved by Alt, seconded by Chester, to approve an application for preliminary approval of an Extended DECA Nationals Field Trip on April 25-29, 2025 to Orlando, Florida. The motion carried unanimously after discussion (6,0).

School Board Vacancy Candidate Selection Process
Each Board member had one affirmative vote to cast for a single candidate during roll call voting to select the preferred candidate. In the event of a tie vote, the board needed to conduct another round of voting.

School Board
Vacancy
Candidate
Selection Process

Moved by Alt, seconded by Anderson, to nominate Tyler Sachse to fill the School Board Vacancy. Alt, Werb and Anderson cast their affirmative votes. The total not being a majority, the motion did not pass.

Moved by Hume, seconded by Chester, to nominate Jenn Boyko to fill the School Board Vacancy. Hume, Mikkelsen, and Chester cast their affirmative votes. The total not being a majority, the motion did not pass.

Per the board approved selection process, a second round of voting was held. During the second-round vote for candidate Tyler Sachse - Mikkelsen, Alt, Werb and Anderson used their affirmative vote. Having received a majority vote, Tyler Sachse was declared the preferred candidate.

Moved by Hume, seconded by Chester, to adopt a Resolution to Fill School Board Vacancy. The motion carried unanimously (6,0)

Resolution to Fill
School Board
Vacancy

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of school board member with a term expiring the first Monday in January, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred on January 7, 2025, in the third year of the vacant term; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Sachse meets the qualifications established by Minnesota law to serve as a school board member;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 191, State of Minnesota, as follows:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.09, Subd. 5b, Tyler Sachse is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy and to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The appointment shall be effective thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution unless a valid petition to reject the appointee is filed with the school district clerk pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.09, Subd. 5b(b) within that thirty (30) day time period.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Alt, to Approve a request of the Revised One Digital Fee Disclosure Statement. The motion failed after discussion (3-3 with Alt, Werb and Anderson in favor and Hume, Mikkelsen and Chester opposed).

One Digital Fee Disclosure Statement

Moved by Hume, seconded by Chester, to adopt a Resolution Designating Funds as Committed Funds. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Committed Funds

WHEREAS, the Governmental Standards Accounting Board (“GASB”) has issued Statement No. 54 (“GASB 54”), establishing a hierarchy of clarifying constraints that govern how a government entity can use amounts reported as the fund balance; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has adopted Policy 714 - Fund Balances (“Policy 714) which recognizes the authority of the School Board to commit, assign, or evaluate existing fund-balance classifications as described and defined in GASB-54 and to identify the intended uses of the committed or assigned funds; and

WHEREAS, Policy 714 defines “committed” fund balance amounts as unrestricted funds used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the school board and that remain binding unless removed by the school board by subsequent formal action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to legislative action, specifically Chapter 55, Section 32 of the 2023 Laws of Minnesota (the “Legislation”), any remaining net proceeds received by the School District in connection with a lease of real property or the sale or exchange of school buildings or real property specifically identified in the School District’s open facilities action plan may be deposited in the School District’s general unrestricted fund following the deposit of such lease proceeds or the application of such sale or exchange proceeds, notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, Sections 123B.51, Subdivisions 4 and 6; and

WHEREAS, the School District has received proceeds from the sale of a portion of the parking lot at the School District's Diamondhead Education Center, in the amount of \$900,000 (the "Sale Proceeds"), which is subject to the Legislation; and

WHEREAS, the School Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and appropriate to designate the Sale Proceeds as "committed" funds under Policy 714.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 191, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School Board hereby commits to utilizing the Sale Proceeds for the following purposes:

Purpose Justification for Expenditure Estimated Amount

2. The committed funds described above cannot be used for any purpose other than as specified above unless the School Board adopts a subsequent resolution to modify or remove the restriction, or other otherwise redirect the funds for other purposes.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Chester and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Hume, Mikkelsen, Alt, Werb, Chester, and Anderson.

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Moved by Werb, seconded by Alt, to move to a recess at 9:00 p.m. before starting the board work session. The motion carried unanimously (6,0).

Recess

A work session to Review FY26 Budget: Initial Information and Parameters started at 9:02p.m. and concluded at 9:50 p.m.

Work session

A work session to Discuss School Name Change Recommendations started at 9:50 p.m. and concluded at 10:01 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Adjourn

/s/
Scott Hume, Clerk

February 27, 2025
Date Approved