

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22
BECKER AND OTTERTAIL COUNTIES, DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA 56501**

**Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2026, 5:30 PM
City Hall ~ 1025 Roosevelt Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN, 56501**

Present: John Steffl, Mary Rotter, Michelle Okeson, Sanford Nelson, Michael Walther

Absent: Smith-Yliniemi

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board Chair Steffl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Okeson seconded by Rotter, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Detroit Lakes Public Education fund presented a donation to the District.

Donations were made by the following:

- \$175 worth of Pizza from Papa Murphy's for ECFE Icy Adventures.
- \$500 from Lund Lutheran Church for the Laker Cupboard.
- \$500 From Michelle Okeson For Target Speakers
- \$500 from Webber Family Motors for the Small Engines go kart project.

A presentation was given by Katie Bigger and Amanda Thorsvig.

A motion was made by Rotter, seconded by Nelson, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting.
- B. Approve K-12 Computer Checks #711847-712053 and Voided Checks #711347 and #711861 for a total of \$773,363.85. Approve Wire Transfers #16533-16540, #16619, #16628-16640, #16652-16659, #16736, #16759-16810, in the amount of \$1,763,925.40. Approve Net Payroll Transfers on 1/15/25 and 12/30/25 in the amount of \$1,763,510.32 for a total of \$4,300,799.57.
- C. Approve Personnel Agenda Items
- D. Approve Second Reading of Policies:
 - a. 528- STUDENT PARENTAL, FAMILY AND MARITAL STATUS NONDISCRIMINATION
 - b. 529- STAFF NOTIFICATION OF VIOLENT BEHAVIOR BY STUDENTS
 - c. 530 – IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS
 - d. 531 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - e. 532- USE OF PEACE OFFICERS AND CRISIS TEAMS TO REMOVE STUDENTS WITH IEPs FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS
 - f. 533 – WELLNESS/NUTRITION POLICY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 - g. 534 –SCHOOL MEALS POLICY
 - h. 535 – SERVICE ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS
 - i. 538 - ACADEMIC LETTERS
 - j. 542 - CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FEE
- E. Approve the Adult Education agreements between Detroit Lakes Public Schools and Ada-Borup West, Frazee-Vergas, Lake Park-Audubon, New York Mills, Norman County East, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Rothsay, and Ulen-Hitterdal School Districts for the 2026-2027 school year.

- F. Approve the Community Education Lease Agreement with MState from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- G. Approve the Robotics Lease Agreement with MState from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- H. Approve the Central Kitchen Lease Agreement with MState from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Discussion was had on the following:

- Superintendent Evaluation

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Okeson to Approve the Bids for Building Exterior improvement projects at Rossman Elementary. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Walther, seconded by Rotter to Approve the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Okeson to approve the Resolutions Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of the Teaching Contract of Erin Sondrol upon the conclusion of the 2025-2026 School Year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rotter, seconded by Okeson to Approve the Motion to Approve Open Enrollment — The School Board grants permission to administration at its discretion to determine when to close open enrollment to a grade level as enrollment necessitates. Resolution of Concurrence. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Jenson reported on happenings in the School District.

Board Treasurer Okeson gave an update on the Finance Committee and SUP Coalition.

Board Director Nelson gave an update on the Facilities.

Board Chair Steffl announced upcoming meetings and events.

A motion was made by Okeson to adjourn the meeting at 6:32, seconded by Walther. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith-Yliniemi, Clerk

PERSONNEL AGENDA

March 23, 2026

1) Resignations:

Taylor Kohler– Roosevelt Special Education Teacher, effective March 31, 2026.

Dustin Martin– Head Girls Golf Coach, effective March 2, 2026.

Gretchen Norby– Girls Hockey Coach, effective March 9, 2026.

Jeff Norby– Assistant Girls Hockey Coach, effective February 24, 2026.

Alissa Oneill– Rossman Para, effective March 10, 2026.

Heather Richter– High School Admin Assistant, effective March 19, 2026.

Brandon Schlenner– Area Learning Center (ALC) Principal, effective June 30, 2026.

- 2) **Retirements:**
Gerald Lee Ladwig– Roosevelt Custodian, effective March 31, 2026.
Elizabeth McCann– High School Admin Assistant, effective June 30, 2026.
- 4) **Appointments:**
Mallory Davis– Middle School 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher, at the rate of BA Step 5 or a contract amount of \$50,254 per year, effective August 17, 2026.
Jeff Dertinger– Middle School Baseball Coach, at the rate of \$2,056.41 per season, effective March 30, 2026.
Lowell Engen– Middle School Custodian, at the rate of \$20.70 per hour with \$1.00 per hour differential pay, working 40 hours per week, effective April 6, 2026.
Paige Fetting– Middle School Boys Tennis Coach, at the rate of \$2,56.41 per season, effective March 30, 2026.
Brayden Francis– Middle School Track Coach, at the rate of \$2,056.41 per season, effective March 30, 2026.
Dylan Fredrick– J.V. Baseball Coach, at the rate of \$3,198.86 per season, effective March 9, 2026.
Matt Jenson– 9th Grade Baseball Coach, at the rate of \$2,790.60 per season, effective March 16, 2026.
Jennifer Johnson– High School Long Term Substitute, rate of pay is per sub contract, effective April 20, 2026 through May 29, 2026.
Henry Kellerhuis– High School Head Girls Golf Coach, at the rate of \$4,112.82 per season, effective March 16, 2026.
Suki Peterson– Roosevelt Special Education Teacher, at the rate of BA Step 4 or a contract amount of \$49,274 per year, effective August 17, 2026.
Deb Pieper– Project LIFE Instructor, at the rate of BA Step 9 or a contract amount of \$56,719, effective August 19, 2026.
Dorothy Satrom– Middle School Long Term Substitute, rate of pay is per sub contract, effective March 26, 2026 through May 27, 2026.
John Spanjers– Middle School Long Term Substitute, rate of pay is per sub contract, effective March 23, 2026 through May 27, 2026.
Kari Stattelman– Middle School Track Coach, at the rate of \$2,056.41 per season, effective March 30, 2026.
- 5) **Amended Assignment:**
Julie Berntson– Middle School 7th grade Language Arts Teacher is amending her assignment to 7th and 8th grade Language Arts teacher, effective 26-27 school year.
Kelli Hanninen– is amending her assignment from 0.8 ADSIS Interventionist to 1.0 Classroom Teacher at Rossman, effective for the 26-27 school year.
- 6) **Leave of Absence:**
Tatiana Chase– is requesting a leave of absence from May 12, 2026 through June 2, 2026.
Belinda Freeman– is requesting a leave of absence from May 14, 2026 through May 26, 2026.
Josh Hesebeck– is requesting a leave of absence from March 11, 2026 through April 10, 2026.
Samantha Murphy– is requesting a leave of absence from August 24, 2026 through November 13, 2026.
Sarah Olson– is requesting a leave of absence from April 9, 2026 through May 21, 2026.
- 7) **Terminations:**
Megan Dahring– Middle School Custodian, effective February 23, 2026.