

Northland Community Schools - ISD #118  
Regular Meeting Minutes Summary  
Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
Northland High School Room C113  
316 Main St E  
Remer, MN 56672

Aaron Ammerman: Present, Linda Knox: Present, Terri Nystrom: Present, Seth Robison: Present, Marc Ruyak: Present, Tyler Seifert: Present, Bill Wake: Absent. Present: 6, Absent: 1. Linda Knox attending virtually

**1. Call to Order**

Board Chair Ruyak called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Mission Statement "Educate and inspire all learners to reach their full potential."**

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda. This motion, made by Aaron Ammerman and seconded by Tyler Seifert, Passed.

Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**5. Recognitions**

5.1. The school board and staff of Northland Community Schools would like to thank the following:

- Seth Robison for his years of service on the ISD #118 school board
- Robbie Hall for her work as a Title 1 teacher

**6. Audience Recognition**

**7. Consent items**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Seth Robison and seconded by Aaron Ammerman, Passed.

Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7.1. Approve Treasurer's Report and bills for November 2024

7.2. Approve minutes from the November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

7.3. Policies revised to reflect changes to MN Statute or make technical corrections that do not impact the content:

503, 507.5, 606, 606.5, 613 and 615

**8. Reports**

**8.1. Early Education Report**

**8.2. Business Manager Report**

**8.3. Elementary Principal**

**8.4. Athletics/Activities Report**

**8.5. Facilities Report**

**8.6. Indian Education Report**

**8.7. CE Report**

**8.8. Dean of Students/ Behavioral Interventionist Report**

**9. Superintendent Report**

**10. New Business**

10.1. Second Reading of Policy 446 - Pay Rates for Activities

Motion to approve revisions to Policy 446. This motion, made by Tyler Seifert and seconded by Aaron Ammerman, Passed.

Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.2. First Reading and approval of updates to language in Policy 519 - Interviews of Student by Outside Agencies, Art. III, to reflect changes to MN Statute

Motion to approve changes to MN Statute found in Art. III of Policy 519 - Interviews of Student by Outside Agencies. This motion, made by Tyler Seifert and seconded by Seth Robison, Passed.

Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.3. First reading and approval to delete Art. VI of Policy 614 - School District Testing Plan and Procedure as it does not apply to the policy itself

Motion to approve deleting Art. VI of Policy 614 as it does not apply to the policy itself. This motion, made by Tyler Seifert and seconded by Aaron Ammerman, Passed.

Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.4. Approve 2024-2025, Policy 614.1 - Indian Policies and Procedures Regarding Students Residing on Indian Lands with revisions to Sect. 4.1

Motion to approve revisions to Sect. 4.1 of Policy 614.1 - Indian Policies and Procedures Regarding Students Residing on Indian Lands. This motion, made by Seth Robison and seconded by Terri Nystrom, Passed.

Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth

Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.5. Rescind Policy 617 - School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards

Motion to rescind Policy 617 - School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards. This motion, made by Tyler Seifert and seconded by Aaron Ammerman, Passed.  
Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.6. First reading of revisions to Policy 701 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget

10.7. First reading of revisions to Policy 721 - Uniform Grant Guidance Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

10.8. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between ISD #118 and NREM Local #7224 pertaining to LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) training

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between ISD #118 and NREM Local #7224 pertaining to LETRS training. This motion, made by Tyler Seifert and seconded by Seth Robison, Passed.

Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.9. Approve the Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for 2025

Motion to approve the 2025 Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places. This motion, made by Tyler Seifert and seconded by Aaron Ammerman, Passed.

Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.10. Approve allowing 5th graders to play Junior High Basketball during the 2024-2025 season with the following contingencies:

2024-2025 season only

At coach's discretion

Does not apply to other sports

Complies with Title IX

Is not a revision to district policy

Motion to approve allowing 5th graders to play Junior High Basketball during the 2024-2025 season with contingencies as stated. This motion, made by Tyler Seifert and seconded by Seth Robison, Passed.

Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

At the Regular Meeting on November 20, 2024, the school board agreed to allow

10.11. Acceptance of Election and Oath of Office

**11. Personnel**

11.1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 179A.14, the school board of ISD #118 is hereby notified of the ISD #118 Principal's Association desire to meet and negotiate an initial agreement establishing terms and conditions of employment on January 13, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

12. The meeting recessed at 6:30 p.m. for Truth in Taxation

**13. Truth in Taxation Wednesday, December 18, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.**

13.1. Approve the 2024 Levy, payable in 2025 in the amount of \$2,495,294.27  
Motion to approve the 2024 Levy, payable in 2025 in the amount of \$2,495,294.27. This motion, made by Tyler Seifert and seconded by Aaron Ammerman, Passed.  
Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea  
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14. The meeting resumed at 6:39 p.m.

**15. Other school business which can legally be brought before the Board**

**16. Next Meeting Dates:**

- Reorganization Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting: January 2025 TBD

**17. Adjournment**

Board Chair Ruyak called for a motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Visitors: Stephaney Williamson, Jill Myers, Janessa Green, Jason Perkins, Kyndra Johnson. This motion, made by Aaron Ammerman and seconded by Seth Robison, Passed.  
Bill Wake: Absent, Aaron Ammerman: Yea, Linda Knox: Yea, Terri Nystrom: Yea, Seth Robison: Yea, Marc Ruyak: Yea, Tyler Seifert: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Tina Anderson, Recording Secretary

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Linda Knox, Board Clerk