



**Board of Education
Big Lake School District #727
Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, November 19, 2020
6:30 PM
Virtual
601 Minnesota Ave
Big Lake, MN 55309**

Mission Statement

Our mission is to challenge, educate, & inspire all students to reach their highest level of achievement in academics, athletics, & the arts.

- I. Call to Order
Chair, Tonya Reasoner
- II. Roll Call
Chair, Tonya Reasoner
- III. Approve Agenda
Chair, Tonya Reasoner
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
Chair, Tonya Reasoner
- V. Open Forum
Chair, Tonya Reasoner
- VI. Consent Agenda
Chair, Tonya Reasoner
 - A. Previous Minutes
Minutes the October 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the November 12, 2020 Special Meeting
 - B. Claims and Accounts
Claims and Accounts for the month of November
 - C. Credit Card Report
 - D. Personnel 3
- VII. Donations 5
Chair, Tonya Reasoner
- VIII. Athletics and Activities Update (*F. Expand and Strengthen Public Support*) 6
Activities Director, Logan Midthun
Coaches Contract
- IX. Resolution of School Board Supporting MSHSL Foundation (*F. Expand and Strengthen Public Support*) 10
Activities Director, Logan Midthun
- X. Conducting Future Board Meetings Electronically (*F. Expand and Strengthen Public Support*)
Superintendent, Tim Truebenbach
Discussion and possible vote on holding future board meetings by electronic means.

Due to the declared health pandemic and the declared state of emergency and pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, all school board meetings will be held by electronic means until such time that school returns to on-site learning

XI. Approve January 5, 2021 for Organizational Meeting followed by Work Session (*F. Expand and Strengthen Public Support*)

Chair, Tonya Reasoner

XII. Student Representative Report (*F. Expand and Strengthen Public Support*)

Student Representative, Ella Dotzler

XIII. Superintendent Report (*F. Expand and Strengthen Public Support*)

Superintendent, Tim Truebenbach

Monthly Superintendent's Report

XIV. Adjournment

Chair, Tonya Reasoner

Strategic Directions

A. Implement practices that ensure all learners achieve at exceptional levels

B. Ensure that staff, students, and families share in the accountability for the educational success of each student

C. Establish a strong financial foundation that supports achievement of school district goals

D. Seamlessly integrate technology as both a tool and a catalyst to maximize daily learning opportunities for students and staff

E. Ensure that the facilities and infrastructure of Big Lake Schools are designed to optimize student learning in a safe, sustainable, and attractive environment

F. Expand and strengthen public support for the school district

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Thursday November 19, 2020

Big Lake Schools
Attn: Tim Truebenbach Superintendent,
Tonya Reasoner Board Chair
501 Minnesota Ave E
Big Lake, MN 55309

Dear Superintendent Truebenbach and Chair Reasoner,

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my position on the Big Lake School Board effective Monday December 7th 2020.

I have been blessed to be elected to the Big Lake Township board and will be sworn in on December 9th 2020.

It has been a pleasure being a part of the Big Lake School board. I am so proud of all we have accomplished in the past 8 years, and I have no doubt the board will continue these successes in the future.

Best regards,

Mark Hedstrom

The following resolution was moved by _____ and seconded by _____:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: “The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.”; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: “Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full.”; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Big Lake Schools, ISD 727, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Paul and Julie Knier	500 KN95 Masks, valued at \$1,000.00	Help keep school community safe
Big Lake Spud Fest	\$4,000.00	CE youth program scholarships
Melissa Calgaro-Wells Fargo	\$120.00	\$60 Independence and \$60 Liberty
Gregg Bendtsen-Wells Fargo	\$60.00	District
Grind Nutrition	Ten \$5.00 gift cards	PBIS at Independence
Fourteen Foods-Dairy Queen	Coupons valued at \$1,700.00	PBIS at Independence
Big Lake Gymnastic Boosters	\$3,453.00	To purchase gymnastics equipment
Minnco Credit Union	\$500.00	Support students in need at Liberty

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted on November 19, 2020.



Winter Coaches Contracts

2020-21 Winter
Athletics & Activities Season



What we know (as of 11/19/2020)

- In-person athletics & activities are delayed until December 19, 2020
- 2 winter sports already started
 - Dance
 - Cheerleading (cheer is fall/winter)
- 5 winter sports have not started
 - Hockey
 - Boys Basketball
 - Girls Basketball
 - Wrestling
 - Speed & Strength
 - Gymnastics
- 5 winter activities have not started
 - Robotics
 - One Act
 - Speech
 - Knowledge Bowl (100% virtual)
 - Math League

What we do *not* know (as of 11/19/2020)

- The length of season for winter sports
 - Will post-season dates stay the same or be pushed back?
- When we will be allowed to begin playing games/competitions
- The guidelines for each specific activity
 - What will a Robotics season look like?
 - How will One Act be able to perform their play?

Head Coaches Salary (my recommendation)

Pay Head Coaches 100% of salary

Rationale

- A head coaches job is not confined to just the official start date of practice. Coaches are attending youth sports meetings, interviewing assistant coaches, working with kids during the summer waiver period, attending coaches clinics, and more.
- COVID has required coaches to implement more safety protocols and longer practice times to stay within pods.
- Head coaches will be required to connect with kids regularly for grade checks.
 - Check ins are also extremely important for the mental health aspect of our kids
- Head coaches want to meet with their athletes virtually to share workouts and connect with kids.
- Head Coaches are becoming increasingly hard to find (and we have good ones). Finding and retaining good coaches is important for the success of our activities department.

Assistant Coaches Salary (my recommendation)

Pay Assistant Coaches pro-rated % of salary based on # of weeks coaching in person. If no season- pay 25% of salary.

Rationale

- COVID has required assistant coaches to implement more safety protocols and longer practice times to stay within pods.
- Assistant coaches have to complete coaching requirements prior to season (concussion training, rules meeting, etc).
- Assistant coaches are helping with meetings prior to the season along with developing practice plans.
- Just like head coaches, good assistant coaches are hard to find. Finding and retaining good ones is important as well!

Final Comment

We will continue to do everything we can to provide opportunities for our students to participate in the sport/activity they are passionate about. Recognizing and retaining good people to lead those programs is vital to that goal.

FORM A

**RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTING
FORM A APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA
STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the District 727 School Board recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Lake School Board supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees.

Date

Board Chair

Date

Board Clerk - Treasurer

FORM A WORKSHEET

STEP 1

List the number of free and reduced lunch students identified in the October 1, 2019 report submitted by your school to the Minnesota Department of Education.

Grade 9:	<u>49</u>
Grade 10:	<u>47</u>
Grade 11:	<u>46</u>
Grade 12:	<u>35</u>

TOTAL:	177
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STEP 2

Identify the **UNDUPLICATED** number of free or reduced lunch students who participated in your activities program **during the 2019-2020 school year**. Only count each student participant one (1) time.

- This should be an unduplicated number. In other words, you should only count a student once regardless of the number of activities in which the student might participate.

Example: Sally Smith: Fall-volleyball; Winter-dance; Spring-golf.
Sally counts as one (1) student regardless of the number of activities in which she participates.

Bill Johnson: Winter-wrestling.
Bill counts as one (1) student even though he was only in one activity.

TOTAL UNDUPLICATED COUNT
of free/reduced lunch students

62

Enter this number on FORM A

STEP 3: NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2020

- _____ Complete the online Form A application at www.mshslfoundation.org
- _____ Contact your school superintendent and have the MSHSL Foundation Form A Resolution approved at a regularly scheduled School Board meeting.
- _____ Once approved, have the School Board Chair and School Board Clerk/Treasurer sign the Resolution.
- _____ Email MSHSL Foundation Resolution to mshslfoundation@gmail.com.