



## DETROIT LAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### AGENDA

### SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 2024 - 5:30 PM

Laker Transitions Building, 1104 West River Road, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

*The mission of the Detroit Lakes Public schools is to fill our sails with Laker PRIDE.*

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#### BOARD MEMBERS:

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

A. Laker Pride

#### II. ROLL CALL

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

#### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

#### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

A. Agenda Approval

Approval of the Agenda for the November 14, 2024, Special School Board Meeting as presented.

#### V. COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM VISITORS

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

A fifteen-minute time limit will be allowed for audience comment. Those requesting audiences will inform either the Board Chairman or the Superintendent prior to the meeting that you wish to address the Board.

#### VI. ACTION ITEMS

Action items receive individual attention because of the nature of the issues, the need to discuss or review the information prior to taking action, or the specific kind of action required for the item.

A. Canvass Election Results of the Tuesday, November 5, 2024, General and Special Election.

#### VII. UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair

A. Finance Committee- 11/21/24 District Office 12:00PM






B. Regular School Board Meeting- 11/25/24 City Council Chambers 5:30PM

#### VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Presenter: Steffl, Board Chair



# Laker PRIDE

	<p><b>Purpose</b> our intention, what drives us</p>	<p>Deliver educational excellence.</p>
	<p><b>Relationships</b> the ways we connect and behave toward each other</p>	<p>Care and communicate positively and respectfully within and across our schools and community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District ↔ parents and community members</li> <li>• District ↔ building</li> <li>• Building ↔ teacher</li> <li>• Building ↔ parents</li> <li>• Teacher ↔ parent</li> <li>• Teacher ↔ students</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Innovation</b> the creation, development and implementation of a new idea or concept to enhance educational opportunities</p>	<p>Embrace creativity and critical thinking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renew and bring up to date all systems and practices</li> <li>• Utilize growth mindset to hone existing intentions/objectives and explore new ideas</li> <li>• Support diverse ways of thinking and doing</li> <li>• Embed equity continually in every facet of our work</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Development</b> a process that creates growth, progress, positive change or the addition of physical, economic, environmental, social and demographic components</p>	<p>Foster the academic, social, emotional, and cultural needs of all learners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement and sustain PBIS at all levels</li> <li>• Hone our support for social/emotional health</li> <li>• Further learning and implementation of equitable feedback, assessment, grading and reporting</li> <li>• Provide professional development that supports PRIDE</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Equity</b> the quality of being fair (not equal) and impartial</p>	<p>Ensure that our values, policies, and practices are equitable for our students, staff, and community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify and support understanding of equity vs. equality for all</li> <li>• Actively promote equity (institutional, personal, and instructional)</li> <li>• Remove systemic barriers</li> <li>• Accommodate different learning styles</li> <li>• Give students a voice</li> </ul>

I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic  
for which it stands,  
one Nation under God,  
indivisible,  
with Liberty and Justice  
for all.



Abstract of Votes Cast  
Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES)  
State of Minnesota  
at the State General Election  
Held Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Compiled from the Official Returns.

Summary of Totals  
Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES)  
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 State General Election

**KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS**

NP - Nonpartisan

School Board Member (ISD #22) (Elect 3)

NP Susan Walther 2415	NP Julie Smith-Yliniemi 4031	NP Gary L. Coson 892	NP Nancy Zehnacker 1272	NP Michael Walther 2648
NP Kerry Claypool-Lambert 1001	NP Nerissa Hendrickson 1910	NP John Steffl 5469	NP Emily Bartnes 2569	WI WRITE-IN 94

Special Election for School Board Member (ISD #22)

NP Jon Freeman 4245	NP Sanford (Sandy) Nelson 4358	WI WRITE-IN 25
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Detail of Election Results  
Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES)  
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 State General Election

Office Title: School Board Member (ISD #22) (Elect 3)

Precinct	NP Susan Walther	NP Julie Smith-Yliniemi	NP Gary L. Coson	NP Nancy Zehnacker	NP Michael Walther
03 0015 : AUDUBON TWP	11	12	3	4	15
03 0020 : BURLINGTON TWP	90	179	30	44	106
03 0025 : CALLAWAY	21	25	4	4	19
03 0030 : CALLAWAY TWP	29	25	5	4	35
03 0050 : DETROIT TWP P-1	270	479	96	185	334
03 0052 : DETROIT TWP P-2	0	0	0	0	0
03 0055 : DETROIT LAKES W1 P1	294	579	164	203	333
03 0065 : DETROIT LAKES W2 P1	428	802	195	223	469
03 0075 : DETROIT LAKES W3 P1	488	762	160	235	454
03 0082 : EAGLE VIEW TWP	0	0	0	0	0
03 0085 : ERIE TWP	137	235	44	65	155
03 0110 : HAMDEN TWP	6	14	1	8	8
03 0115 : HEIGHT OF LAND TWP	0	0	0	0	0
03 0120 : HOLMESVILLE TWP	73	114	30	40	86
03 0125 : LAKE EUNICE TWP	62	78	12	24	62
03 0140 : LAKE VIEW TWP	280	439	83	137	306
03 0145 : MAPLE GROVE TWP	4	5	0	0	2
03 0165 : RICEVILLE TWP	8	3	9	3	16
03 0170 : RICHWOOD TWP	92	142	28	47	120
03 0175 : ROUND LAKE TWP	5	13	1	5	6
03 0210 : SUGAR BUSH TWP	90	94	13	27	82
56 0050 : CANDOR TWP	19	21	8	8	26
56 0115 : DUNN TWP	8	10	6	6	14
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2415</b>	<b>4031</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1272</b>	<b>2648</b>

Detail of Election Results  
 Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES)  
 Tuesday, November 5, 2024 State General Election

Office Title: School Board Member (ISD #22) (Elect 3)

Precinct	NP Kerry Claypool-Lambert	NP Nerissa Hendrickson	NP John Steffl	NP Emily Bartnes	WI WRITE-IN
03 0015 : AUDUBON TWP	3	6	18	5	0
03 0020 : BURLINGTON TWP	36	86	234	106	2
03 0025 : CALLAWAY	11	15	60	16	1
03 0030 : CALLAWAY TWP	6	10	59	16	2
03 0050 : DETROIT TWP P-1	73	190	683	296	7
03 0052 : DETROIT TWP P-2	0	0	0	0	0
03 0055 : DETROIT LAKES W1 P1	179	287	668	352	13
03 0065 : DETROIT LAKES W2 P1	192	363	984	474	24
03 0075 : DETROIT LAKES W3 P1	201	384	978	472	26
03 0082 : EAGLE VIEW TWP	0	0	0	0	0
03 0085 : ERIE TWP	58	102	345	156	4
03 0110 : HAMDEN TWP	0	3	25	6	0
03 0115 : HEIGHT OF LAND TWP	0	0	0	0	0
03 0120 : HOLMESVILLE TWP	36	56	184	102	2
03 0125 : LAKE EUNICE TWP	11	35	105	58	1
03 0140 : LAKE VIEW TWP	110	233	591	259	10
03 0145 : MAPLE GROVE TWP	0	1	7	1	0
03 0165 : RICEVILLE TWP	2	6	25	5	1
03 0170 : RICHWOOD TWP	38	80	270	121	0
03 0175 : ROUND LAKE TWP	3	0	8	8	0
03 0210 : SUGAR BUSH TWP	31	38	162	84	1
56 0050 : CANDOR TWP	7	12	46	18	0
56 0115 : DUNN TWP	4	3	17	14	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>1910</b>	<b>5469</b>	<b>2569</b>	<b>94</b>

Detail of Election Results  
 Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES)  
 Tuesday, November 5, 2024 State General Election

Office Title: Special Election for School Board Member (ISD #22)

Precinct	NP		WI WRITE-IN
	Jon Freeman	Sanford (Sandy) Nelson	
03 0015 : AUDUBON TWP	12	17	0
03 0020 : BURLINGTON TWP	184	174	1
03 0025 : CALLAWAY	27	42	1
03 0030 : CALLAWAY TWP	33	32	1
03 0050 : DETROIT TWP P-1	563	466	0
03 0052 : DETROIT TWP P-2	0	0	0
03 0055 : DETROIT LAKES W1 P1	574	622	4
03 0065 : DETROIT LAKES W2 P1	704	850	4
03 0075 : DETROIT LAKES W3 P1	816	793	7
03 0082 : EAGLE VIEW TWP	0	0	0
03 0085 : ERIE TWP	257	233	1
03 0110 : HAMDEN TWP	11	11	0
03 0115 : HEIGHT OF LAND TWP	0	0	0
03 0120 : HOLMESVILLE TWP	147	143	0
03 0125 : LAKE EUNICE TWP	77	98	0
03 0140 : LAKE VIEW TWP	480	480	4
03 0145 : MAPLE GROVE TWP	8	2	0
03 0165 : RICEVILLE TWP	16	14	1
03 0170 : RICHWOOD TWP	179	181	1
03 0175 : ROUND LAKE TWP	5	14	0
03 0210 : SUGAR BUSH TWP	113	127	0
56 0050 : CANDOR TWP	30	37	0
56 0115 : DUNN TWP	9	22	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4245</b>	<b>4358</b>	<b>25</b>

We, the school board members of Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES), certify that we have canvassed the returns of the State General Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 and have herein specified the names of any candidates receiving votes and the number of votes received by each candidate, and have herein specified the number of votes for and against any ballot questions voted on in this election.

As appears by the returns of the election precincts voting in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the clerk of Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES).

Witness our official signature at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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State of Minnesota  
Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES) do hereby certify the within and foregoing \_\_\_\_\_ pages to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the Independent School District No. 22 (DETROIT LAKES) State General Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Witness my hand and official seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22  
DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS  
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the School Board of Independent School District No.22, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general and special election of the voters of the district held on November 5, 2024, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 22,301 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of (three) school board members for a 4 year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

<b>John Steffl</b>	<b>5,469</b>
<b>Julie Smith-Yliniemi</b>	<b>4,031</b>
<b>Michael Walther</b>	<b>2,648</b>

Emily Bartnes	2,569
Susan Walther	2,415
Nerissa Hendrickson	1,910
Nancy Zehnacker	1,272
Kerry Claypool-Lambert	1,001
Gary L. Coson	892
Write-In	94

3. John Steffl, Julie Smith-Yliniemi, & Michael Walther, having received the highest number of votes, is elected to a 4 year term beginning Monday January 6, 2025.
4. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 8,628 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of (one) school board member for a 2 year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

**Sanford (Sandy Nelson) 4,358**

Jon Freeman	4,245
Write-In	25

5. Sandford (Sandy) Nelson, having received the highest number of votes, is elected to a 2 year term beginning Monday January 6, 2025.
6. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

(Attach Abstract and Return of Votes Cast)

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John Steffl, Chairperson

DATED: November 14, 2024

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Ethan Walz, Clerk

DATED: November 14, 2024

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Katrena Lende, Executive Assistant  
To the Superintendent and School District  
Election Clerk

DATED: November 14, 2024