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School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Business Meeting – March 7, 2022

AGENDA SECTION: Acceptance of Agenda
ITEM: 2. Action: Acceptance of Business Meeting Agenda
PRESENTER: Helen Bassett, School Board Chair

Recommended Action: Approve Business Meeting agenda.

Acceptance of Business Meeting Agenda – March 7, 2022

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____



School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Regular Meeting – February 22, 2022

AGENDA SECTION: School Board Chair's Special Report

ITEM: 3. School Board Chair's Special Report

COMMENTS BY: Helen Bassett, School Board Chair

Chair Bassett will provide a brief update on Superintendent Engstrom's mid-year evaluation.



School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Business Meeting – March 7, 2022

AGENDA SECTION: Operations

ITEM: 4.A. Action: Approval of the Resolution for Non-Resident Student Enrollment Capacity Limits for 2022-2023

PRESENTERS: Ukee Dozier - Executive Director of Finance and Dr. Meghan Hickey, Director of Student Services

Recommended Action: Approve the resolution for Non-Resident Student Enrollment Capacity Limits for 2022-2023.

Approval of the Resolution for Non-Resident Student Enrollment Capacity Limits for 2022-2023 – March 7, 2022

	Yes	No	Abstention
Helen Bassett			
David Boone			
Sharon Brooks Green			
Greta Evans-Becker			
Michael Herring			
Sam Sant			
John Vento			

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____



To: School Board Members and Superintendent Engstrom
From: Ukee Dozier, Executive Director of Finance & Marti Voight, Assistant Superintendent
Date: February 7, 2022
Re: Listening Session: Non Resident Student Enrollment Capacity Limits

2022-2023 Non-Resident Student Enrollment Capacity Limits

Whereas, Minnesota Statute 124D.03 provides that a board of education may, by resolution, limit the enrollment of nonresident pupils in its schools or programs to a number not less than one percent of the total enrollment at each grade level in the district, and

Whereas, Robbinsdale Area Schools enrolls the number of non resident students that meet or exceed one percent of the total enrollment at each grade level in the district,

Now, therefore, it resolved that the superintendent or designee may close a grade, building or program for nonresident students as necessary due to space limitations.

Now, be it further resolved that the superintendent or designee may also limit the nonresident elementary enrollment so that 22-23 class sizes remain within the following range.

Class Size Range	K	1	2	3	4	5
Minimum Class Size	18	19	21	21	23	24
Maximum Class Size	25	26	28	28	30	31



School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Business Meeting – March 7, 2022

AGENDA SECTION: Operations

ITEM: 4.B. Action: Approval of the School Board Calendar for 2022-2023

PRESENTER: Helen Bassett, School Board Director

Recommended Action: Approve the School Board Calendar for 2022-2023..

Approval of the School Board Calendar for 2022-2023 – March 7, 2022

	Yes	No	Abstention
Helen Bassett			
David Boone			
Sharon Brooks Green			
Greta Evans-Becker			
Michael Herring			
Sam Sant			
John Vento			

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____



2022-2023 School Board Meetings

Meetings are typically held the first and third Monday of each month (except when the calendar does not permit) at the Education Service Center, 4148 Winnetka Avenue North, New Hope, MN, in the Board Room on the third floor. School Board Work Sessions are scheduled to follow the first school board meeting of the month. School Board Work Sessions typically start ten minutes after the adjournment of the preceding School Board Business Meeting.

2022			
Monday	July 18	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Monday	August 1	6 p.m.	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	August 15	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Wednesday	September 7	6 p.m.	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	September 19	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Monday	October 3	6 p.m.	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	October 17	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Monday	November 7	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	World's Best Work Force Public Hearing Business Meeting Work Session
Tuesday	November 8		Election Day
Monday	November 21	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Monday	December 5	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	December 19	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting Closed Session for Supt. Review



2022			
Monday	January 9	6 p.m.	Organizational Meeting Business Meeting Work Session
Tuesday	January 24	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Monday	February 6	6 p.m.	Business Meeting Work Session
Tuesday	February 21	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Monday	March 6	6 p.m.	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	March 20	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Tuesday	April 4	6 p.m.	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	April 17	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Monday	May 1	6 p.m.	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	May 15	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting
Monday	May 22	8 p.m.	Closed Session for Supt. Evaluation
Monday	June 5	6 p.m.	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	June 19	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Listening Time Business Meeting



School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Business Meeting – March 7, 2022

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda
ITEM: 5. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda
PRESENTER: Helen Bassett, School Board Chair

Consent Agenda items are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which the item will be removed as a Consent Agenda item and addressed. Consent Agenda items include administrative, personnel matters and financial matters.

Recommended Action: Approve the Consent Agenda items.

Approval of Consent Agenda – March 7, 2022

	Yes	No	Abstention
Helen Bassett			
David Boone			
Sharon Brooks Green			
Greta Evans-Becker			
Michael Herring			
Sam Sant			
John Vento			

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____

***Approved XXXX*

A Regular Meeting of the School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools was held Tuesday, February 22, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Robbinsdale Area Schools Education Service Center. A recording of the meeting can be found at <https://rdaleorg.finalsite.com/discover/school-board>.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Bassett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Directors present: Helen Bassett, David Boone, Sharon Brooks Green, Sam Sant, and John Vento; and David Engstrom, Superintendent. Director(s) absent: Greta Evans-Becker and Michael Herring. There was a quorum; and the meeting was called to order.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Chair Bassett asked for a motion to accept the Regular Meeting agenda for February 22, 2022. MOTION: Director Boone moved approval of the agenda, and Director Brooks Green seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Boone, Brooks Green, Sant, and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was declared duly passed.

School Board Chair's Special Report

Chair Bassett spoke in regard to updates to the Listening Time Procedure Document and Speaker Information Forms, signage, arrangement of the room, and adding microphones to help improve the sessions. She stated the Board would look into the community recommendations for further refinement of the document and form, and noted all of the other ways the community can be heard.

Sharing the Success

- A. *Accomplishments of our Robbinsdale Cooper and Armstrong Debate Teams, Coached by DJ Brynteson*
 - a. Cooper Junior Connor Brynteson won the 2022 MN State High School League (MSHSL) State Debate Tournament in Congressional Debate in his third trip to this tournament - and improved on his 4th place finish from last year
 - b. Cooper Senior Andrew Tran finished in 10th place
 - c. Armstrong Senior Audrey Pearson placed 3rd, in her third trip to the tournament
 - d. Armstrong Senior Anya Lindberg finished in 5th place in her first appearance in the tournament
 - e. The 1st, 3rd and 5th place finishes are collectively the best ever for the Robbinsdale debate teams
 - f. This is Robbinsdale's fourth state championship in debate in the last twelve years; and Cooper's 18th and Armstrong's 11th consecutive trip to the tournament

Superintendent's Report

- A. *Statement Regarding Cooper Girls Basketball Subjected to Racist Taunts vs. New Prague - 2/15/22*

Robbinsdale Area Schools was disheartened that the girls basketball team for Cooper High School was subjected to racist taunts from some members of the crowd. The game took place at New Prague High School. According to several accounts, some spectators made monkey sounds directed at the Cooper team. Monkey chants have long been used during sporting events to ridicule African American athletes. "This type of behavior is abhorrent and unsportsmanlike," said David Engstrom, Superintendent. "It is cruel to use racial taunts toward anyone – especially students." Robbinsdale Area Schools stands with, and supports, our student athletes. We are proud of the way our students handled themselves amidst this display of ignorance. Cooper High School took several steps to support our athletes, coaches, students and staff. Players and coaches met to offer support to each other as they processed what occurred. Cooper's athletic director has had conversations with New Prague's athletic director while news of this incident was unfolding and then investigated by that district. Cooper Principal Frank Herman met with the Student Council Leadership and invited students to a forum so they could discuss what happened. He offered additional support through conversations with building staff and an after-school staff meeting to discuss this incident. There has been an outpouring of support from the community for the team. Orono High School played Cooper next, and wore orange in support of them instead of their own red and blue. The community raised funds for sports

equipment for the team. The New Prague High School Principal denounced hate speech on their website. We are working with the MSHSL and the Metro West Conference to determine next steps. The Robbinsdale Area Schools embrace the rich and wonderful diversity of our student body.

B. *Recognition of School Board Appreciation Week - February 21-25, 2022*

On behalf of Robbinsdale Area Schools, the Superintendent Engstrom recognized our School Board Directors in appreciation of:

- the importance of public education in our community, and
- the vital role they play as local school board members, to establish policies to ensure an efficient, effective school system, and
- their service as a voice that enables our community to preserve local management and control of our public schools, and
- their charge of representing our local education interests to state and federal governments and ensuring compliance with state and federal laws, and
- their actions as strong advocates for public education and communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district, and
- their selfless devotion of their knowledge, time and talents as advocates for our school children.

Operations

A. *Review of Resolution for Non-Resident Student Enrollment Capacity Limits for 2022-2023*

B. *Review of First Draft of 2022-2023 School Board Meeting Calendar*

C. *Approval of Resolution Accepting Donations*

MOTION: Director Vento moved approval and Director Boone seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Boone, Brooks Green, Sant, and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was declared duly passed.

D. *Approval of Closed Session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05*

MOTION: Director Sant moved approval and Director Brooks Green seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Boone, Brooks Green, Sant, and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was declared duly passed.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items include administrative, personnel matters, and financial matters. MOTION: Director Vento moved approval and Director Sant seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Boone, Brooks Green, Sant, and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Said motion was declared duly passed.

Board Reports

Each month Board Members share updates from their different committee assignments and attendance at district and community events.

Director Brooks-Green appreciated the School Board recognition.

Director Sant attended the following events:

- Community Connect Committee meeting on [February 8, 2022](#)
- Intermediate District 287 meeting agenda for February 10 changed due to the shooting on one of their school campuses. Support has been provided by districts served by Intermediate District 287, it has been a rough two weeks. Director Sant attended the funeral of student Jahmari Rice, to support the family. The second victim is still in intensive care. Go Fund Me accounts have been set up for both families.
- Legislative Action Coalition (LAC) meeting on February 17, 2022 - noting work with other LAC's and districts addressing needs for students from the state \$7.7 million surplus

Before the Regular Meeting, Director Boone facilitated the listening time held at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Education Service Center. Several community members spoke regarding:

- District mask mandate - when will it end?
- Shout outs: staff in the bus drop off lines, Cooper Lady Hawk basketball players and their coaches - for the grit and class shown at the New Prague game, and all of the supportive staff in the buildings
- Inconsistencies and inequities in what some buildings have that others do not in fund-raising and facilities
- Listening Time format, procedure and form updates ¹suggesting further review, and want full Board present

- Committee structure
- Safety and behavior issues in schools
- Transportation - Durham, bringing transportation back in-house
- Accountability in schools
- Payment distributions/disbursements

Director Boone attended the following event:

- LAC meeting on February 17, 2022 - discussion regarding Governor Walz's budget allocations to education

Director Boone stated as a School Board Director, a coach and an official, he is disgusted with the racist acts. He stands with our teams, and implores MSHSL to act. All should feel welcome and safe at school events.

Director Vento attended the following events:

- Board professional development in regard to board governance on January 21-22, 2022 - lead by Deborah Keys Write. He thanked her for these sessions. It was the first time having one facilitator on one topic - guiding by moral compass
- Redesign meeting on February 15, 2022 - had many good speakers in regard to mental health focus on students and staff. We need to build partnerships and help recruit for sustainability of resources in mental health.
- Financial Advisory Council (FAC) special meeting on February 17, 2022 - Ukee Dozier, Executive Director of Finance provided projection information and walked the FAC through the model to get their input

Director Vento thanked the Orono girls basketball team, their coaches and our community for their support of our Cooper girls basketball team and coaches. Racist actions have affected other districts and students, happening all over. These actions are learned at home. Do not show this disgusting behavior to kids. We need to move forward and make change.

Director Bassett attended the following events:

- Minnesota School Board Association officer's training on February 2 and 9, 2022
- Government Advisory Council/District 281 Partnership meeting on February 15, 2022

Director Bassett was contacted by an Osseo board member in regard to what our girls endured, expressing anger. She said colleagues from other districts across the metro have been contacting her about other incidents. Director Bassett went to the game vs. Orono on Friday night, saying it was nice to see the support from Orono and our community - and our girls played with heart. She is proud of them, and how they rose to the occasion. As a result of all of this, she and board chairs from Hopkins, Minneapolis, Osseo, and parents have started an anti-bullying work group. Director Bassett stated that the MSHSL has a major responsibility to address this, as they benefit financially from all of the district's students in activities. She wants to know what resources they will provide to help. Model policies need to be developed and aligned to make change and get resolution.

Announcements (can be found on our website)

Adjournment

MOTION: Director Boone moved approval and Director Vento seconded the motion. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Directors Bassett, Boone, Brooks Green, Sant, and Vento. And the following voted against the same: none. Meeting was adjourned.

Prepared and submitted by:

Molly Olson

Assistant Clerk, Robbinsdale Area Schools

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board

Signed: _____
School Board Clerk, Independent School District 281

Date: _____

Minutes of Closed Session

The School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools



***Approved XXXX*

A Closed Session of the School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools, ISD 281, was held February 22, 2022, beginning at 8:20 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office at the Robbinsdale Area Schools Education Service Center, 4148 Winnetka Avenue North, New Hope, Minnesota.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Helen Bassett called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Directors present: Bassett, Boone, Brooks Green, Sant and Vento

Directors absent: Evans-Becker and Herring

Other attendees: David Engstrom - Superintendent

2. School Board

A. Closed Session pursuant of Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3(a) for Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation

Chair Helen Bassett announced that in accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3(a), the meeting would be closed to the public for the purpose of Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation. Keeping with District Administrative Policy 205, the proceedings were recorded.

3. Adjourn

MOTION: Director Brooks Green moved to adjourn the closed session, and Director Sant seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Greta Evans-Becker, School Board Clerk - Independent School District No. 281

LICENSED STAFF - March 7, 2022**CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT**

Name	Building	Title	Effective Date
John Groenke	ESC	Head Principal to Executive Director of Student Services	02/28/2022
Jay Hancock	SMS	Asst. Sec. Principal to Head Sec. Principal	02/22/2022

NEW HIRE

Name	Building	Title	Step/Lane	Effective Date
Lisa Barnholdt	NPE	1.0/Head Principal	EP/2	03/07/2022
Jordan Gray	SEA	1.0/Grade 3	BA45/2	02/11/2022
Lisa Holm	PMS	1.0/Sp Ed	BA45/7	02/28/2022

Announcements | March 7, 2022

Monday, March 14, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Special Education Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:30 p.m.

Community Connect Visit to Ironwood Apartments

Thursday, March 17, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Legislative Action Coalition Meeting

March 21-25, 2022

Robbinsdale Area Schools Spring Break

Visit the district calendar on our website for additional details on these meeting/events.

Visit our school websites for activities and sporting event details.



2021-2022 School Board Meetings (approved Feb. 16, 2021)

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2021			
Monday	July 19	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting
Monday	August 2	6 pm	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	August 16	6 pm 7 pm 8 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting Special Work Session
Wednesday	September 8	6 pm	Business Meeting Work Session
Wednesday	September 22	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting
Monday	October 4	6 pm	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	October 18	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting
Monday	November 1	6 pm	Business Meeting Work Session
Tuesday	November 2		Election Day
Monday	November 15	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting
	Nov/Dec TBD		Closed Session for Supt. Review
Monday	December 6**	6 pm 7 pm	Truth in Taxation Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	December 20	6 pm 7 pm	Truth in Taxation (if needed) Listening Time



			Regular Meeting
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2022			
Tuesday	January 4	6 pm	Organizational Meeting Business Meeting Work Session
Tuesday	January 18	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting
Monday	February 7	6 pm	Business Meeting Work Session
Tuesday	February 22	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting
Monday	March 7	6 pm	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	March 28	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting
Tuesday	April 5	6 pm	Business Meeting Work Session
Tuesday	April 19	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting
Monday	May 9	6 pm	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	May 23	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting
Monday	May 23	8 pm	Closed Session for Supt. Evaluation
Tuesday	June 7	6 pm	Business Meeting Work Session
Monday	June 20	6 pm 7 pm	Listening Time Regular Meeting



School Board of Robbinsdale Area Schools

Business Meeting – March 7, 2022

AGENDA SECTION: Adjournment

ITEM: 7. Action: Adjournment of Business Meeting

PRESENTER: Helen Bassett, School Board Chair

Recommended Action: Call the business meeting to a close.

Adjournment of Business Meeting – March 7, 2022

Motion by: _____ **Yes:** _____ **Passed:** _____

Second by: _____ **No:** _____ **Failed:** _____

Abstentions: _____