

Regular Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2023 6:30 PM

ROCORI District Office Boardroom
534 5th Ave. North
Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bohnsack, Hesse, Nierenhausen, Schurman, Thompson

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The School Board Chair will lead the school board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board action to approve the agenda for the meeting is expected.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Action is requested on the following items of the consent agenda. Consent agenda items are typically adopted without discussion of the individual items because they are routine or ordinary in action. Any consent agenda item may be removed for further discussion and deliberation by any member of the board.

4.A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on October 9, 2023.
Recommend approval of the minutes from the meetings.

4.B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Treasurer Nierenhausen will have been at the school site to review bills, ask questions, and confirm information prior to the meeting.
Recommendation is to approve the bill payment of \$3,074,318.64 subject to any adjustments or direction offered by the Treasurer.

4.C. TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Nierenhausen will have reviewed financial information for the board. This information is included in the Treasurer's Report.

4.D. EMPLOYMENT

Recommend approval of the assignment as outlined.

4.D.1. Cold Spring Elementary Special Education Teacher: Kaija Mattson

4.D.2. Cold Spring Elementary Custodian: Loren Eggert transferring from cleaner to custodian.

4.D.3. District Education Facility paraprofessional: Cecila Lopez will move from a Special Education Paraprofessional to an EL Paraprofessional.

4.D.4. District Education Facility Paraprofessional support for 3 year old preschool: Becky Larson will add roughly 3 hours to weekly contract

4.E. RETIREMENTS-RESIGNATIONS

Recommend approval of the following resignations and/or retirements.

4.E.1. ROCORI Secondary School Paraprofessional: Allison Smith

4.E.2. ROCORI Secondary School Cook's Helper: Alecia Meller

4.E.3. Cold Spring Elementary Kindergarten Teacher: Olivia Hoelz

4.E.4. ROCORI Director of Community Education: Cameron Goude

4.F. POLICIES

The following policies have been discussed in the policy committee. It is being presented for a third and final reading.

Recommendation: Approve the policies as presented.

4.F.1. Policy 541 Student Early Entrance

This ROCORI policy was last approved by the school board 06-12-2023.

The Policy Committee recommends approving the policy as presented.

4.F.2. Policy 220 Student Representation on School Board

This ROCORI policy was last approved by the school board 07-18-2023.

The Policy Committee recommends approving the policy as presented.

5. ACTION

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.

5.A. POLICIES

The following policies have been reviewed by the policy committee. It has been recommended they be removed from the ROCORI District Policy Manual.

Recommendation: Approve the discontinuation of the policies.

5.A.1. Policy 433 Employee Drug and Alcohol Offenses

5.A.2. Policy 435 Leaves of Absence, Unpaid

5.B. INSURANCE RENEWAL

The insurance committee met to review the insurance renewal proposal. Recommendation to approve the medical and dental insurance policies as presented.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion items receive individual attention because of the nature of the issues and the need for introductory or other discussion in order to review the information prior to taking action. This is also the agenda location for items which simply need school board review, but no formal action on the item is required. Discussion items will typically return to the agenda at a future point for more specific action.

6.A. BENTON STEARNS EDUCATION DISTRICT

Erin Dohrmann will provide an overview of services provided by Benton Stearns Education District.

6.B. POLICIES

The following policies have been discussed in the policy committee. It is being presented for a first reading and call for public comment. No formal action is expected.

6.B.1. Policy 221 Official School Board Spokesperson

6.B.2. Policy 222 Acceptance of Gifts and Naming of School Properties

6.B.3. Policy 434 Employment of Staff Policy

6.B.4. Policy 534 School Meals Policy

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

7.A. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Superintendent will make his report about ROCORI Public Schools.

7.B. BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

The business office provides an update of district expenditures and revenues through the Budget Comparison report. The report is intended to provide a financial picture of the district in a couple ways. One is to compare current year expenditures to the previous year. The second is to simply give a report on the current financial status. In addition to the report, special items of note are highlighted in the explanations offered. This report does not require formal action but is provided as an informational item.

7.C. BOARD COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Board members will report on activities within their portfolio of committee and representative assignments.

8. COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM VISITORS

The agenda is open to visitors of the meeting to offer comments to and/or requests of the school board. The comments and requests should follow the adopted district guidelines which are printed and available at the meeting. As a general rule, items introduced in the opportunity for comments and requests do not receive action from the School Board, but are taken under advisement or consideration for future action.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A calendar of upcoming issues of concern to the school board is included as part of the agenda.

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