



**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2155  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 22, 2025

The regular meeting of the Independent School District #2155 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Dan Lawson. Other Board members present: Melissa Seelhammer, Julie Bushinger, Brandon Kern, Amanda Schmidt, Barb Tumberg and Supt. Lee Westrum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

*A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Kern to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.*

The Board recognized the Sourcewell Educators of Excellence Shelly Steffens and Kendra Schultz, and the Sourcewell Pillars of Excellence Dan Hahn and Cindy Lemke.

*A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the March 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Bushinger seconded by Kern, to approve the hires of Amy Schmitz, Food Service; and Courtney Tumberg, Head Volleyball Coach. Motion approved 5-0, with Tumberg abstaining.*

*A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Tumberg, to approve the retirement of Nadine Wegscheid, Elementary Head Cook, and the resignations of Steph Nelson, Social Worker; Grace Christianson, Cheer Advisor; Jaymie Lockwood, Elementary Para; Addison Olander, Elementary Para. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the lange change for Melissa Stevens. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Business Manager's report. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Kern, to approve the Manual Journal Entries as presented. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Tumberg, to approve the following Disbursements:*

Vendor Check #'s	47595 - 47797	\$437,807.42
Credit Card (BMO Harris Bank):		\$10,067.79
Student Activity Check #'s	23391 - 23416	\$30,897.36

*Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the following donations to the district:*



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<b>Donor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Charities Aid Foundation</i>	<i>IT donation for cyber security</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Wadena Lions</i>	<i>Golf Scramble - Wolverine Activities</i>	<i>\$450.00</i>
<i>Better Health Collective</i>	<i>Wellness Start-up Grant</i>	<i>\$5,100.00</i>
<i>Misc. ECFE donations</i>	<i>Support ECFE program</i>	<i>\$159.00</i>
<i>Various donors</i>	<i>Prom</i>	<i>\$1,945.00</i>
<i>Kal's, Inc.</i>	<i>Fishing League</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Hunke Fuel Station</i>	<i>Fishing League</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Knob Hill Sportsman's Club</i>	<i>Fishing League</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

*Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the LTFM Levy Resolution for Freshwater Education District Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Schmidt to approve lowering the P.E./Health credit requirements from 2 full years to 1.5. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Bushinger to approve lowering the Social Studies credit requirements from 4 full years in grades 9 - 12 to 3.5. Motion approved unanimously.*

The Board discussed the Proposed Budget Reductions for 2025-2026.

The floor was opened for public comment on the proposed budget reductions. The following individuals addressed the Board: Tina Huls and Selena Hauer.

*A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Seelhammer to approve the following budget reductions for 2025-2026:*

<i>Eliminate Preschool Noon Busing</i>	<i>\$42,000</i>
<i>Reduce Preschool Sections</i>	<i>\$19,000</i>
<i>MS Teacher (Reduce 5th Grade from 4 to 3 sections)</i>	<i>\$53,500</i>
<i>LICSW Therapist</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>Eliminate MS/HS Dean and Reassign Mr. Gallant to</i>	
<i>Communications/Comm. Ed Coordinator</i>	<i>\$44,000</i>
<i>Reduce P.E. Requirements and Eliminate Overloads</i>	<i>\$17,000</i>
<i>Eliminate Half Time Sub Position</i>	<i>\$13,000</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$238,500</b>



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*Motion approved unanimously.*

The Board delayed consideration of eliminating an Elem. EBD teaching position until the May school board meeting.

No action was taken on the smudging policy. It was decided to proceed without a policy and use the procedure created by Supt. Westrum that follows state statute.

*A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the Capital/LTFM Expenditures for 2025-2026. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Seelhammer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.*

The next regular meeting of the WDC School Board is Monday, May 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robertson Theatre.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Barb Tumberg, Board Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dan Lawson, Board Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_