



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

February 17, 2026

The regular and organizational 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, Amanda Schmidt, Barb Tumberg and Supt. Lee Westrum. Absent: Brandon Kern.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the January 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Seelhammer seconded by Bushinger, to approve the hires of Courtney Traugher, REACH Teacher; Faith Koning, Elementary Paraprofessional. Motion approved 4-0, with Lawson abstaining.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Tumberg, to approve the resignations of Kevin Ross, Head Girls' Golf Coach. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the early retirement incentive resignations of Louis Rutten, Elementary Principal; Michael Ortmann, MS/HS Choir Teacher; and Alicia Johnson, Early Childhood Teacher. Motion approved unanimously.

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

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

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

Vendor Check #'s	49277 - 49491	\$291,753.58
Credit Card (BMO Harris Bank):		\$11,166.48
Student Activity Check #'s	23524 - 23536	\$38,610.51

Motion approved unanimously.

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

Donor	Purpose	Amount
Various anonymous	ECFE program	\$150.00
Charities Aid Foundation	IT donation for cyber security	\$75.00
Better Health Collective	Wellness incentives grant	\$2,432.00



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<i>Wadena Rotary</i>	<i>First grade field trip</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>Boys basketball</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Kern Electronics</i>	<i>Softball</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Betsy Malone</i>	<i>Softball</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>
<i>WDC Education MN</i>	<i>Student Council</i>	<i>\$302.00</i>

Motion approved unanimously.

Michael Craig addressed the Board with a presentation on a Youth and Family Center.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Teacher Retirement Incentive MOU. Motion approved 4-1.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the 26Pay27 LTFM Coop Levy. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the 2025-26 Budget Revision. Motion approved unanimously.

The Board discussed possible budget cuts.

The Board discussed the Elementary Principal job posting.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Bushinger, to post the Elementary Principal job. Motion approved unanimously.

The first reading of policy updates for policies 306, 417, 513, 519, 606, 712, and 722 was conducted. No action taken.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Seelhammer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the WDC School Board is Monday, March 23, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robertson Theatre.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barb Tumberg, Board Clerk

Date: _____



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_____ Date: _____
Dan Lawson, Board Chair