



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

April 2, 2024*
Robertson Theatre

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, Barb Tumberg, Brandon Kern, Julie Bushinger, Kent Schmidt and Supt. Lee Westrum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supt. Westrum had two additions to the agenda: recognition of the Band and Choir trip participants and chaperones; audit proposal for next year.

A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Kern, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Mike Ortmann gave an update on the recent Band and Choir trip to Atlanta. The Board thanked Mike and Lisa for organizing the trip, and the chaperones for their assistance. The Board recognized the students for their performances and for the positive representation of WDC.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Tumberg, to approve the February 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Seelhammer to approve the hires of Kellie Kane, Elementary Paraprofessional; Kaylie Bauck, Elementary Paraprofessional. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Bushinger to approve the resignations of Amy Hahn, Elementary Paraprofessional and Thomas Gasser, Business Ed. Teacher/BPA Advisor. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Kern to approve the lane change for Jon Roemmich. Motion approved unanimously.

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

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

Vendor Check #'s	45473 - 45616	\$362,689.51
Credit Card (BMO Harris Bank):		\$16,462.59
Student Activity Check #'s	23230 - 23250	\$51,363.86

Motion approved unanimously.

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



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Donor	Purpose	Amount
<i>ECFE Donations - various small</i>	<i>ECFE program</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>
<i>MN Historical Society</i>	<i>Legacy Funds for 5th grade field trip \$8/student</i>	<i>\$576.00</i>
<i>MSHSL Foundation</i>	<i>Donation to keep student participation fees lower</i>	<i>\$1,817.00</i>
<i>Wadena Deer Creek PTO</i>	<i>Sensory Room Supplies</i>	<i>\$750.00</i>
<i>Wadena Deer Creek PTO</i>	<i>4th Grade Loon Concert</i>	<i>\$750.00</i>
<i>DC Lions Pull Tabs</i>	<i>PTO Matching grant - Classroom/Teacher aid</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>WDC Wrestling Inc.</i>	<i>Charter Bus to Roseau for Wrestling</i>	<i>\$771.50</i>
<i>Walmart Spark Good Local Grant Program</i>	<i>General use - Walmart Round Up program</i>	<i>\$255.55</i>
<i>Wadena Elks Game Fund</i>	<i>Boys Basketball</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>Prom</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Pavek</i>	<i>HS Music</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

Motion approved unanimously.

The Budget Committee presented recommendations for budget reductions and discussion followed. The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the recommendations: Bronwynn Touchette, Alicia Wynn and Jessica Hinman.

The Board removed the noon preschool bus routes from the list of reductions by a vote of 6-0.

The Board removed the halftime Community Ed/Communications position from the list of reductions by a 4-2 vote. Lawson, Schmidt, Bushinger and Tumberg voted in favor with Kern and Seelhammer voting against.

The Board approved the following budget reductions for the 2024-2025 school year on a unanimous vote:

School Resource Officer	\$48,150
Little Kids Club/Kids Krew – Increased Rates	\$85,000



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Media Specialist - Retired	\$86,599
Elem. Teacher - Retired	\$90,588
Elem. Teacher - Retired	\$65,000
Elem. Teacher - Retired	\$71,547
Elem. Teacher - Retired	\$86,760
MS/HS Custodian	\$60,000
Greenhouse Coordinator	\$20,858
Interventionist/Student Success Coordinator at Elem	\$95,271
PE Position	\$61,304
7/8 Interventionist	\$25,642
Reduce Full Time Sub Position to .5FTE	\$20,500
5 Paraprofessionals	\$65,000
Reduce Summer Library Asst. Hours by Half	\$5,140
Increase participation fees to \$75 and \$50	\$8,000
increase admission to \$7 and \$5 (currently \$6 and \$4)	\$5,000
Increase Season Passes to \$100 (currently \$75)	\$850
Eliminate Overnight Trips	\$5,000
Eliminate two Bus Routes	\$70,000
Eliminate JH REACH	\$38,401
Reach Asst. to .5 FTE	\$17,000
Reduce Business Ed to .5 FTE	<u>\$38,401</u>
Total	\$1,070,011

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the Confidential Group Employment Agreement for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Tumberg, to approve the Administrator Collective Bargaining Agreement for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Schmidt to approve a contract with Eide Bailly for \$31,000 to conduct the annual financial audit. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the WDC School Board is Monday, April 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robertson Theatre.

Respectfully submitted by:



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_____ Date: _____
Barb Tumberg, Board Clerk

_____ Date: _____
Dan Lawson, Board Chair