



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

September 15, 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 moment of silence was observed for former WDC School Board Chair Steve Techam.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Seelhammer to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Supt. Westrum gave a presentation on the 2025 Referendum.

Supt. Westrum recognized September as School Board Recognition Month.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Vickie Thompson
Amos Self
Sue Volkmann

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the August 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Kern seconded by Bushinger, to approve the hires of Gina Wagner, Bus Driver; Jenna Trantina, MS/HS Paraprofessional; Danielle Betterman, MS/HS Paraprofessional; Amy Clews, MS/HS Paraprofessional. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Kern, to approve the resignations of Logan Caron, Girls' Wrestling; Cathy Newberry, MS/HS Paraprofessional; Hannah Dosdall, Elementary Paraprofessional. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Bushinger, to approve lane changes for Carly Carkhuff, Bethany Danielson, Ryan Elfering, Megan Heino and Abbie Schultz. Motion approved unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Tumberg, to approve the Journal Entries. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Vendor Check #'s	48442 - 48573	\$372,611.63
Credit Card (BMO Harris Bank):		\$15,782.28



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Student Activity Check #'s 23453 - 23468 \$19,218.84

Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the following Donations to the district:

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>North Central Economic Development Authority</i>	<i>Innovative Schools matching grant</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>First United Church of Christ - Lamson Trust</i>	<i>Summer Odash Kindergarten curriculum</i>	<i>\$1,400.00</i>
<i>Paul & Stephanie Drange</i>	<i>Football</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the maximum Preliminary Pay26 Levy of \$2,744,36591. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the second reading of policies 413, 414, 418, 425, 501, 512, 514, 515, 516, 516.5, 602, 621, 704, 707, 709 and 802. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Kern, to approve the dissolution of the current dance cooperative with Verndale and Parkers Prairie. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve a new dance cooperative with Verndale, Parkers Prairie, and Henning. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve a resolution appointing election judges and the absentee ballot board for the November 4th Special Election. Motion approved unanimously.

The following election judges were appointed:

Junelle Jackson

Deb Andrews

Rachele Reese

Ginger Thrasher

Bonnie Richter

Kristen Szathmary

Lisa Wegscheid

Christine Kempenich



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Missy Lund
Heather Olson

The following election judges were appointed to the absentee ballot board:
Christine Kempenich
Missy Lund
Heather Olson

A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Schmidt, to set a special school board meeting for November 12th at 12:00 p.m. to canvass the election results. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Bushinger, to set the Truth in Taxation hearing for December 15th at 6:00 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Seelhammer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the WDC School Board is Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bluffton Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barb Tumberg, Board Clerk

Date: _____

Dan Lawson, Board Chair

Date: _____