



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

February 21, 2023  
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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.

Also present: Tanya Collins, Martha Ray, Isaac Ray, Greg Welch, Amos Self, Steph Yungbauer, Lisa Perkins, Amy Roller, Kathy Anderson, Paula Geiger, George Deiss, Lisa Weniger, Brian Jacobson, Tyler Church, Louis Rutten, Katie Polman, Dean Uselman, Mikaela Huot.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supt. Westrum proposed two changes to the agenda:

- a. Move item #6 to Student, Staff Community Recognition.
- b. Move One Act Play participant recognition to the March agenda.

*A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the Agenda with the proposed changes. Motion approved unanimously.*

The Board recognized the Ambitious 4-H Club Community Pride Project Donation. Macy and Charlie Roller donated \$150 worth of supplies to WDC Elementary as part of their Community Pride Project.

*A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the January 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the February 1, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Kern, to approve the February 13, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the hires of Chelsea Leddon, Elementary Paraprofessional; Ryan Damlo, JH Track and Field Coach; Amanda Suchy, Long-Term Elementary Art Substitute. Motion passed 5-1.*

*A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the resignations of Richard Muckala, Ag Instructor and FFA Advisor; Jeremy Moonen, IT Help Desk Technician. Motion approved unanimously.*

The Board recognized Richard Muckala for his 21 years of service to WDC.

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

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



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Vendor Check #'s 43043 - 43222	\$331,776.63
Credit Card (BMO Harris Bank):	\$7,192.91
Student Activity Check #'s 22995 - 23029	\$26,509.33

*Motion approved unanimously.*

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

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Tri-County Health Care	ECFE Holiday Event	\$100.00
Sourcewell	Catalyst Training	\$3,000.00
First Congregational United Church of Christ - Lamson Family Trust	1st Grade Ski Trip	\$800.00
First Congregational United Church of Christ - Lamson Family Trust	Books - Joan Goeden	\$600.00
Various	ECFE Donations	\$87.00
Five Wings Art Council	Community Ed: Wadena Area Community Band	\$4,000.00
Anonymous	Football	\$2,000.00
Deer Creek Lions	National Honor Society	\$200.00

*Motion approved unanimously.*

Several parents attended the meeting to address the Board:

Amos Self shared concerns regarding bathroom use in schools and referenced the Minnesota Department of Education's toolkit as guidance rather than policy. Supt. Westrum cited the Executive Order and legal advice provided by Pemberton in regards to Title IX anti-discrimination law as the reason behind how WDC currently handles bathroom and locker room usage among nonconforming and transgender students and community members.

Tanya Collins and Greg Welch shared concerns in regards to student viewing of the One Act Play, specifically surrounding a scene that they and their children were uncomfortable with. Ms. Collins

