



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

March 23, 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, Brandon Kern, Amanda Schmidt, Barb Tumberg and Supt. Lee Westrum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

*A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the February 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.*

The Board recognized Kaylee Endres, Gracie Arm, McKenna Brauch, Ella Wegscheid and Ettore Pinnella for qualifying for the State Wrestling Tournament.

*A motion was made by Kern seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the hires of Aaron Spicer, Track Assistant; Eve Collins, Track Assistant; Lisa Weniger, Girls Golf Head Coach; Jordan Cresap Boys/Girls Golf Assistant; Caroline Harrison, JH Softball; Amy Dykhoff, Food Service Director; Logan Meyer, Track (half time); Jim Roeder, Softball. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the resignations of Laura Kiser, Social Worker; Trent Becker, JH Softball and Brad Wollum, Head Wrestling. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the early retirement incentive resignation of Shelly Steffens, Elementary Teacher. Motion approved unanimously.*

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

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

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

Vendor Check #'s	49492 - 49635	\$376,826.51
Credit Card (BMO Harris Bank):		\$35,472.01
Student Activity Check #'s	23537 - 23548	\$12,739.47

*Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Kern, 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>MSHSL Foundation</i>	<i>Donation to keep student participation fees lower</i>	<i>\$1,898.00</i>
<i>Wadena County</i>	<i>Drug Detection Program</i>	<i>\$1,360.00</i>
<i>Wadena Lions</i>	<i>First Grade Field Trip</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>Judy &amp; Peter Spenst</i>	<i>WDC Special Education</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Sam Philips</i>	<i>Men's Prom Attire Only</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Anonymous Donations</i>	<i>ECFE Program</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
<i>Charities Aid Foundation recommended by Comcast</i>	<i>IT donation for Cyber Security</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>
<i>MN Historical Society</i>	<i>Reimb 5th grade field trip travel to Mille Lacs Museum</i>	<i>\$568.00</i>
<i>Sourcewell</i>	<i>M State Entry Level Driver Training for WDC students</i>	<i>\$316.00</i>
<i>Various</i>	<i>Prom</i>	<i>\$1,230.00</i>
<i>Karen A. Schmidt</i>	<i>Special Olympics</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

*Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Tumberg, to approve the proposed budget reductions for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$388,538. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Kern, to approve the Food Service Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Kern, to approve the audit proposal from Schlenner Wenner & Company. Motion approved unanimously.*

The Board discussed the 2026-2027 School Calendar. Superintendent Westrum will survey the staff on the calendar options and report back to the Board for the April 20th meeting.

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



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*A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the milk bid from Kemps and the bread bid from Pan-O-Gold for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion approved unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Seelhammer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.*

The next regular meeting of the WDC School Board is Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robertson Theatre.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Barb Tumberg, Board Clerk

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

Dan Lawson, Board Chair