



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

October 16, 2023
Bluffton Community Center

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.

A moment of silence was observed for Vayda Cook.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supt. Westrum had two additions to the agenda under Part A, Personnel Items: hire of Rebecca Hilts and resignation of Kathy Widness.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Agenda with the aforementioned additions. Motion approved unanimously.

The following community members addressed the Board during the Public Forum period:

Dirk Schulz - Flag Policy
Deb Hartmann - Impact of the Referendum
Amos Self - Follow Up on Questions
Dan Touchette - Referendum, Transgender Issues, Bullying

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Kern, to approve the September 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Amended November 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, to include the approval of the Audit Presentation which was inadvertently omitted from the original minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Kern, to approve the hires of Derek Vergin, MS/HS Custodian; Eric Semler, Bus Driver; Krista Coyle, FCCLA Advisor; Cory Sarago, Asst. Hockey Coach; and Rebecca Hilts, Preschool Paraprofessional. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the resignations of Kaitlyn Warren, Preschool Paraprofessional and Kathy Widness, M|State Head Cook. Motion approved unanimously.

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

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

Vendor Check #'s 44428 - 44643	\$512,232.39
Credit Card (BMO Harris Bank):	\$19,106.63
Student Activity Check #'s 23128 - 23146	\$11,851.30



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

Donor	Purpose	Amount
<i>Bluffton Hardware</i>	<i>Raffle Donation Wadena Area Youth Baseball</i>	<i>\$285.00</i>
<i>Astera Health</i>	<i>Donation toward purchase of portable AED</i>	<i>\$1,300.00</i>
<i>Wadena Lions Club</i>	<i>1st Grade Field Trip - Apple Orchard</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>DC Lions Pull Tabs</i>	<i>1st Grade Field Trip - Apple Orchard</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>DC Lions Pull Tabs</i>	<i>BPA</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the district health insurance proposal submitted by Gravie, to begin coverage on January 1, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Kern, to approve the fund transfer of \$190,533.08 from the General Fund to the Community Service Fund. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Seelhammer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the WDC School Board is Monday, November 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robertson Theatre.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barb Tumberg, Board Clerk

Date: _____

Dan Lawson, Board Chair

Date: _____