

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT- at 5:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members Superintendent A. Johnson, J. Brockway, M. Young-Lecoustre, M. Radniecki, M. Maki, student representative D. Selander, Visitors L. Christensen, H. Jabas, A. Walz, L. Kennedy and C. Koenen of the press.

SETTING THE AGENDA TO DETERMINE THE ORDERS OF THE DAY- Approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Approved.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Approved.

REPORTS- Administrative Reports- Activities- Sate Speech, State FFA, Spring Sports, **Student Representative-** Spring activities and prom, **Elementary-** Spring Activities, **High School-** Spring Events, **Superintendent-** Legislation, Food Service Community Service; **Business Office Report-** Fiscal Year end meetings, Investments; **School Board Committee Meetings-** Wellness 03/31/25, Curriculum, Instruction and Policy 04/22/25.

OLD BUSINESS-

SECOND READING OF POLICY #700.21 DISPOSITION OF TROPHIES- Approved.

CONSENT ITEMS- CONTRACTS- SWWC 2025-26, Lakes Area Adult Education 2025-26, Transfinder 2025-26; **DONATIONS-** Deer Hunters Association \$2000 to Trap Team, EOT Soil and Water Conservation \$1000 to FFA, Bluffton Baseball Association \$500 to Scoreboard, EOT Midwest Dairy Association \$500 to FFA, VFW Post 3289 \$500 to Close up, New York Mills Lions Club \$1250 to DARE Program, Newton Township \$300 for Summer Rec. Approved.

CONTRACT WITH INTERQUEST DETECTION CANINES FOR 2025-26- Denied.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS- 3rd Street S.W., Wadena, Baker St. N., Deer Creek. Approved.

FIRST READING OF POLICIES #103 CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS and #104 SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT, #412.1L SCHOOL DISTRICT PAYMENT OF STUDENT AND ADVISOR TRAVEL, AND #427 WORKLOAD LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS- Approved.

CALL FOR BIDS FOR SALE OF HOUSE- Minimum bid \$78,000, bids due May 14, 2025 and awarded at the May board meeting. Approved.

SOFTBALL OVERNIGHT STAY- Jackson Tournament May 2025.

BPA TRIP TO NATIONAL CONVENTION May 2025- Approved.

CONTRACT WITH ICS FOR FACULTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT- Approved

ACTION TO APPROVE 2025 MOU AGREEMENT- with Education Minnesota. Approved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS- None.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- B. Tallman- Elementary Administrative Assistant, S. Lohmiller-Assistant Track Coach, T. Geiser-Volunteer Coach for Baseball, G. Esala -Volunteer Coach for Baseball and Softball, T. Lausten-Volunteer Coach for Baseball, T. Briard-Volunteer Coach for Softball, C. Orlando-PE Teacher; **RESIGNATIONS-** J. Lohmiller-9th Grade Volleyball Coach and Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach, L. Schik-Paraprofessional, M. Willie-ECFE Parent Educator, **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-** T. Erickson-October-January 2026, J. George-SPED Teacher 2025-26, **REQUEST FOR TIME OFF W/O PAY-** R. Lausten-04/25 five days, L. Schik- 3.5 Hours- 5/25. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT- 6:32 pm

**UPCOMING MEETINGS
Regular Meeting – May 19, 2025**