

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024**

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

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members except Ehnert (arrived at 5:39) plus Superintendent B. Novak, J. Brockway, M. Young-Lecoustre, M. Maki. Visitors J. Kunza, J. Woods 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.

PRESENTATIONS AND VISITOR'S COMMENTS- None.

REPORTS- Business Office Report- January 1 enrollment, Tax Paperwork, Office Transition; **Administrative Report- Elementary-** Love to Read Month in February, Programs and Plas, **High School-** End of Semester and events, **Superintendent-** Gratitude for school, staff and community. **School Board-** MSBA Winter Conference.

OLD BUSINESS- *None*

CONSENT ITEMS- DONATIONS- New York Mills Lions Club -\$1500 to 4th-6th grade boys basketball (\$500 each), Club Perham Sportsman -\$1500 to Trap Team, East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District -\$750 to FFA, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Lamson Family Trust \$2,000 to Kindergarten and First Grades. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS- Jefferson St. S, Wadena. – Approved.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTION IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS WITH REASONS THEREFORE— Approved.

2024 PAY EQUITY REPORT– Approved.

ACCEPTING RETIREMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT- Blaine Novak as superintendent of schools effective June 30, 2024 and thank him for his years of service.– Approved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS- BET High School January, BET Elementary- December.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- RESIGNATIONS- N. Davis - Cleaner, H. Windels-Head Girls Track & Field Coach, LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST- K. Hotakainen- April -May, 2024, LANE CHANGE REQUEST– T. Lehti, BA+20 to BA+30, E. Von Ruden, BA to BA+10, J. Karger, BA to BA+10, M. Dorow, BA+20 to BA+30, REQUEST FOR TIME OFF W/O PAY- S. Warner- - 3 days. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT– To adjourn at 5:55 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Regular Meeting – February 26, 2024 5:30 pm