



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

December 18, 2023
Robertson Theatre

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Kern, to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

The Board recognized the Fall Play cast and crew on a wonderful season of performances of The Princess Capers!

A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the November 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Bushinger, to approve November 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Kern, to approve the hire of Kasandra Fratzke, Elementary Paraprofessional. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the resignation of Amy Kern, Elementary Paraprofessional. Motion approved 5-0 with Kern abstaining.

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 Schmidt, to approve the following Disbursements:

Vendor Check #'s	44802 - 45007	\$580, 943.67
Credit Card (BMO Harris Bank):		\$11,421.02
Student Activity Check #'s	23171 - 23194	\$16,038.28

Motion approved unanimously.

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

Donor	Purpose	Amount
VFW Auxiliary #3922	School Supplies for Students	\$100.00
DC Lions Pull Tabs	4th Grade Field Trip	\$750.00



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<i>Walter H Goedel Foundation of the St. Paul & MN Foundation</i>	<i>Elementary PE Snow Shoes</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Walter H Goedel Foundation of the St. Paul & MN Foundation</i>	<i>Support WDC PTO matching grant</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Various small donors</i>	<i>ECFE Donations</i>	<i>\$94.00</i>
<i>WDC Wrestling, Inc.</i>	<i>Donation for mat lift</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>National Honor Society</i>	<i>\$19.00</i>
<i>MN FFA</i>	<i>FFA</i>	<i>\$190.00</i>

Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the termination of the SRO contract with the City of Wadena effective December 31, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the elimination of the Communications Assistant position effective January 31, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Kern, seconded by Seelhammer, to approve the reduction of the Communications/Community Education Coordination position to half time effective February 1, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the proposed rate increases for Little Kids Club and Kids Krew, effective February 1, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Bushinger, to approve the contract with H2I Group for resurfacing of the track, to be completed Summer 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Tumberg, to approve the final audit report. Motion approved unanimously.

Board Chair Dan Lawson declared the Truth in Taxation Hearing open at 6:02 p.m.

Board Chair Dan Lawson ended the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Seelhammer, seconded by Kern, to approve the final levy for '23 Pay '24 maximum increase of 10.1% totalling \$2,408,950.67. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Tumberg, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Early Childhood Screening contract with Wadena County Public Health for 2024. Motion approved unanimously.



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A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Tumberg, to cast a vote for Brad Johnson and Jeff Drake for the MREA Board of Directors Election. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Bushinger, seconded by Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the WDC School Board is Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Robertson Theatre.

Respectfully submitted by:

_____ Date: _____

Barb Tumberg, Board Clerk

_____ Date: _____

Dan Lawson, Board Chair