

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the Worthington High School Band Room, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on September 17, 2024, at 6:15 p.m.

The following were present: BOARD MEMBERS – Lori Dudley, Steve Schnieder, Joel Lorenz, Tom Prins, Adam Blume, Erin Schutte, Matt Widboom

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Dave Skog, Director of Operations, Josh Noble, Director of Instruction

Correspondence and Recognition: The board recognized the following employees/students: Prairie Elementary staff on being named as one of six schools in the state as a Minnesota School of Excellence and the High School and Middle School marching band on their outstanding performance at the Turkey Day parade.

A presentation was given by Heidi Meyer, Prairie Elementary Principal regarding Prairie Elementary’s Minnesota School of Excellence award.

1. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve the Consent Agenda for the September 17, 2024, School Board meeting.
2. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve the Main Agenda for the September 17, 2024, School Board meeting.
3. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve the August 20, 2024, Regular School Board meeting minutes, the August 29, 2024, School Board Work Session minutes and the August 29, 2024, Special School Board meeting minutes.

Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to accept the school board committee meeting minutes as received.

4. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Prins and unanimously passed to approve the action of the items on the Consent Agenda as follows:

4.1 Financial Reports -

- A. Approved Investments Matured and Purchased
- B. Approved Wire Transfers
- C. Approved Claims and Accounts for September 17, 2024, as per Board Check Register

	<u>September 17, 2024</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$2,473,941.64
FOOD SERVICE	\$26,031.26
TRANSPORTATION	\$111,811.26
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$22,142.15
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$352,238.92
TRUST	\$28,746.21
NCIC	\$22,777.97

STUDENT ACTIVITY	<u>\$22,793.86</u>
MONTH TOTAL	\$3,060,483.27

D. Approved the Community Education Imprest Cash Account in the amount of \$0 for August 2024.

- 4.2.1. Approved resignation of Veronica Villarreal Cisneros as Class I Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective November 1, 2024.”
- 4.2.2. Approved resignation of Lillyana Newman as Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective August 30, 2024.”
- 4.2.3. Approved resignation of Ashley Rolon as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective September 6, 2024.
- 4.2.4. Approved resignation of Thein Tun as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective September 13, 2024.
- 4.2.5. Approved retirement of John Landgaard as Superintendent effective June 30, 2025.
- 4.2.6. Approved resignation of Candice Baustian as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective September 3, 2024.
- 4.2.7. Approved termination of Kate Tounalom as Night Custodian at the Middle School effective September 4, 2024.
- 4.2.8. Approved resignation of Claudia Espinoza as Class I Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective September 9, 2024.
- 4.2.9. Approved resignation of Nathan Alfson as VIBE Teacher with the VIBE Program effective September 6, 2024.
- 4.2.10. Approved retirement of Dave Skog as Director of Operations effective December 31, 2024.

- 4.3.1. Approved employment of Isabella Lazzu as Gymnastics Aide at Community Education effective August 19, 2024.
- 4.3.2. Approved employment of Jacob Hummel as Gymnastics Aide at Community Education effective August 19, 2024.
- 4.3.3. Approved employment of Oscar Martinez as IT Media Technician effective August 22, 2024.
- 4.3.4. Approved a .083 FTE overload term 1 for Brett Schmidt as Agriculture Teacher at the High School effective August 22, 2024.
- 4.3.5. Approved a .083 FTE overload term 1 for Penny Troe as Business Teacher at the High School effective August 22, 2024.
- 4.3.6. Approved a .166 FTE overload terms 1 & 2 for Taylor Hastings as Science Teacher at the High School effective August 22, 2024.
- 4.3.7. Approved a .166 FTE overload (skinny/terms 1-4) for Melissa Schutz as Business Teacher at the High School effective August 22, 2024.
- 4.3.8. Approved employment of Katarina Polzine as Middle School Volleyball Coach effective August 19, 2024.
- 4.3.9. Approved employment of Emily Ruml as Sophomore Class Advisor effective August 29, 2024.
- 4.3.10. Approved employment of Katarina Polzine as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective September 4, 2024.
- 4.3.11. Approved employment of Jasmine Riley as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective September 4, 2024.
- 4.3.12. Approved employment of David Sternke as IT Support Technician effective September 4, 2024.
- 4.3.13. Approved employment of Todd Meyer as Class II Custodian at the Intermediate School effective September 4, 2024.
- 4.3.14. Approved employment of Kendra Ober as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective September 4, 2024.
- 4.3.15. Approved employment of Kristine Morris as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective September 4, 2024.

- 4.3.16. Approved employment of Kelsey Soleta as Class I Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective September 4, 2024.
- 4.3.17. Approved employment of Ella Kamrud as Middle School Volleyball Coach effective August 19, 2024.
- 4.3.18. Approved employment of Mackenzie Meyeraan as ABE Childcare Paraprofessional at Community Education effective September 18, 2024.
- 4.3.19. Approved employment of Anna Van Westen as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective September 18, 2024.
- 4.3.20. Approved employment of Nathan Van Orman as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective September 18, 2024.
- 4.3.21. Approved employment of Macy Sazama as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective September 18, 2024.

- 4.4 The board approved the acceptance of the following donations for the month of August 2024: Early Risers Kiwanis donation to K-Kids, Eagles donation to boys' basketball, Cambridge donation to FFA and Rock Nobles Cattleman donation to FFA.
- 4.5 Approved night school staff.

5. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve second reading of Policies 425 Staff Development and Mentoring, 503 Student Attendance, 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students, 512 School Sponsored Student Publications and Activities, 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, 516 Student Medication and Telehealth, 522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process, 524 Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use & Safety, 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEP's, 606.5 Library Materials, 608 Instructional Services – Special Education and 613 Graduation Requirements.
6. Motion by Member Prins, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve hockey agreement with the Worthington Hockey Association.
7. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) constitution to include all 9th graders in the MSHSL member schools and to include a second amendment proposal.
8. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to certify the maximum proposed 2024 levy payable 2025.
9. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Prins to approve to put the Southwest Service Cooperative payment option included in the levy instead of the general fund item on the October school board meeting. Motion passed 6 to 1 with Member Schnieder dissenting.
10. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve to set the Truth in Taxation hearing on December 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Worthington High School band room.
11. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Prins and unanimously passed to approve an Out of State Travel Request from Sara Browen to attend an AAFCS Leadership Summit in Kansas City, Missouri, from September 20-23, 2024.
12. Motion by Member Prins, seconded by Member Blume and unanimously passed to approve declare 60 copies of "A Raisin in the Sun" as surplus property.

13. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve to set the assigned fund balance for June 30, 2024, at \$18,605,918.87. This includes \$18,500,000 for future projects and \$105,918.87 for Cable 3.
14. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve a request for a medical leave of absence for an employee for the 2024-2025 school year.
15. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Blume to approve the Media Request Procedures, Practices and Guidance guide as presented. Motion passed 5 to 2 with Members Widboom and Prins dissenting.
16. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve annual the YMCA agreement as presented.

The Board further discussed and reviewed the following matters: Investments and financial status; Superintendent's Report – Mr. Landgaard reported the following: Strategic Master Plan, MSBA Journal of online schools and the VIBE Program listed; thanked staff for a wonderful start of the school year and discussed HR and leave tracking. Instructional Committee Report – Ms. Dudley reported the following: enrollment was discussed. Operations Committee Report – Ms. Schutte reported the following: Announced Mr. Skog's retirement at the end of December. Other Reports – None. Other Business – Mediation with the Custodians scheduled for October 2nd and 9 a.m. and mediation with the Paraprofessionals scheduled for October 3rd at 9 a.m. Future Business – Facilities work session following this board meeting and the Superintendent search planning meeting on September 18, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the District Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Steve Schnieder, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk