

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2024

The Truth in Taxation Hearing of Independent School District No. 518, Worthington, Minnesota, was held at the Worthington High School Band Room, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington, Minnesota on December 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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 December 17, 2024, at 6:15 p.m.

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

Absent: Tom Prins

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Josh Noble, Assistant Superintendent; Absent-Dave Skog, Director of Operations

Correspondence and Recognition: The board recognized the following employees/students: Board members Steve Schnieder, Joel Lorenz and Tom Prins for their years of service on the board and the retirements of Dave Skog and Pat Morpew.

Public Participation: Lucy O’Donnel a student at the Worthington High School spoke regarding the proposed High School scheduling change.

A presentation was given on the proposed High School schedule change by Tony Hastings, High School Principal.

A presentation was given on the Ag Learning Lab by the High School Ag Department and Ag student Autumn Luinenburg.

1. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve the Consent Agenda for the December 17, 2024, School Board meeting.
2. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve the Main Agenda for the December 17, 2024, School Board meeting with a change to item 5.8 to 2025-2026 calendar option C.
3. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve the November 19, 2024, Regular School Board meeting minutes and the December 9, 2024, Special School Board meeting minutes.

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

4. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Dudley 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 December 17, 2024, as per Board Check Register

	<u>December 17, 2024</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$3,108,068.01
FOOD SERVICE	\$190,891.45
TRANSPORTATION	\$157,200.55
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$42,524.16
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$17,065.77
NCIC	\$3,407.30
STUDENT ACTIVITY	<u>\$34,669.05</u>
MONTH TOTAL	\$3,553,826.29

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

- 4.2.1. Approved resignation of Brandon Caster as High School Co-Head Speech Coach effective November 11, 2024.
- 4.2.2. Approved resignation of Tiffany Neugebauer as High School C-Squad Volleyball Coach effective November 15, 2024.
- 4.2.3. Approved resignation of Andrew Etchason as Custodian at the Intermediate School effective November 29, 2024.
- 4.2.4. Approved resignation of Leslie Martinez Melgar as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective November 27, 2024.
- 4.2.5. Approved termination of Tiana Khanya as Class II Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School effective November 21, 2024.
- 4.2.6. Approved resignation of Michelle Rangel as Class II Paraprofessional at the High School effective December 13, 2024.
- 4.2.7. Approved resignation of Luz Vaquero as EL Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective immediately.
- 4.2.8. Approved resignation of Alyssa Sounthala as Youth Development Leader at Community Education effective December 13, 2024.

- 4.3.1. Approved employment of Blake Regnier as Middle School Speech Coach effective November 11, 2024.
- 4.3.2. Approved employment of Erin Makela as High School Head Speech Coach effective November 11, 2024.
- 4.3.3. Approved employment of Linda Neugebauer as High School Assistant Speech Coach effective November 11, 2024.
- 4.3.4. Approved employment of Ian Stamer as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach effective November 11, 2024.
- 4.3.5. Approved employment of Ashlyn Kunkel as Targeted Services/EDGE Rover Teacher at the Intermediate School effective November 19, 2024.
- 4.3.6. Approved employment of Kassandra Arcila as Class I Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective November 20, 2024.
- 4.3.7. Approved employment of Jonathan Perez Perez as Class II Paraprofessional with Special Programs effective November 20, 2024.
- 4.3.8. Approved employment of Lon Eichenberger as Science Fair Advisor at the Intermediate School effective November 22, 2024.
- 4.3.9. Approved employment of Austin Olson as Science Fair Advisor at the Intermediate School effective November 22, 2024.
- 4.3.10. Approved employment of Tristan Sauerbrei as Middle School Basketball Official effective November 25, 2024.

- 4.3.11. Approved a change in assignment for Ruth Brown from a Class I to a Class II Paraprofessional at Community Education effective November 16, 2024.
 - 4.3.12. Approved employment of Kristi Groth as School Counselor at Prairie Elementary effective December 2, 2024.
 - 4.3.13. Approved an increase in assignment from a .5 FTE to a 1.0 FTE for Elvia Brinks as Interpreter/Translator at Prairie Elementary effective December 10, 2024.
 - 4.3.14. Approved employment of Sylvia Iricheta as a Class II Secretary from a Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective immediately.
 - 4.3.15. Approved employment of Juan Flores as Targeted Services EDGE Rover Site Assistant at Prairie Elementary effective December 3, 2024.
 - 4.3.16. Approved employment of Apryl Meier as Targeted Services EDGE Rover Teacher at the Middle School effective December 3, 2024.
 - 4.3.17. Approved employment of Logan Somnis as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective December 11, 2024.
 - 4.3.18. Approved employment of Isabel Carranza-Amaya as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective December 11, 2024.
- 4.4 The board approved the acceptance of the following donations for the month of November 2024: Kevin and Brenda Schroeder, M&B Ag, LLC (Mark & Beth Bents, Blume Feed Yard Inc. for boys basketball and Worthington Trojan Booster Club for boys/girls tennis.
- 4.5 Approved the 2024-2025 seniority lists.
5. Mike Hoheisel from Baird was not available to attend the board meeting. He will present at a later date.
 6. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve Marching Band equipment as surplus property.
 7. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Blume to approve a Resolution Directing the Reallocation of General Education Revenue. Resolution passed by roll call vote 6 to 0. Resolution is on file at the District Office.
 8. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Blume to approve a Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Possible Reductions. Resolution passed by roll call vote 6 to 0. Resolution is on file at the District Office.
 9. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve the 2025 Legislative Priorities.
 10. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to certify the 2024 levy payable 2025 in the amount of \$9,336,489.45.
 11. Motion by Member Dudley, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar Option C, the 2025-2026 VIBE Calendar and the 2025-2026 Preschool Calendar Option C.
 12. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to accept the low base bid from Jackson & Associates, LLC for the Prairie Elementary roof replacement in the amount of \$1,138,000 along with alternates 1 and 2.”
 13. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to accept the transportation bid from Bud’s Bus Company with a 15% increase the first year and a 5% increase after that for a total of 3 years with an option to extend for a fourth year.

14. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Widboom to approve student expulsion. Motion passed by roll call vote 5 to 0 with Member Schutte abstaining. Resolution is on file at the District Office.
15. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve a student teaching agreement with Faith Baptist Bible College.
16. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve the salary and benefits contract for the Human Resources Director.
17. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve the salary and benefits contract for the Assistant Superintendent.
18. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve salary stipend agreement for the Superintendent.
19. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to approve the University of Minnesota gardening plot agreement.
20. Motion by Member Blume, seconded by Member Schnieder and unanimously passed to approve the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar and Assumptions.
21. Motion by Member Schnieder, seconded by Member Dudley and unanimously passed to authorize the School District Administration to purchase Special Education and Maintenance vehicles as needed.
22. The board discussed the High School facility options.

The Board further discussed and reviewed the following matters: Investments and financial status; Superintendent's Report – Mr. Landgaard reported the following: Reminder of the Learning Center breakfast tomorrow at 7:30 a.m.; Gave an update on the Watershed project and highlight finances of the past few years. Instructional Committee Report – Ms. Dudley reported the following: None. Operations Committee Report – Ms. Schutte reported the following: None. Other Reports – None. Other Business – Mr. Blume thanked Mr. Schnieder and Mr. Lorenz for their time on the board. Future Business – Special School Board Reorganizational meeting scheduled for January 6, 2025, at 7:15 a.m. in the District Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Steve Schnieder, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk