

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**February 18, 2025**

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 February 18, 2025, at 6:15 p.m.

The following were present: BOARD MEMBERS – Adam Blume, Erin Schutte, Matt Widboom, Darla Agard, Ann Mills, Eric Parrish; Absent-Lori Dudley

ADMINISTRATORS – John Landgaard, Superintendent, Carmen Johnson, Human Resources Director  
Absent-Josh Noble, Assistant Superintendent

Correspondence and Recognition: The board recognized the following employees/students: Congratulated Heidi Meyer on being named the recipient of the Southwest Division Leadership award by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association. The gymnastics team on winning the Section A gymnastics meet and advancing to the Minnesota State Gymnastics tournament and recognized the gymnasts qualifying for the individual state competition: Lacy Their-all around, Marly Phomsatry-vault, Isabelle Lazzu-vault, Jada Milbrath-bars and beam and Kenadie Thiner-beam. Taylor Hastings on being named Section 3A Jazz Coach of the year. Hannah McNab and Isaac Kinser as this year's Triple A award winners. Brayson Lovan being awarded champion at the Middle School geography bee and Prestin Kumi 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Noon Kiwanis as guest readers in our kindergarten classes. Middle School Math counts team placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Class AA in Marshall and earning Most Improved Team out of 10 schools. Middle School's 6 musicians being selected to the MN State Honor choir. Alondra Leon Flores on being awarded the top Forensics Scholarship at Southwest MN State University of Marshall. Nine High School Choral musicians were named to the 910 honor choirs and 4 were named to the All-State Choirs.

A presentation was given by Toni Bartmann, Middle School Principal and Tessa Dierks, Assistant Middle School Principal regarding the Middle School Pride Academy.

1. Motion by Member, Mills seconded by Member Parrish to move 4.6 SW/WC Service Cooperative Contracts for 2025-2026 to 7.1 Other Business.
2. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve the Consent Agenda for the February 18, 2025, School Board meeting.
3. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Mills and unanimously passed to approve the Main Agenda for the February 18, 2025, School Board meeting.
4. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve the January 21, 2025, Regular School Board meeting minutes, the February 3, 2025, Special School Board meeting minutes, the February 7, 2025, Special School Board meeting minutes and the February 10, 2025 Special School Board meeting minutes.

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

5. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Schutte 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 February 18, 2025, as per Board Check Register

	<u>February 18, 2025</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$2,983,492.12
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>	\$198,898.89
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	\$146,953.64
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	\$26,093.06
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	\$13,192.53
<b>NCIC</b>	\$84,518.35
<b>STUDENT ACTIVITY</b>	<u>\$13,307.68</u>
<b>MONTH TOTAL</b>	\$3,466,456.27

D. Approved the Community Education Imprest Cash Account in the amount of \$0 for January 2025.

- 4.2.1. Approved retirement of Rhonda Langland as Assistant Head Cook at Prairie Elementary effective May 30, 2025.
- 4.2.2. Approved retirement of Carolyn Landberg as Head Cook at Prairie Elementary effective May 30, 2025.
- 4.2.3. Approved termination of William Ames as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective January 23, 2025.
- 4.2.4. Approved retirement of Bonita Bents as FACS Teacher at the High School effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.5. Approved retirement of Rhonda Bonnstetter as Math Teacher at the High School effective June 3, 2025.
- 4.2.6. Approved resignation of Morgan Vortherms as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective immediately.
- 4.2.7. Approved resignation of Victoria Garza as Class II Secretary at the Intermediate School effective February 19, 2025.
- 4.2.8. Approved resignation of Rodney Rowe as Elementary Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective July 1, 2025.
- 4.2.9. Approved retirement of Kelly Reeves as IT Media Technician at Studio 3 effective May 30, 2025.
  
- 4.3.1. Approved employment of Tucker Sorenson as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective January 22, 2025.
- 4.3.2. Approved employment of Kyra Piel as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective January 22, 2025.
- 4.3.3. Approved employment of Jakob Olson as Substitute Head Custodian at the Middle School effective January 20 through April 14, 2025.
- 4.3.4. Approved employment of Sherri Harder as Night School Rover Teacher at the Learning Center effective January 21, 2025.
- 4.3.5. Approved employment of Elizabeth Chan as VIBE Teacher with the VIBE Program effective January 23, 2025.
- 4.3.6. Approved employment of Jaidy Kolander as Interpreter at Prairie Elementary effective January 2, 2025.
- 4.3.7. Approved employment of Roxana Castillo as Class II Secretary at Community Education effective January 29, 2025.
- 4.3.8. Approved employment of Julianna Rehnelt as Class II Paraprofessional at Prairie Elementary effective February 5, 2025.

- 4.3.9. Approved employment of Jennifer Doherty as Class II Paraprofessional at the Middle School effective February 5, 2025.
- 4.3.10. Approved employment of Lexie Schettler as Targeted Services Rover EDGE Teacher at Prairie Elementary effective February 4, 2025.
- 4.3.11. Approved employment of Michael Preuss as Middle School Baseball Coach effective March 17, 2025.
- 4.3.12. Approved employment of Erin Ahrens as High School Assistant JV Softball Coach effective March 10, 2025.
- 4.3.13. Approved employment of Britteny McNab as Middle School Softball Coach effective March 17, 2025.
- 4.3.14. Approved employment of Errin Tucker as Middle School Softball Coach effective March 17, 2025.
- 4.4 The board approved the acceptance of the following donations for the month of January 2025: SWIF for the Robotics Team, E-Sports and the marching band; Smith Trucking employees for the Wellness Room; Patrick Mahoney for the Legacy Wall; Brandl 2024 Scholarship-Rick Brandl and New Vision and Burdell Kuhl for FFA.
- 4.5 Approved an employee's request for a leave of absence from April 15, 2025, until the end of the school year.
6. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve second reading of Policy 213 School Board Committees.
7. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve first reading of Policy 522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process.
8. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Mills to approve capital outlay requests as presented. Motion passed 4-2 with Members Agard and Parrish dissenting.
9. Motion by Member Widboom, seconded by Member Schutte and unanimously passed to approve the 2025-2026 NCIC Budget.
10. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Parrish and unanimously passed to approve the APAC (American Indian Parent Advisory Committee) Compliance report.
11. Motion by Member Mills, seconded by Member Agard and unanimously passed to approve a negotiated superintendent contract with Joel Heitkamp.
12. Motion by Member Schutte, seconded by Member Widboom and unanimously passed to approve an adjusted easement to Crailsheim Pond Project alternative 3.
13. The board discussed LTFM bonding for High School renovations. The board requested that a special board meeting be scheduled to look at project needs and prioritize those needs along with obtaining cost estimates.

The Board further discussed and reviewed the following matters: Investments and financial status; Superintendent's Report – Mr. Landgaard reported the following: Distributed MSBA's Fall Finance Survey Summary. Six District's testified on a bill in regard to sales tax on school construction projects. Update on traffic situation at the Middle School and an update on the renovation of the existing ice arena. Instructional Committee Report – Ms. Mills reported the following: None. Operations Committee Report – Mr. Widboom reported the following: Discussion on a collaborative effort with the City of Worthington on projects i.e. baseball fields etc. Other Reports – Ms. Schutte thanked administration on the District's statement to address concerns regarding immigration enforcement. Other Business – The board discussed the SW/WC Service

Cooperative contracts for 2025-2026. These contracts will be put on the March consent agenda for approval.  
Future Business – Schedule a Special Board meeting in March or April.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Matt Widboom, Clerk

Lisa Ahrenstorff, Deputy Clerk